

**SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
23 December 2018**

DATE	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIOUS GOODS STALL	
	15/16 DEC	22/23 DEC	15/16 DEC	22/23 DEC	15/16 DEC	22/23 DEC
VIGIL 6.00PM	F Bugeja K Duncan	M Baert D Baert	F Bugeja	R Turner	A Rojo	M Wolczak
8.30AM	M Burke R Burke	T Sto Domingo S Magua	M Burke	D Pottier	G Knight	M Mourin
10.00AM	E Villarin	R Ventura Z Ventura	J Montano	E D'Mellow	C Izen	M Smith
CHOIR 10.00AM	GROUP 3	GROUP 2	<b>READINGS</b>  <b>15/16 DECEMBER</b> Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18  <b>22/23 DECEMBER</b> Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-44  <b>FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK</b>			
CHURCH CLEANING	GROUP 4	GROUP 5				
CHURCH FLOWERS	ADVENT No Flowers	ADVENT No Flowers				
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO: 1 STATUE NO: 2	E Matriano	J Papa M D'Mellow				
ALTAR SOCIETY	D Mason	G Jancz				

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES  
OLHC ROSEMEADOW**

Sat. Vigil: 6.00pm  
 Sunday: 8.30am  
 Sunday: 10.00am

**VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC**

Saturday: 4.00pm

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES  
OLHC ROSEMEADOW**

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

**ST. BEDE'S APPIN**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month 5pm

**DEVOTIONS**

Wednesday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am – 8.55am before Mass.  
 Thursday: Rosary following Mass (*Rosemeadow*).

1<sup>st</sup> Friday: Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon;  
 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: Mass 10.30am  
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 3pm.

**CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH**

Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm  
 Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 11am – 12 noon

**MARRIAGES AND BAPTISMS** by appointment

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE** Tuesdays 12.30pm at the Food Hub  
 (Ambarvale Squash Courts), 65 Woodhouse Drive Ambarvale.

# Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

**Father Christopher G. Sarkis, Parish Priest**

**Presbytery**  
 80 Demetrius Road  
 Rosemeadow NSW 2560

**Office Hours**  
 Tuesday – Thursday  
 9.00am – 4.00pm (Closed 12.45 - 1.15pm)  
 Friday 9.00am - 2.30pm

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**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.

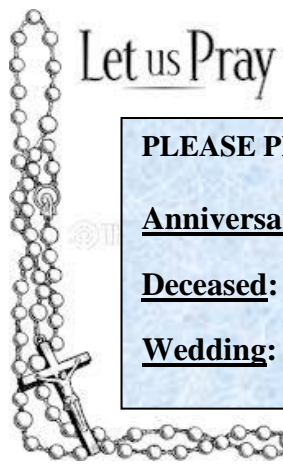
**RESPONSE** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** 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**  
 WYD Pilgrims prepare to leave





**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Anniversary:** Maureen Cooper;  
**Deceased:** Oreste & Gaetana Meli;  
**Wedding:** Roy O'Donoghue & Carina Valencia

**EXPOSITION** of the Blessed Sacrament before Wednesday Mass 8am – 8.55am.

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PRIESTHOOD?** "I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." 'Lord, send us priests after your own heart to give us the Food of everlasting life - Your very Self in the Eucharist.' Consider a call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, Vocations Director, on 0414 626 357, [priesthood@dow.org.au](mailto:priesthood@dow.org.au)

**HYMN BOOKS** As I continue to pack in the church I have begun to do the books and notice that somehow quite a few hymn books must have gone on a little walk and lost their way home as there appears many less than we should have! If you happen to pass one could you please ask it to return to its home in the church - both them and the packer will be very happy! Thank you.

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER** The new roster for Altar Servers is now available in the Sacristy. They are in alphabetical order with your name written on the top. Please collect it after Mass.

