

SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Advent
20 December 2020

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3rd Sunday of Advent
Year B

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

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READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIOUS GOODS STALL		AUDIO VISUAL	
DATE		12/13 DEC	19/20 DEC			12/13 DEC	19/20 DEC
VIGIL 6PM		E Robinson	K Duncan				
8.30AM		S Lo Cascio	Z Robinson				
10.00AM		A Espiritu	J Montano				
CHOIR 10.00AM	GROUP	GROUP	READINGS				
CHURCH CLEANING	GROUP	GROUP	12/13 DECEMBER		19/20 DECEMBER		
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1			Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11		2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8,12, 14, 16		
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 2			1 Thessalonians 5:16-24		Romans 16:25-27		
			John 1:6-8, 19-28		Luke 1:26-38		
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS				
Monday	St John of the Cross, <i>priest, doctor</i>		PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS				
			Parish (second Collection)		Clergy (first Collection)		
			BSB :	066 711	BSB :	066 711	
			Acc No:	002395	Acc No:	002026	
			Acc Name:	Parish Church	Acc Name:	Parish Presbytery	
			Reference:	Family Name	Reference:	Family Name	

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES
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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.

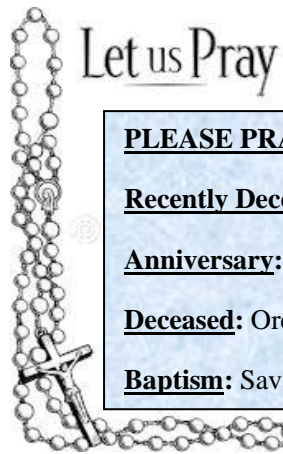
ENTRANCE Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

RESPONSE My soul rejoices in my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

COMMUNION Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
available in the foyer



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: David Dickens; Olga Daza; Thomas McVittie;

Anniversary: Maria Suong;

Deceased: Oreste & Gaetana Meli;

Baptism: Savannah Elizabeth Ayres; Jackson Brian Alan Ayres; Lincoln Charles Ayres

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

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.campastralia.com.au or ring 1300 105 343 or go to the parish school website and click parent link www.olhcadow.catholic.edu.au

CHRISTMAS MASSES Please see the timetable below. All Masses have been uploaded to the Parish website for you to register. Due to the restricted number of people able to attend each Mass because of Covid19, **IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU REGISTER FOR MASS**, and not just turn up because if they are full you will not be permitted to enter. For this reason, I will celebrate six (6) Christmas Masses to enable as many as possible to attend. I will be needing help with Readers and Distribution of Holy Communion and rather than ringing around, I will wait for people to register and then ask people from those Masses to help at them. Would Readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion please register as soon as possible so I can do this. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Fr. Sarkis.



CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

Christmas Masses

Thursday 24 th December	5pm Vigil Mass 6.30pm Vigil Mass 8.00pm Vigil Mass
Friday 25 th December	12.00am Midnight Mass 8.30am Mass 10am Mass
Confessions (all heard in Marian courtyard)	
Saturday 19 th December	5.15pm - 5.45pm
Tuesday 22 nd December	7pm - 8pm
Wednesday 23 rd December	9.30am - 10am
Thursday 24 th December	9.30am - 10am

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>

CHURCH READER REQUIRED we require 1 reader at the 10am Mass. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you



All of the people in today's readings – the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist – seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?



ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION New requirements regarding registration were issued effective from 7 December. 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 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. Therefore, effective from next weekend, the only alternative for people who do not register beforehand, will be to use their phone using the QR code at the church entry to register. 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.** Also, for all gatherings, functions or meetings, registration will ONLY BE VIA THE QR CODE using your phone.

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

YOUNG ADULTS PRESENTATION St John Paul II Theology Of the Body. As a young adult in the 21st century you are bombarded by the teachings of the world, how you are to act, treat yourself and others. St John Paul II's Theology of the Body speaks to us of a different reality concerning love, sexuality and marriage. We are fortunate to have Fr. Damian Mosakowski from the Pauline Fathers at Penrose Park to present a talk on the Theology of the Body. This exciting event will be held in the St. Joachim Hall (the old church) **on Monday 14 December**. Dinner will be provided at 7pm (donations greatly appreciated) followed by the talk with questions and discussion. Please note entry is strictly limited to young adults aged 18 - 35 years and seating is limited to 100 people. To register please complete Google form using this QR code. Enquiries contact Ryan on 0412939705



MASS UPDATE AND RELATED MATTERS Up to 300 people can now attend Religious Services provided the "one person per 4²meter" rule as well as 1.5meter social distancing is observed. **From the 1st December 2020 this will apply to Masses, weddings and funerals.** In our parish church we will be able to accommodate 220 people. 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. Please remember to sit **ONLY ON THE MARKED GREEN SPOTS** *even if you are living in the one household*, to ensure 1.5meter social distancing between ALL parishioners. 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** are not compulsory but are highly recommended to 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 also once again bring to your attention 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**. Changing our long-held behaviour patterns is difficult, and I want to thank you for your understanding and support about this. The collections have been on average, about two thirds of what they were before the restrictions occurred. This has enabled us to 'pay our bills' but 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 we cannot keep operating as normal at two thirds of our normal budget.
- If you have not yet collected your **Planned Giving Envelopes** from the church foyer, please do so as we are not posting them due to the high cost. I strongly encourage parishioners who currently give by envelope to change 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.

POSITIONS VACANT Diocese of Wollongong, Office of Professional Standards and Safeguarding. Junior Professional Officer – Professional Standards and Safeguarding - <https://www.dow.org.au/position-vacant-junior-professional-officer-opss/> Senior Professional Officer – Professional Standards and Safeguarding - <https://www.dow.org.au/position-vacant-senior-professional-officer-opss/> Contact Asante Viswasam by email at asante.viswasam@dow.org.au to obtain an application pack which close Friday 18 December 2020. *Employment with the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong is conditional upon a successful police clearance and Working with Children check.*

YES, YES: IN HOLY MASS OUR DEAR BELOVED JESUS, AS THE CHIEF AND SUPREME PRIEST, RECOMMENDS OUR CAUSE TO THE FATHER, PRAYS FOR US AND MAKES HIMSELF OUR ADVOCATE...
HOW CAN YOU DOUBT BUT THAT HE WISHES TO GIVE YOU ALL THE VIRTUES AND ALL THE PERFECTIONS WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE YOU A SAINT, AND A GREAT SAINT, IN HEAVEN?
St Leonard of Port Maurice