

**SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH**

*First Sunday of Lent
21st February 2021*

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*Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time
Year B*

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

Father Christopher G. Sarkis, Parish Priest

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Tuesday – Thursday
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	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIOUS GOODS STALL		AUDIO VISUAL	
DATE	13/14 FEB	20/21 FEB	13/14 FEB	20/21 FEB			13/14 FEB	20/21 FEB
VIGIL 6PM	D Pottier J Webster	F Bugeja K Duncan	J Webster	F Bugeja			K Duncan	T Turner
8.30AM	G Harmour M Peebles	M Burke R Burke	M Peebles	M Rolfe			A Tonna	M Murphy
10.00AM	R Ventura Z Ventura	A Jachimczak D Peaker	E D'Mellow	J Montano			A Failia	N Lee
CHOIR 10.00AM	GROUP	GROUP	READINGS					
CHURCH CLEANING	GROUP	GROUP	13/14 FEBRUARY Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Corinthians 10:3-11:1 Mark 1:40-45		20/21 FEBRUARY Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15			
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2								
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS 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		

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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

Tuesday: 6.30pm
Wednesday: 9.00am
Thursday: 9.00am
Friday: 8.20am

VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC
Saturday: 4.00pm

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.

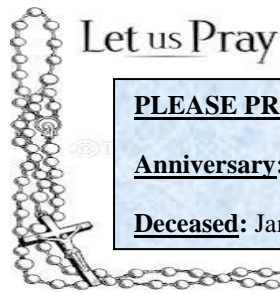
ENTRANCE Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

RESPONSE I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

COMMUNION They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
available in the foyer



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anniversary: Dr Neil Shankar; Oreste Meli; Sarah Russell

Deceased: James John Sheridan; Gaetana Meli;

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

OLD PALMS Please return any old palms you have to be burn for use on Ash Wednesday. Place in box in foyer. Thank you.

PROJECT COMPASSION Our annual Project Compassion Appeal to support Caritas Australia this Lent season themed "**Be More**" has begun. Boxes, as well as envelopes for those who prefer these, are available at the Church Foyer. Please take one home and place it where it can be seen as a reminder of the corporal work of mercy to "*feed the hungry*". Thank you.

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.olhcdow.catholic.edu.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

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND for married couples. Come and join us on 16–18 April 2020 in a Covid safe environment at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, Book online at www.wvme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswwbookings@wvme.org.au

CATHOLICCARE We need foster carers who provide love, care and support to help these vulnerable children thrive and reach their full potential a loving home to give them a brighter future. Carers receive comprehensive support from the Fostering Futures team to ensure they have a full range of resources and networks. Contact **0418 783 956**, email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au> more information.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR PERU MISSIONS On behalf of Mary MacKillop International, I thank you for your generous support in supplying and assisting with used stamps. During 2020 we raised approximately \$31,000. From 2001 till now our total is almost \$409,000! Thank you for all your contributions. It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop continues in Peru today. *Sr Helen Saunders for Sisters of St Joseph*. Please find in church foyer container to place your used stamps and continue this support.

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

LENTEN REFLECTION BOOK Once again our Diocese has produced this wonderful reflection booklet this year. They are available at the church door. It is an honour system so please place the money in the box provided. They are \$5 each and contain reflections for 8 weeks from the Ash Wednesday through to Easter Sunday. I highly recommend them as a wonderful way to guide our prayerful daily reflections as we prepare for the Paschal Mystery of Our Lord's Death and Resurrection.

ASH WEDNESDAY This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Masses at which the ashes will be blessed and distributed will be celebrated at 9am and 7.00pm. ***Please remember that you must register beforehand to attend as usual.*** Thank you. ***Note change of time too, at 7pm, not 7.30!***

LENTEN PENANCE On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to ***fast and abstinence***. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to ***abstain from meat***. Pastors, teachers, parents are to ensure that even those who, by reason of their age, are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence from meat, are taught the true meaning of penance.

PASCHAL PRECEPT Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (17 February) and Trinity Sunday (30 May) unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

KINDERGARTEN 2022 APPLICATIONS Application forms can be collected from the primary school office or downloaded from the Catholic Education Office, Wollongong website. Applications, with all necessary attachments, are to be returned by Thursday 1st April. Should you have any questions, please telephone the office on 4626 5655.



LIKE ST. PAUL IN THE SECOND READING, THE GOOD STEWARD CAN SAY, "I DO ALL THAT I DO FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL IN THE HOPE OF SHARING IN ITS BLESSINGS."

HEALING AFTER ABORTION Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Weekend Retreat offers women and men a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. The next retreat will be held 30 April - 2 May 2021. Join in an Online Reflection: *Called to Life and Hope Transforming Fear and Shame*, a confidential free individually guided reflection at a time to suit you. Enquire: 0400 092 555 or www.rachelsvineyard.org.au



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) 2021 This Sacrament will be celebrated on **Thursday 25th March from 4.15pm**. It is available to all children who are in Year 3 or above and have been baptised. If you wish your child to make this Sacrament with the option of receiving their First Holy Communion later in the year and have not already enrolled online, you **MUST** attend the first lesson for this program on **Saturday 20th February 2021 commencing at 4.15pm**. Children will participate in lessons in the St. Joachim Parish Hall. There will be ***no parent talks this year***. This is the last opportunity for you to enrol for 2021. The program fee of \$25 is also payable at the first lesson. **NOTE:** If you are enrolling at the first lesson, please arrive at **3.45pm to the Parish Hall before the lesson** to complete the paperwork. You will need a ***copy of your child's birth and baptism certificate*** to attach to the enrolment form. Thank you.

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.

ATTENDANCE 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 This week the Government announced a relaxation of directives. Gatherings of people for Religious Services will be according to the ***"1 person per 2 square meter rule" without any cap on numbers***. This means that we can once again have up to 440 people in our church. The **1.5-meter social distancing between people should still be maintained. WHILE WEARING A FACE MASK IN CHURCH IS NO LONGER MANDATORY, IT IS STILL VERY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED, especially where 1.5m social distancing cannot be maintained. I AM THEREFORE ASKING ALL PARISHIONERS TO CONTINUE WEARING ONE FOR THE MOMENT. 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 access will only be possible if space allows.** In Summary:

- We can now have up to 440 people attend religious services in our church at Rosemeadow.
- **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 HIGHLY RECOMMENDED AND ALL PARISHIONERS ARE ASKED TO DO SO.**
- 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.

Gratitude is an offering precious in the sight of God,
and it is one that the poorest of us can make and be not poorer
but richer for having made it.

- A W Tozer