

**SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**  
**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH**  
*FIFTH Sunday of EASTER*  
**2 May 2021**

Bulletin 25 April 2021

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
**Year B**

# Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

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

**Presbytery**  
 80 Demetrius Road  
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**Office Hours**  
 Tuesday – Thursday  
 9.00am – 4.00pm (Closed 12.45 - 1.15pm)  
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DATE	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIOUS GOODS STALL		AUDIO VISUAL	
	24/25 APR	1/2 MAY	24/25 APR	1/2 MAY	24/25 APR	1/2 MAY	24/25 APR	1/2 MAY
VIGIL 6PM	M Peebles M Ward	L Fenech S Fonseca	K Duncan	S Fonseca	D Mason	J Webster	T Turner	R D'Cunha
8.30AM	V smith A James	S Joseph A Fazio	Z Robinson	E Villarin	M Mourin	K Knight	M Murphy	D Knight
10.00AM	N Lee H Morell	S Hurley S Issac	L Albulario	S Hurley	M Smith	M De Roo	B Peaker	N Lee
CHOIR 10.00AM	GROUP	GROUP	READINGS					
CHURCH CLEANING	GROUP	GROUP	24/25 APRIL Acts 4:8-12 1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18		1/2 MAY Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8			
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2								
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS					
Monday	St Mark, <i>evangelist</i>		Parish (second Collection)		Clergy (first Collection)			
Thursday	St Catherine of Siena, <i>virgin, doctor</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			

<b>SUNDAY MASS TIMES OLHC ROSEMEADOW</b>	<b>WEEKDAY MASS TIMES OLHC ROSEMEADOW</b>
<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	
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.

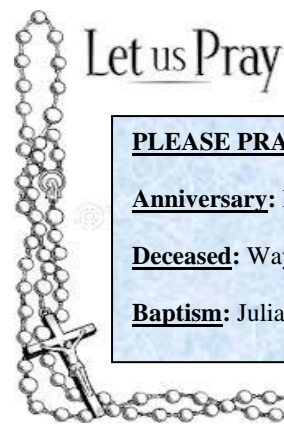
**ENTRANCE** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**RESPONSE** The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION** The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Anniversary:** Narcisa & Lawrence Parcasio;

**Deceased:** Wayne Spilsted; Oreste & Gaetana Meli;

**Baptism:** Julian Felipe Sanchez; Alex Matias Sanchez; Gabriella Monica Mateluna; Glenn Rafael Dulig; Oliver Pauls

**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)

**RELIC CORRECTION** Last weekend I said the relic of St. Catherine Laboure was to whom Our Lord appeared. I meant to say to whom Our Lady appeared and asked for the devotion of the Miraculous medal to be spread. Our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and the Sacred heart devotion.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Adam Vainauskas and Katie-Louise Patterson who will be married this weekend. God's blessings and graces upon you as you enter the Sacrament of Matrimony who unites in holy marriage.

**CHOIR** Commencing 16 May the choir will recommence singing at the 10am Mass. They will each sing once a month meaning there will be singing on the first, second and fourth Sunday's. The Latin Scola will sing on either the third or fifth Sunday every six weeks or so. The remaining Sunday's will be without singing but have music played during Holy Communion.

**PHILIPPINE MASS** honouring Our Lady in the month of May will be celebrated at 11am next Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May. It will also honour St. Joseph the Worker, whose feast day it is that day. It will be preceded by a floral procession from Rizal Park to the church. Entry to church by QR code registration on arrival.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2021** Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2021. It is available to all children who are in Year 6 or above and have made their First Communion. If you wish your child to receive this Sacrament and *have not already enrolled online via the parish website*, you MUST attend the **first lesson for this programme on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021 commencing at 4.15pm**. Children will participate in lessons in the St. Joachim Parish Hall. This is the last opportunity for you to enrol for 2021. You must **bring a copy of your child's Baptism and Birth certificate** with you to attach to the enrolment form. The programme fee of \$25 is also payable at the first lesson. NOTE: If you will be enrolling at the first lesson, please arrive at **3.45pm to the Parish Hall before the lesson** to complete the paperwork. Thank you.

**READERS** Last weekend we began once again reading from the pulpit. We will also commence the normal reading procedure as well with **TWO READERS** as previously. Please try not to touch the lectern and only the Lectionary to turn the page when reading. For the moment I will continue to read the General Intercessions.