**NEW CATHOLIC TV Channel: Shalom World** is a commercial-free, high-definition, Catholic family channel that reaches out to the world witnessing the truth of Christ. The channel supplements the pastoral efforts of the Church to spread the Good News of Christ Jesus. **SHALOM WORLD** offers programs that will truly be a spiritual banquet to people of all ages. More details: <https://www.shalomworldtv.org/about> **Shalom World Australia** was launched on 26th January 2018, Australia Day. Find the launch Promo at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQXdoZW1w1M> Endorsement from Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Archdiocese of Sydney <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h77pKTZ9qY4> **Call at the stall today for more information on Shalom World TV. LINK TO SHALOM IS NOW ON THE PARISH WEBSITE.**

**NEW CHURCH** the Solemn Dedication of the church will occur on Friday 8 March 2019 at 7.30pm by Bishop Brian Mascord and concelebrated by clergy from the Diocese of Wollongong and visiting clergy from other dioceses. As well as invited guests, notice will be given via the Parishes throughout the Diocese inviting any past parishioners who have moved, to return for this Mass. Following the Mass, a catered hot supper will be served in John Therry Hall. **Please mark off this date in your diary now.** Such an event usually occurs only once in a lifetime and it promises to be a most wonderful evening, both spiritually and as a celebration of our Parish 'coming of age' so to speak, where, by God's Grace and Our Lady's intercession, all the planning, effort and arduous work of 25 years will come to fruition.

Thank you for the contributions that continue to be made. Stained Glass Windows: there are 4 windows in the Sacred Heart Chapel, 2 in the Marian Chapel and 7 in the Cupola available. If you have been thinking about contributing to the church but have not done so yet, please seriously think about doing so now. God is never outdone in generosity, and as we give to His Work, so we will receive back in ways beyond our imagination for truly, "the amount we give, is the amount we will be given back...and much more besides." Thank you.

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS** 2018 Calendars are now available from the Pious Good Store for \$9 each.



*Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."*



**CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE**

Christmas Masses

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm Vigil Mass
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Midnight Mass (Carols at 11.30pm) 9am
<u>Confessions</u>	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	7.00pm – 8.00pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am – 10am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	8.45am – 9.30am
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	5.15pm – 5.45pm

**MATRIMONIUM SUMMER SCHOOL** 21 – 25 January 2019, Hobart, Tasmania. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Hobart, the Matrimonium Summer School will offer a series of lectures from a well-qualified faculty, group discussions, field trips, prayer time and social occasions to create a unique experience of the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church's teaching on marriage and family. Archbishop Julian Porteous will take an active part in the Summer School to contribute his wisdom and passion for forming young people in the Church's vision for marriage and family. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.** Details and enquiries, [ben.smith@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ben.smith@aohtas.org.au) or [www.hobart.catholic.org.au](http://www.hobart.catholic.org.au) or phone Ben Smith (03) 6208 6036.

**EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE** the journey of the Magi. Are you looking for a different way to start the 2019 new year? Maybe to meet some new people, get fit and conclude the Christmas season on a spiritual high? The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit, 7-day, 110 km Catholic pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains which coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany. The pilgrimage begins at Emu Plains on 2 January 2019 and finishes at Bell on 8 January 2019. Registrations for the full pilgrimage close 9 December with day walk registrations available on the day. For further information and to register see [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org) or for general information and current news see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>

**PALMS ENCOUNTERS 2019** are rich immersions that challenge perceptions of our neighbours, guided by Palms mission volunteers with cultural experience of Timor Leste (April & Sept), Myanmar (November), and Samoa (June). See flyer on Notice Board or go to: [www.palms.org.au/encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/encounters)

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL RETREAT** 19 & 20 January 2019, 9am to 4.30pm. Centred on the Scripture "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord" (Zech 4:6). St Agatha's Parish School hall, Pennant Hills. \$50 per person for two days. Lunch and morning and afternoon teas provided. Hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services NSW. Registration Enquiries: CCR Centre Ph:9810 2499 or email: [email@ccrns.org.au](mailto:email@ccrns.org.au) website: [ccrns.org.au](http://ccrns.org.au)

Stop entertaining those vain fears.  
Remember it is not feeling which constitutes guilt but the consent to such feelings.  
Only the free will is capable of good or evil.  
But when the will sighs under the trial of the tempter and does not will what is presented to it,  
there is not only no fault but there is virtue.  
St Pio of Pietrelcina