

SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent
29 November 2020

READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIOUS GOODS STALL		AUDIO VISUAL	
DATE		21/22 NOV	28/29 NOV			21/22 NOV	28/29 NOV
VIGIL 6PM		J Webster	F Bugeja				
8.30AM		G Harmour	M Peebles				
10.00AM		A Jachimczak	L Albulario				
CHOIR 10.00AM	GROUP	GROUP	READINGS				
CHURCH CLEANING	GROUP	GROUP	21/22 NOVEMBER Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Corinthians 22:1-3, 5-6 Matthew 25:31-46	28/29 NOVEMBER Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37			
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2							
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS				
Monday	St Clement I, <i>pope, martyr</i> St Columban, <i>abbot</i>		Parish (second Collection)	Clergy (first Collection)			
Tuesday	St Andrew Dung-Lac, <i>priest</i> And companions, <i>martyrs</i>		BSB : 066 711 Acc No: 002395 Acc Name: Parish Church Reference: Family Name	BSB : 066 711 Acc No: 002026 Acc Name: Parish Presbytery 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 VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC Saturday: 4.00pm	Tuesday: 6.30pm Wednesday: 9.00am Thursday: 9.00am Friday: 8.20am 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.	

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Christ the King
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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.

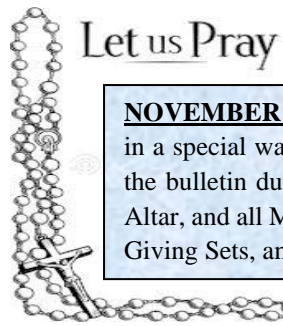
ENTRANCE How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive the power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

RESPONSE The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

COMMUNION The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
available in the foyer



Let us Pray

NOVEMBER MASSES November is the month of the Holy Souls. While we pray for the Faithful Departed always, in a special way we remember the Holy Souls during November. Therefore, no individual names will be printed in the bulletin during November. November Mass Offering Envelopes with names of the dead will be placed on the Altar, and all Masses during November will be offered for them. Mass offering envelopes are included in the Planned Giving Sets, and at the Front Notice Board.

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

PLENARY INDULGENCE may be gained for the Holy Souls in Purgatory throughout November by visiting a church and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for the indulgence: sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION At the 10am Mass this weekend, the children of our Parish will be receiving their First Holy Communion. Let us pray for them that they will always remain close and faithful to Our Blessed Lord, Whom they will receive for the first time, throughout their lives.

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.olhcadow.catholic.edu.au

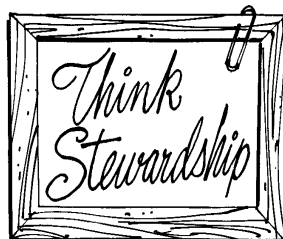
iWitness CONFERENCE is an annual, summer conference drawing together 100's of young (18-35-year-old) Aussie Catholics for a weekend of prayer, formation and fun. Theme: Awake, O Sleeper. Dates: 10 – 13 December 2020. Where: The tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops. More information go to: <https://www.iwitnessconference.com/>

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 healing retreat will be held 4-6 December 2020.

YOUNG ADULT ALPHA 18-30 years of age. We all know someone who might be searching, lost or asking, *is there more to life than this?* If so, join us for Young Adult Alpha online every Monday @ 7pm on Zoom to watch a short video and discussion in an open, safe and friendly environment. Register at: <https://dowcatholic.zoom.us/j/9084828> or by putting the **Meeting ID: 405 884 828** into - Join a meeting on Zoom. You will receive an email about joining the meeting. **Please note meetings will be strictly limited to adults over 18 years of age.** Contact Ryan on 0412 939 705. Please **Pray for this Group** and its success, for without prayer it will fail.



CHURCH READER REQUIRED we require 1 reader at the 10am Mass. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you



When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the Kingdom.

MASS UPDATE AND RELATED MATTERS Up to 300 people can now attend Religious Services provided the "one person per 4²meter" rule as well as 1.5meter social distancing is observed. **In our parish church we will be able to accommodate 220 people for Mass.** Please note however, that under the definition of "Religious Services", it does NOT include weddings and funerals. Therefore, the current 150 people for weddings and 100 people for funerals still applies. **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. Please remember to sit **ONLY ON THE MARKED GREEN SPOTS** *even if you are living in the one household*, to ensure 1.5meter social distancing between ALL parishioners. 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 also once again bring to your attention 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.** Changing our long-held behaviour patterns is difficult, and I want to thank you for your understanding and support about this. The collections have been on average, about two thirds of what they were before the restrictions occurred. This has enabled us to 'pay our bills' but 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 we cannot keep operating as normal at two thirds of our normal budget.
- If you have not yet collected your **Planned Giving Envelopes** from the church foyer, please do so as we are not posting them due to the high cost. I strongly encourage parishioners who currently give by envelope to change 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.

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 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.**

"Know, O Christian, that the Mass is the holiest act of religion.

You cannot do anything to glorify God more, nor profit your soul more, than by devoutly assisting at it, and assisting as often as possible."

St Peter Julian Eymard