**REQUEST PLEASE** May I kindly ask all parishioner's not to start wiping seats or leaving the church **until after the priest has left the sanctuary** by the side or rear door. It is becoming too distracting now and happening earlier and earlier, sometimes even before the final Blessing. Thank you.

**EASTER WATER** You are welcome to take some Easter Holy Water from the container near the Baptism Font. BYO bottle. *Push the round button on the front to release water. Do not twist or turn tap please.*

**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.

**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](http://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](http://www.olhcdow.catholic.edu.au)



*To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf.*

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION** All registration for Mass attendance is now by using Eventbrite on the Parish Website or by using the QR Code at the church entry with your mobile phone. *Without doing this, entry will not be possible.* It's best to use Eventbrite as QR code entry is only possible if seats are available. **SO PLEASE REGISTER 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. *Online registration closes at 3pm the previous day for weekday Masses, and 3pm on Saturday for the Vigil and Sunday Masses.* Please arrive **AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE** the start of Mass to avoid delay. *Once Mass starts, the doors will be closed.* **For all other parish gatherings, functions or meetings, registration will be by the QR Code only using your phone.** Thank you for your cooperation.

#### COVID PROTOCOLS AND RELATED MATTERS

- Gatherings for Religious Services including weddings and funerals is now **1 person per 2 square meter rule without any cap on numbers.** We can have up to 440 people in our church. The 1.5-meter social distancing between people should be maintained where possible. Where 1.5m social distancing cannot be maintained, a face mask is recommended.
- 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. **Please wait until the priest has left the Sanctuary before wiping. Thank you.**
- **HOTSPOTS:** If you have attended any designated "Covid hotspot" you must immediately self-isolate for 14 days and get tested even if you have no symptoms.
- 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. 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 in a separate envelope marked '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.*

**YOUNG ADULTS** 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, with a focus on *Scriptural Prayer*, and the importance of prayer in our lives. It will be Tuesday 27 April at 7:30pm in the Joachim Hall (the old church), Demetrius Road, Rosemeadow. Please note entry is limited to the young adults, 18 - 35 years, only. Coffee/tea and biscuits will be provided, donations greatly appreciated. All are warmly invited to attend 6:30 pm Mass before the talk. QR code registration will be required for Mass and the Hall.



**PALMS AUSTRALIA** Share your skills to help develop the capacity of overseas organisations and the abilities of their people. Low-income communities seek sustainable solutions to poverty, not through money or gifts, but by building self-reliance. All trades and professions are called to assist this mission. [Enquire now](#) to properly prepare for a placement in 2022. Join our online [InfoZoom](#) on 2 May, visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au), or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333

**CURSILLO** Ladies, are you ready to step back out into life with your Faith community, following the forced Covid hibernation. Join us for a Cursillo 3-day weekend July 1-4 at Hartzel Park, Bowral. Private rooms, nourishing meals. Share your stories; increase the depth of your faith; listen to talks from our Spiritual Advisor and lay women; daily Mass. For further information please contact Denise D'Amore 0438254139.

**MenALIVE** This Men's Weekend, 12-13 June 2021, St Patrick's Church Catholic Church (Hall) 42 O'Donnell Street, Port Kembla is an opportunity for all men from 18 years of age to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic, and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. Experienced leaders from menALIVE Team will be running the weekend. Register via brochure or online [www.dow.org.au/events](http://www.dow.org.au/events) Enquiries: Helen Bennett (Diocesan Contact) 4222 2403; Anthony Rewak (Parish Contact) 0488 233 078 or Ian Boorman (menALIVE Contact) 0427 006 021

**HOME CARE ASSISTANT** Part time, Benedictine Sisters at Jamberoo Abbey. Needed to assist elderly sisters with personal care, household cleaning and transportation to appointments. Monday – Friday 7.30am – 12.30pm; 25-30 hours per week. Previous experience in Home Care or Community Aged Care essential. For full description and requirements please contact [accounts@jamberooabbey.org.au](mailto:accounts@jamberooabbey.org.au)

**PIOUS GOOD STALL** the Pious Goods Stall has reopened. More volunteers are needed for all Masses. You would only be required to open the stall before and after Mass for approximately 15 minutes. If you are able to assist in this valuable ministry, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

**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.

**GROUP 2 CHOIR** requires more singers, otherwise we cannot continue! Remember to sing at *Our Lord's Mass*, you are twice blessed! For further information please contact Marie on 0246 286121.

*The difference between the ordinary and the extraordinary is the little extra.*

Jimmy Johnson