

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

*Third Sunday of Lent  
7<sup>th</sup> March 2021*

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*Second 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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DATE	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIOUS GOODS STALL		AUDIO VISUAL	
	27/28 FEB	6/7 MAR	27/28 FEB	6/7 MAR			27/28 FEB	6/7 MAR
VIGIL 6PM	M Baert D Baert	E Robinson J Azzopardi	R Turner	E Robinson			R D'Cunha	K Duncan
8.30AM	S Magua T Sto Domingo	B Buchanan K Dillon	S Lo Cascio	B Buchanan			D Knight	A Tonna
10.00AM	V Gabrio O Montano	M Lee H Morell	A Jachimczak	L Albulario			B Peaker	A Failla
CHOIR 10.00AM	GROUP	GROUP	READINGS					
CHURCH CLEANING	GROUP	GROUP	27/28 FEBRUARY Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10		6/7 MARCH Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25			
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2								
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS					
			Parish (second Collection)		Clergy (first Collection)			
			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			

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 Sunday: 8.30am Sunday: 10.00am	Tuesday: 6.30pm Wednesday: 9.00am Thursday: 9.00am Friday: 8.20am 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month: 10.30am
<b>VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC</b> Saturday: 4.00pm	
<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.

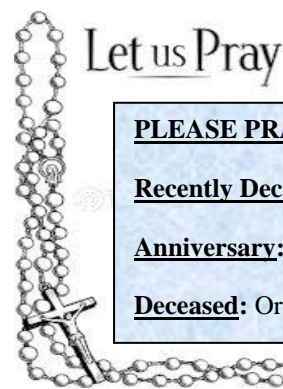
**ENTRANCE** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**RESPONSE** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**COMMUNION** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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



Let us Pray

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Recently Deceased:** Roberto Vizciano; Harold Francois;

**Anniversary:** Colin Ryan; Patricia Ryan; Stephen Federico;

**Deceased:** Oreste & Gaetana Meli; Thomas McVittie;

**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** 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. *Please remember for the Rosary and Stations you must register using the QR code before entering the church.*

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS** There will be Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this coming first Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, from 11am to 12noon.

**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)

**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.

**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.

**CATHOLIC BUSINESS CONNECTIONS (CBC)** is an opportunity for businesswomen and men in our diocese (active and retired) who share common values, to network and engage with each other and leaders representing the diocese. The first luncheon for 2021 will be Thursday 25 March at Rydges Hotel, Campbelltown (11.45am-2pm). Guest Speaker Rosemary Kariuki *Australian of the Year 2021 - Local Hero*. Information: [www.cbc.dow.org.au](http://www.cbc.dow.org.au) RSVP Debbie Gates, 4222 2446 by Thursday 18 March.

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

**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.

**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.



Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up to benefit us all." Are my gifts to the Lord – of my resources, my time and myself – also truly sacrificial?

**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

**ATTENDANCE 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** Gatherings for Religious Services 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 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. 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)

**"Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life."**

- St Basil