

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

*Second Sunday of Lent  
28<sup>th</sup> February 2021*

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*First Sunday of Lent  
Year B*

# Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

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

**Presbytery**  
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**Office Hours**  
Tuesday – Thursday  
9.00am – 4.00pm (Closed 12.45 - 1.15pm)  
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	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIOUS GOODS STALL		AUDIO VISUAL	
DATE	20/21 FEB	27/28 FEB	20/21 FEB	27/28 FEB			20/21 FEB	27/28 FEB
VIGIL 6PM	F Bugeja K Duncan	M Baert D Baert	F Bugeja	R Turner			T Kurisunkal	R D'Cunha
8.30AM	M Burke R Burke	S Magua T Sto Domingo	M Rolfe	S Lo Cascio			M Murphy	D Knight
10.00AM	A Jachimczak D Peaker	V Gabrio O Montano	J Montano	A Jachimczak			N Lee	B Peaker
CHOIR 10.00AM	GROUP	GROUP	READINGS					
CHURCH CLEANING	GROUP	GROUP	20/21 FEBRUARY Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15		27/28 FEBRUARY Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10			
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2								
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS					
Monday	The Chair of St Peter, <i>apostle</i>		Parish (second Collection)		Clergy (first Collection)			
Tuesday	St Polycarp, <i>bishop, martyr</i>		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
<b>MASS BOOKINGS STILL REQUIRED VIA PARISH WEBSITE</b> <a href="http://www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au">www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au</a>	
Sat. Vigil: 6.00pm	Tuesday: 6.30pm
Sunday: 8.30am	Wednesday: 9.00am
Sunday: 10.00am	Thursday: 9.00am
<b>VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC</b>	Friday: 8.20am
Saturday: 4.00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month: 10.30am
<b>DEVOTIONS – SUSPENDED except for: -</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Friday:	Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon;
<b>CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH</b>	
Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm	
Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday 11am – 12 noon	
<b>MARRIAGES</b> by appointment	
<b>BAPTISMS</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month) – by appointment	
<b>SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS</b> please visit parish website for dates & enrolment forms in Sacraments Tab	
<b>ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE</b> 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.

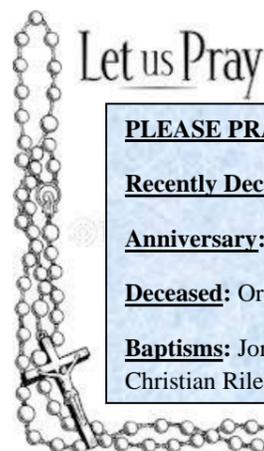
**ENTRANCE** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**RESPONSE** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**COMMUNION** One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK**  
available in the foyer



### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Roberto Vizciano

**Anniversary:** Andrew Hrsto; Reynaldo Monteclar

**Deceased:** Oreste & Gaetana Meli; Charles, Rita & Godwin Fenech; Thomas McVittie;

**Baptisms:** Jordan Benedict Fernandez; Carter James Nguyen; Christian Jack Durovic; Bronte Maree Hills; Christian Riley Webster

**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](mailto:priesthood@dow.org.au)

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS** Commencing this coming Tuesday, 23 February, and then every Tuesday during Lent, following Mass at 6.30 pm, the Rosary will be prayed at 7pm and the Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.

**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.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Linda and Bien Albulario who this weekend celebrate the Golden Jubilee (50 years) of their marriage. Both have been long term parishioners who have contributed so much to our parish community especially through the choir. May the good God continue to bless you both with joy and happiness in the years to come which you richly deserve.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Daniel Ferris and Crystal Dent who were married this weekend. Every blessing and happiness to you both as you begin the road of your married life together.

**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.campaustalia.com.au](http://www.campaustalia.com.au) or ring 1300 105 343 or go to the parish school website and click parent link [www.olhcdow.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olhcdow.catholic.edu.au)

**'THE JOURNEY'** radio program, 21 February 2021, Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast – get it at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) This Week hear some amazing short reflections and great music all with a focus on making the Lenten season a grace filled time of transformation. The Journey available as a podcast at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)

**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.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au)

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR PERU MISSIONS** Mary MacKillop International is collecting used postage stamps. Please find in church foyer container to place your used stamps and continue this support. It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop continues in Peru today

**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 1<sup>st</sup> April. Should you have any questions, please telephone the office on 4626 5655.



The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of Baptism that people place their gifts, their resources, their very selves, at God's service in and through the church.

**JOHN TERRY CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY** for Year 7 2020 Enrolments Saturday 27 February 11am to 1pm. Mr Wayne Marshall, College Principal, will be speaking at 11am. Come tour the school and see what we have to offer.



**YOUNG ADULTS – TALK ON PRAYER** As Catholics, prayer should be part of our journey in coming to know our creator. Fr Chris Sarkis will be presenting a talk on prayer and the importance of prayer in our lives. The talk will be held on Monday 22 February at 7:00pm in the Joachim Hall (the old church) Demetrius Road, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish. Please note entry is strictly limited to the youth (18 - 35 years) and due to COVID restrictions seating is limited to 100 people. Coffee/ tea and biscuits will be provided (donations greatly appreciated).

Any questions please contact Ryan on 0412 939 705. To register for the talk please use the QR code or complete Google form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyV3MZnv8xZEgICIAWjJ5gXey7OOb28fwY1LeWu5zBkpf-mQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyV3MZnv8xZEgICIAWjJ5gXey7OOb28fwY1LeWu5zBkpf-mQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**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** 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](http://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.
- **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.

**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](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au)

*"A fallen-away Catholic who says, "I no longer believe in the Sacrament of Penance", really means, "I am leading an evil life and I refuse to break my habits of sin to make my peace with God."*

Venerable Fulton Sheen