

SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
The EPIPHANY of the LORD
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The HOLY Family of JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH
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Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

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READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIOUS GOODS STALL		AUDIO VISUAL	
DATE		2/3 JAN	26/27 DEC	2/3 JAN		26/27 DEC	2/3 JAN
VIGIL 6PM		D Pottier J Webster	S Fonseca	J Webster			
8.30AM		G Harmour M Peebles	E Villarin	G Harmour			
10.00AM		A Jachimczak D Peaker	E D'Mellow	J Montano			
CHOIR 10.00AM	GROUP	GROUP	READINGS				
CHURCH CLEANING	GROUP	GROUP	26/27 DECEMBER Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Luke 2:22-40		2/3 JANUARY Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew:2:1-12		
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1							
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 2							
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS				
Monday	The Holy Innocents, <i>martyrs</i>		PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS				
Tuesday	St Thomas Becket, <i>bishop, martyr</i>		Parish (second Collection)		Clergy (first Collection)		
Thursday	St Sylvester I, <i>pope</i>		BSB :	066 711	BSB :	066 711	
Friday	Mary, the Holy Mother of God		Acc No:	002395	Acc No:	002026	
Saturday	Sts Basil the Great St, <i>bishop, doctor</i> Gregory Nazianzen, <i>bishop, doctor</i>		Acc Name:	Parish Church	Acc Name:	Parish Presbytery	
			Reference:	Family Name	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

Tuesday: 6.30pm
 Wednesday: 9.00am
 Thursday: 9.00am
 Friday: 8.20am

VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC
 Saturday: 4.00pm

1st Saturday of the Month: 10.30am

DEVOTIONS – SUSPENDED except for: -

1st Friday: Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon;

CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH

Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm
 Every 1st Saturday 11am – 12 noon

MARRIAGES by appointment

BAPTISMS (1st and 3rd 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.

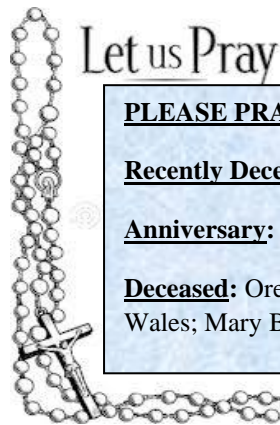
ENTRANCE The shepherds went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

RESPONSE The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

COMMUNION Our God has appeared on the earth and lived among us.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
 available in the foyer



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Therese Robyn Douglass; Thomas McVittie;

Anniversary: Charles Fenech;

Deceased: Oreste & Gaetana Meli; Rita & Godwin Fenech; Anthony Fenech; Audrey Steege; Therese & William Wales; Mary Brechney; Sarah Russell; Lilian Russell; Alex Russell; Wayne Spilsted; William 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

NEW YEAR'S DAY This Friday, 1st January is the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Mass will be celebrated as normal at 8.20am. A good way to start the New Year.

PLEASE NOTE There will be NO Benediction this first Friday.

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.campaustalia.com.au or ring 1300 105 343 or go to the parish school website and click parent link www.olhcdow.catholic.edu.au

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 ckaranda@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.**

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

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>



"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. give thanks to God the Father through Him." and so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

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 The Government has again reverted to the "1 person per 4 square meter rule" which means we are again limited to 220 people in the church. We are also again required to maintain the 1.5 square meter social distancing between people. It is also strongly recommended that face masks be worn. **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 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.

New Year Greetings

As we reach the end of the year, which in so many ways has been unprecedented, both in what has happened and the enormous challenges presented by it in our lives both humanly and spiritually, I want to sincerely and personally thank you all for your cooperation and understanding especially in the steps that have needed to be taken to deal with covid19 and Mass attendance, which I am very conscious have not always been easy. I would also like to thank you for your support and encouragement during 2020 to myself personally in what have not always been easy times. Without doubt 2021 will continue to present its own challenges to us all and I pray that we may continue as individuals, as family's and as a Catholic Parish community to draw strength and hope from our Faith, and to share this Hope and Light of Christ with each other and all to whom we witness in the wider community in which we live and worship. I wish you every happiness and blessing and may we draw strength from St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop's words which seem very apt at this time: "A sense of God's wonderful love strengthens me". Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

Happy New Year!

Fr. Sarkis