

SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
17th January 2021

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The BAPTISM of the Lord
Year B

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

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DATE	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIOUS GOODS STALL		AUDIO VISUAL	
	9/10 JAN	16/17 JAN	9/10 JAN	16/17 JAN			9/10 JAN	16/17 JAN
VIGIL 6PM	F Bugeja K Duncan	M Baert D Baert	F Bugeja	R Turner				
8.30AM	M Burke R Burke	S Magua T Sto Domingo	M Rolfe	S Lo Cascio				
10.00AM	V Gabrio O Montano	N Lee H Morell	A Jachinczak	L Albulario				
CHOIR 10.00AM	GROUP	GROUP	READINGS					
CHURCH CLEANING	GROUP	GROUP	9/10 JANUARY Isaiah 55:1-11 1 John 5:1-9 Mark 1:7-11			16/17 JANUARY 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 John 1:35-42		
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2								
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS					
Wednesday St Hilary, <i>bishop, doctor</i>			Parish (second Collection)		Clergy (first Collection)			
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			Acc Name:	Parish Church	Acc Name:	Parish Presbytery		
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MASS BOOKINGS STILL REQUIRED VIA PARISH WEBSITE

www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au

Sat. Vigil: 6.00pm
 Sunday: 8.30am
 Sunday: 10.00am
VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC
 Saturday: 4.00pm

Tuesday: 6.30pm
 Wednesday: 9.00am
 Thursday: 9.00am
 Friday: 8.20am
 1st Saturday of the Month: 10.30am

DEVOTIONS – SUSPENDED except for: -

1st Friday: Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon;

CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH

Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm
 Every 1st Saturday 11am – 12 noon

MARRIAGES by appointment

BAPTISMS (1st and 3rd Sunday of the month) – by appointment

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS please visit parish website for dates & enrolment forms in Sacraments Tab

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9.30am - 12.30pm at the Food Hub (Ambarvale Squash Courts), 65 Woodhouse Drive Ambarvale.

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish will strive to be a Christ-centred community, led by the Holy Spirit to bear witness to the Gospel message, nourished and strengthened by the Eucharist and the Sacraments. Following the model of Mary our Mother, our parish will be a place of welcome and mutual encouragement to all who seek to love God and their neighbour, and to manifest this love in their daily lives. In this way we will build up the Kingdom of God in our local community.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

(Promulgated by Pope Leo XIII)

St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl through the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

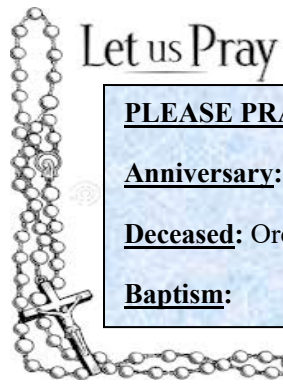
ENTRANCE After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened. And the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

RESPONSE The Lord will bless his people with peace

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Alleluia!

COMMUNION Behold the ONE of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
 available in the foyer



Let us Pray

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anniversary: Felix Abellana; Gloria Ramos;

Deceased: Oreste & Gaetana Meli;

Baptism:

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PRIESTHOOD? God's love for us has been revealed: "Love one another as I have loved you. The world is in need to see people who are striving to love others with all their hearts. What about you? Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au

CONGRATULATIONS to Emmanuel & Ercilla Matriano, and to Jesper & Esther Simonsen who both celebrate their 40th (ruby) wedding anniversary of marriage this week. May the Lord who united you in Holy Matrimony 40 years ago, continue to bless you with his grace and peace as you witness to the beauty of faithful love!

SACRAMENTS 2021 There will be **NO ENROLMENT EVENING for 2021**. Instead the enrolment forms and dates for all sacraments – Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation – have been uploaded to the Parish website. Please download, print and complete the form, and bring it to the first lesson of each sacrament. Please remember to bring a full photocopy of your child's birth certificate, and if they were not baptised in Rosemeadow Parish, their baptism certificate. If you do not have access to a computer, the forms will be available at the first lesson for you to complete.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE Camp Australia have very successfully provided before (6.30am – 8.30am) and after school care (2.45pm – 6pm) for the past few years to children at our Parish school. This service is now open to all children regardless of where they attend school. For further information go to www.campaustalia.com.au or ring 1300 105 343 or go to the parish school website and click parent link www.olhcadow.catholic.edu.au

YOUNG ADULT FAITH CIRCLES Every Monday evening 7:30 - 8:30pm we gather in the new Church meeting room the (Martha room) to reflect and prepare for the coming Sundays Gospel. In the midst of the business of our lives Christ wants to speak to you. Everyone is welcome. For more information please contact Ryan on 0412 939 705

CATHOLICCARE are looking to place a 3-year-old boy and a 10-year-old girl in a foster care home. To find out more about becoming a carer with Fostering Futures call 0418 783 956 or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au>

