

SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 27 December 2020

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4th 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		19/20 DEC	26/27 DEC			19/20 DEC	26/27 DEC
VIGIL 6PM		K Duncan	S Fonseca				
8.30AM		Z Robinson	E Villarin				
10.00AM		J Montano	E D'Mellow				
CHOIR 10.00AM	GROUP	GROUP	READINGS				
CHURCH CLEANING	GROUP	GROUP	19/20 DECEMBER 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8,12, 14, 16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38	26/27 DECEMBER Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Luke 2:22-40			
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1							
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 2							
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS				
Saturday St Stephen, the first martyr			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 OLHC ROSEMEADOW	WEEKDAY MASS TIMES OLHC ROSEMEADOW
MASS BOOKINGS STILL REQUIRED VIA PARISH WEBSITE www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au	
Sat. Vigil: 6.00pm	Tuesday: 6.30pm
Sunday: 8.30am	Wednesday: 9.00am
Sunday: 10.00am	Thursday: 9.00am
VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC	Friday: 8.20am
Saturday: 4.00pm	1 st Saturday of the Month: 10.30am
DEVOTIONS – SUSPENDED except for: -	
1 st Friday:	Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon;
CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH	
	Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm
	Every 1 st Saturday 11am – 12 noon
MARRIAGES by appointment	
BAPTISMS (1 st and 3 rd 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.

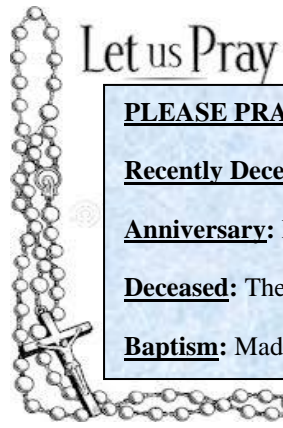
ENTRANCE Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

RESPONSE For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord; may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

COMMUNION Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
 available in the foyer



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Corazon Ronas; Thomas McVittie; Therese (Robyn) Douglass

Anniversary: Mary Pushpam Antony; Charles Fenech;

Deceased: Therese & Ronald Bartholomeuz; Oreste & Gaetana Meli; Godwin & Rita Fenech

Baptism: Madeleine Ella Mugridge; Leon Badugama; Zenna Yap Dunne; Lukas Ivo Dokus

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 Coletto and Josephina Andino who celebrate their 50th (Golden) wedding anniversary this weekend. Every blessing and happiness and may God continue to watch over 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.

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

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		Confessions (all heard in Marian courtyard)	
Thursday 24 th December	5.00pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 19 th December	5.15pm - 5.45pm
	6.30pm Vigil Mass	Tuesday 22 nd December	7pm - 8pm
	8.00pm Vigil Mass	Wednesday 23 rd December	9.30am - 10am
Friday 25 th December	12.00am Midnight Mass	Thursday 24 th December	9.30am - 10am
	8.30am Mass		
	10.00am Mass		

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>

COLUMBAN CALENDARS for 2021 have arrived. They are available in the foyer for \$9 each. It is an honour system; please place money in the box provided. Thank you.

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



IN THE FIRST READING, GOD PROMISED KING DAVID THAT HIS HOUSE AND HIS KINGDOM WILL ENDURE FOREVER. IT IS THROUGH MARY'S "YES" — "I AM THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD; LET IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD" — THAT THE PROMISE FINDS FULFILMENT. HOW DO I RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL TO ME?



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 New directives now allow **one person per 2 square meters** for all Religious services including Mass, Weddings and Funerals. They also state that *"Where possible, ensure congregants comply with 1.5 metres physical distance"*. However, this is now not compulsory. **Where this distance is not possible it is strongly recommended that face masks be worn.** In our parish church we will be able to accommodate 400 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. **If you have not registered, then 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.* 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 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.

SUMMER NIGHTS Register now for *Summer Nights* at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville with the Missionaries of God's Love (MGL's). An outdoor experience featuring quality talks and teaching, night sessions with praise and worship, drama, preaching, testimonies, and prayer. Mass, adoration and Reconciliation will be available each day with COVID safe dinner provided. There are two options to register, with the retreat running twice during the week: Monday 11 – Wednesday 13 January (3pm to 9pm) and Thursday 14 – Saturday 16 January (3pm to 9pm). To register go to www.summerschool.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 ckaruda@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.**



Christmas Greetings *As there will not be a bulletin on Christmas Day, I take this opportunity to wish you a blessed and joyful Christmas celebration of Our Saviour's Birth. 2020 has been an unprecedented year in so many ways that has disrupted our lives both humanly and spiritually. Yet, as I have said many times, I believe that God always brings good out of evil and we will emerge from this dark time stronger and more committed, especially in our Faith.*

It is my profound prayer that you and your families may be filled with the Peace of Christ today, and throughout 2021. I sincerely thank all those who have sent me gifts and greetings, and will remember you all as I offer Christmas Mass. God Bless you. Father Sarkis.