

SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
23 September 2018

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DATE	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIOUS GOODS STALL	
	15/16 SEPT	22/23 SEPT	15/16 SEPT	22/23 SEPT	15/16 SEPT	22/23 SEPT
VIGIL 6.00PM	D Pottier J Webster	F Bugeja K Duncan	J Webster	F Bugeja	Y Fenech	A Rojo
8.30AM	G Harmour M Peebles	M Burke R Burke	G Harmour	M Burke	D Taylor	A Landrigan
10.00AM	E Villarin	R Sly B Bartsch	J Montano	T Kurisunkal	K Knight	V Lo Cascio
CHOIR 10.00AM	GROUP 3	GROUP 2	READINGS			
CHURCH CLEANING	GROUP 7	GROUP 8				
CHURCH FLOWERS	D Spilsted S Kiruklys	M Turner	15/16 SEPTEMBER		22/23 SEPTEMBER	
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO: 1 STATUE NO: 2	J Papa -	- -	Isaiah 50:5-9 James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35		Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 James 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37	
ALTAR SOCIETY	J Tonna K Siciliano	D Mason	FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			
			Thursday	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr		
			Friday	St Matthew, apostle, evangelist		

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

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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 Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

RESPONSE I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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
1st Saturday of the Month: 10.30am

ST. BEDE'S APPIN

1st Sunday of each month 5pm

DEVOTIONS

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

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

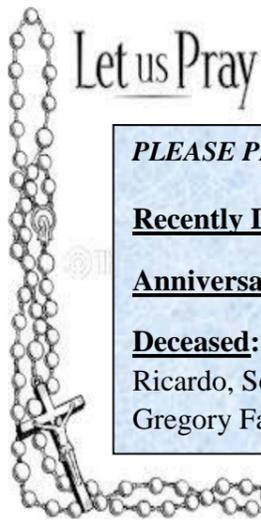
CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH

Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm
Every 1st 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.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
Victorian Confession fight looms



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Louis Rego;

Anniversary: Joseph Dawson;

Deceased: Oreste & Gaetana Meli; deceased members of the Aniceto, Araujo, Than, Frias, Ricardo, Soares, Santos, Ferreiro, Norcott & Oliveira Families; deceased members of the Gregory Family; Holy Souls;

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

ALPHA has commenced week 2 but it's never too late to join, all are welcome. We meet at 7pm Tuesday evenings in the parish meeting room. Alpha is about building faith and belonging in our parish. Whether you're a lifelong believer, unsure or you feel like you've slipped away over time, Alpha is a great way to meet new people and explore life's big questions. If this is you, come along and bring a friend. There's no pressure, just a meal, a short film clip and relaxed conversation. Contact Dudley Knight on 0421 475 133 or dudleyk@iinet.net.au for more information or to book your spot so we can make sure there's plenty of food for you!

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL To support the retirement and health of clergy: caring for those who have cared for us. It is the responsibility of our Diocese, through the provision of accommodation, transport assistance and health care, to support and care for the retirement and health of our diocesan clergy. In our Diocese, this support is partly funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal, which will be held in our parish this weekend. This year's appeal video can be viewed, and donations can be made, online via the Diocese of Wollongong's website www.dow.org.au



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018 This Sacrament will be celebrated on **Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th November 2018**. It is available to all children in Year 3 or above who have been baptised and have received the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). If you wish your child to make this Sacrament and did not come to the enrolment night last year you **MUST** attend the first lesson for this program on **Saturday 27th October 2018 commencing at 4.15p.m.** You must bring a copy of your child's Baptism and Birth certificate with you to attach to the enrolment form. Children will participate in lessons within the Parish School classrooms whilst

parents will meet with Father in the Parish Meeting Room. This is the last opportunity for you to enrol for 2018. **NOTE:** If you will be enrolling at the first lesson, then please arrive at **3.45pm to the Parish Meeting Room before the lesson** to complete the paperwork. The program fee of \$25 is also payable at the first lesson. Thank you.