PASTORAL CARE COURSE Introductory Course: February - March 2021 Full Course: April-November. (CPE) is a program of professional development designed to prepare a person for pastoral and spiritual care practice and/or chaplaincy ministry. CPE provides opportunities to grow in knowledge and understanding of the pastoral role, develop skills for effective pastoral and spiritual care, and deepen your awareness of peoples' needs and concerns during times of illness. Further information can be found by contacting ckarauda@gmail.com

A WALK THROUGH ROSEMEADOW IS NOW AVAILABLE this beautiful hardcover book on the theology and spirituality underpinning the design of the church written by Fr Christopher Sarkis contains full colour pictures of all the windows, art works and photos from Mass of Dedication. This book captures and explains the design & art of the church and a gives simply spiritual synthesis of what we believe as Catholic Christians. Available to purchase in Pious Goods Store parish price \$59.95 (retail \$69.95) with cash or credit card **ONLY**; for EFTPOS facilities, please visit parish office during business hours.

If you would like Fr Sarkis to sign the book for you, call in to the Sacristy with it and he will happily do so. **Please note, that all proceeds from the book will go to the church.**



Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Through the sacrament of Baptism, Christ gives all of us, His disciples, a share of the responsibility of proclaiming the Gospel and thus share in His priestly work through the common priesthood of the Faithful. He calls us to offer up the world and all that is in it, including ourselves, to the Lord of all.

ATTENDENCE REGISTRATION The government now requires that all registrations be digitised in electronic format. In effect, this means an excel computer spreadsheet. Our current system using Eventbrite on the Parish website allows us to directly download this format. However, it means that for people who do not register but just turn up, **WE CAN NO LONGER SIMPLY WRITE THEIR NAMES DOWN. IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED BEFOREHAND YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER USING THE QR CODE AT THE CHURCH ENTRY WITH YOUR MOBILE PHONE. Without doing this, entry will not be possible. Furthermore, this can only happen if there are seats available within the allowable number. SO PLEASE REGISTER BEFOREHAND. For all other parish gatherings, functions or meetings, registration will ONLY BE VIA THE QR CODE using your phone.** Thank you for your cooperation.

MASS UPDATE AND RELATED MATTERS Last week the Government announced that in addition to the "1 person per 4 square meter rule" **WE ARE NOW LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 100 PEOPLE FOR ALL RELIGIOUS SERVICES including Mass, Weddings and Funerals and are required to maintain 1.5 meter social distancing between people. IT IS ALSO NOW MANDATORY TO WEAR A FACE MASK IN CHURCHES. REGISTRATION IS STILL REQUIRED BEFOREHAND.** Go to the parish website, www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au and click the Register for Mass button. Follow the prompts to whichever Mass you want to attend and complete the details. **If you have not registered, then you will need to use the QR code at the church entry with your mobile phone, however for WEEKEND MASSES with the reduced number allowed it is highly unlikely there will be space if you have not registered beforehand.** In Summary:

- **All registrations are online.** We will be printing a list, so **you do not need to print your ticket.**
- Please **ONLY** phone the parish office **if you do not have online access.** Thank you.
- **Online registration will close at 3pm the previous day for weekday Masses, and 3pm on Saturday for the Vigil and Sunday Masses.**
- **Temperature will be taken** as well as other protocols and health requirements, so please **arrive AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE** the start of Mass. **Once Mass starts, the doors will be closed.**
- **FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN.**
- After Mass please take a disinfectant wipe (provided on each pew) to rub over surfaces where you have been sitting or come in contact with and place them in the bins provided as you leave.
- **Social gatherings after Religious Services is not permitted.** Please **do not gather outside the church after Mass.** Unfortunately, we must leave immediately upon exiting the church.
- Please note that **toilets will NOT be open.**
- **HOTSPOTS:** If you have attended any of the hotspots listed on the notice in the foyer, you must immediately self-isolate for 14 days and get tested even if you have no symptoms.

On a practical level may I remind you of the following matters.

- Since collection plates can no longer be used, **please place your offerings for both first and second collections in the marked containers in the foyer.** Thank you for your ongoing financial support. The collections have been on average, about two thirds of what they were before covid. We are 'paying our bills' but it has necessitated very careful budgeting and financial oversight. I am very conscious of the financial strain of many people but I sincerely ask that you try, if you are able, to maintain your usual offering as without it we simply could not continue to operate. Again, thank you.
- I strongly encourage parishioners who currently give by envelope to consider changing to Direct Debit or Credit Card contributions to ensure the regular income of the parish continues. **Please contact the parish office to arrange this.**
- **If you are not yet coming physically to Mass, please drop your Planned Giving Envelope into the secure letter box at the front entry to the Parish Office each week.** Please don't forget the first collection for the sustenance of the clergy (as we still have to live too!) If using the letter box, place this donation in a plain envelope and mark it 'First Collection'. **THANK YOU.**
- If you are not in the Parish Financial System and would like to join to support the Parish, forms are available at the Foyer Notice Board, or contact the parish office. **Thank you for your support.**
- The church still cannot be left open during the day at the moment.

*Everyone thinks of changing the world,
But no one thinks of changing himself.*

Leo Tolstoy