 **CHURCH READERS REQUIRED FOR 10am MASS** we require 2 readers for the 10am Mass. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.



In the second reading today, St. James has some harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having faith that does nothing in practise.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP a parishioner has proposed that a prayer group for men of the parish might be a good idea. It would take a simple format based on the *Connect* reflection sheet and would go for no longer than an hour and would be coordinated by those attending. Details of time, day, place, frequency, etc. will depend on those who want to be part of it. If you are interested, please ring the Parish Office and leave your name and phone number.

BE AWAKE NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE 19-21 October 2018, Stanwell Tops Conference Centre. MenALIVE and the Young Men of God Movement (YMG) have united to host a life changing event for the men of this nation. Bringing together over 30 years of powerful ministry experience and capability led by a dedicated leadership team. Be inspired, be transformed. An event not to be missed! Registration now open <https://dow.sh/BeAwake2018>

GROWING GOOD MEN Diocese of Wollongong Father and Son Camp. A life changing father and son weekend will be held from 2-4 November at Cataract Scout Camp, Appin. Spots are limited to just 15 fathers with their son aged between 12-16. One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father, or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could and should provide is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their gifts as they take their place in the world. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE. You don't get this time back so make this opportunity a priority! Contact Jude Hennessy on Ph: 4222 2407 or jude.hennessy@dow.org.au to register or ask any questions.

NEW CHURCH Thank you to all who continue to give generously to our new church. As Our Lord said, "The amount you give out is the amount you will be given back." There are still many items of all prices still needed, as well as stained glass windows. General donations of any amount may be given as a contribution to any of the larger items listed as well as for general purposes relating to the new church and its furnishings. **Please Note:** Please go to our parish website to see what items are still available. While the list in the church is correct for the items needed, it is out of date regarding which items have been donated and to save paper we are not reprinting them. Alternatively, just call the parish office. A new, updated stained glass window list is available at the table. Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE Harvest Pilgrimages have asked me to lead another pilgrimage as chaplain. I have agreed to do so after the completion of the new church and will lead a 10-night pilgrimage to the **Lands of St Paul** leaving on 15 July 2019. The pilgrimage follows St. Paul in his missionary journey through ancient Greece and Turkey. There is an **optional extension to Malta** where Paul was shipwrecked on his way to Rome for trial which ended in his martyrdom. Some brochures are available at the Notice Board if you are interested or contact Harvest direct on P: 1800819156 E: info@harvestjourneys.com Web: www.harvestjourneys.com

HEALING AFTER ABORTION Rachel's Vineyard Ministries offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555. Healing retreats are held regularly in the Sydney area offering women and men a spiritual way through grief and loss. A brochure can be downloaded at the website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au The next healing retreat will be held 16-18 November 2018. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT GROUP meets on the first Wednesday of the month, 9.30 – 11.30am in the Parish Meeting Room. It is a simple gathering where you can meet and talk with people who are also grieving the loss of someone close. It includes prayer, reflection, and conversation with morning tea. Facilitated by the Catholic Cemeteries Trust. Enquiries & RSVP to Nancy 9646 6908 or email: bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au See Flyer on Notice Board.

GROUP 2 CHOIR – URGENTLY requires more Adult and junior singers. Have you considered joining the OLHC Choir – to lead the parishioners with hymns for our lords Mass. Please consider as we need more singers. Remember to sing at *Our Lord's Mass*, you are twice blessed! For further information please contact the Parish Office on 4628 1385



PARISH KNITTING GROUP the Craft group **WILL NOT** be meeting on Friday 21 September – instead we will be taking our 'Wrap with Love' blankets to Alexandria Warehouse to be distributed to 'Cold Humanity.' This year we made nearly 40 wraps. We would like to thank all those who have contributed in any way.

*"The most beautiful act of faith is the one made in darkness,
in sacrificing, and with extreme effort."*

St Pio of Pietrelcina