

SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
The EPIPHANY of the LORD
6 January 2019

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HOLY FAMILY
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DATE	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIOUS GOODS STALL	
	29/30 DEC	5/6 JAN	29/30 DEC	5/6 JAN	29/30 DEC	5/6 JAN
VIGIL 6.00PM	E Robinson J Azzopardi	M Peebles M Rolfe	J Dennis	K Duncan	D Mason	Closed
8.30AM	B Buchanan K Dillon	V Smith C McManus	B Buchanan	C McManus	D Taylor	Closed
10.00AM	R Sly B Bartch	A Jachimczak D Peaker	T Kurisunkal	A Jachimczak	K Knight	Closed
CHOIR 10.00AM	GROUP 3	GROUP 2	READINGS			
CHURCH CLEANING	GROUP 1	GROUP 2				
CHURCH FLOWERS	No Flowers	M Turner				
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO: 1	-	-				
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO: 2	-	-				
ALTAR SOCIETY	M Turner C Jacobs	E Guntan E Guntan	29/30 DECEMBER 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 Luke 2:41-52 5/6 JANUARY Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK Tuesday Mary, the Holy Mother of God Wednesday Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, <i>bishops, doctors</i>			

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

RESPONSE How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

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

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

OLHC ROSEMEADOW

Sat. Vigil: 6.00pm
 Sunday: 8.30am
 Sunday: 10.00am

VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC

Saturday: 4.00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

OLHC ROSEMEADOW

Tuesday: 6.30pm
 Wednesday: 9.00am
 Thursday: 9.00am
 Friday: 8.20am
 1st Saturday of the Month: 10.30am

ST. BEDE'S APPIN

1st Sunday of each month 5pm

DEVOTIONS

Wednesday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am – 8.55am before Mass.

Thursday: Rosary following Mass (*Rosemeadow*).

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

1st Saturday: Mass 10.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 3pm.

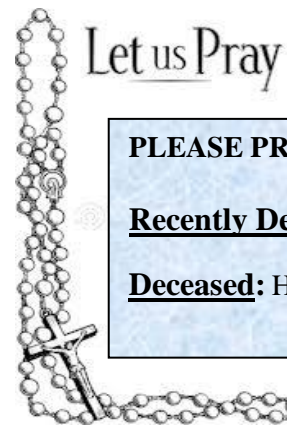
CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH

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

MARRIAGES AND BAPTISMS by appointment

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE Tuesdays 12.30pm at the Food Hub
 (Ambarvale Squash Courts), 65 Woodhouse Drive Ambarvale.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
Asia Bibi still strong



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Joan Antill;

Deceased: Holy Souls; Oreste & Gaetana Meli; Naji Sarkis;

EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament before Wednesday Mass 8am – 8.55am.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PRIESTHOOD? "I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." 'Lord, send us priests after your own heart to give us the Food of everlasting life - Your very Self in the Eucharist.' Consider a call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, Vocations Director, on 0414 626 357, priesthood@dow.org.au

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **NO** Benediction this First Friday, 4th January, as I have a funeral.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS There will be Mass at 10.30am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11am to 3pm this coming first Saturday 5th January.

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER The new roster for Altar Servers is now available in the Sacristy. They are in alphabetical order with your name written on the top. Please collect it after Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS to Russell and Maria Turner who this weekend celebrate the silver jubilee of their marriage. May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you in His care.

NEW CHURCH the Solemn Dedication of the church will occur on Friday 8 March 2019 at 7.30pm by Bishop Brian Mascord and concelebrated by clergy from the Diocese of Wollongong and visiting clergy from other dioceses. As well as invited guests, notice will be given via the Parishes throughout the Diocese inviting any past parishioners who have moved, to return for this Mass. Following the Mass, a catered hot supper will be served in John Therry Hall. **Please mark off this date in your diary now.** Such an event usually occurs only once in a lifetime and it promises to be a most wonderful evening, both spiritually and as a celebration of our Parish 'coming of age' so to speak, where, by God's Grace and Our Lady's intercession, all the planning, effort and arduous work of 25 years will come to fruition.

Thank you for the contributions that continue to be made. Stained Glass Windows: there are 4 windows in the Sacred Heart Chapel, 2 in the Marian Chapel and 7 in the Cupola available. If you have been thinking about contributing to the church but have not done so yet, please seriously think about doing so now. God is never outdone in generosity, and as we give to His Work, so we will receive back in ways beyond our imagination for truly, "the amount we give, is the amount we will be given back...and much more besides." Thank you.



The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2018 Calendars are now available from the Pious Good Store for \$9 each.

MATRIMONIUM SUMMER SCHOOL 21 – 25 January 2019, Hobart, Tasmania. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Hobart, the Matrimonium Summer School will offer a series of lectures from a well-qualified faculty, group discussions, field trips, prayer time and social occasions to create a unique experience of the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church's teaching on marriage and family. Archbishop Julian Porteous will take an active part in the Summer School to contribute his wisdom and passion for forming young people in the Church's vision for marriage and family. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.** Details and enquiries, ben.smith@aohtas.org.au or www.hobart.catholic.org.au or phone Ben Smith (03) 6208 6036.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL RETREAT 19 & 20 January 2019, 9am to 4.30pm. Centred on the Scripture "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord" (Zech 4:6). St Agatha's Parish School hall, Pennant Hills. \$50 per person for two days. Lunch and morning and afternoon teas provided. Hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services NSW. Registration Enquiries: CCR Centre Ph:9810 2499 or email: email@ccrnsw.org.au website: ccrnsw.org.au

PIETY STORE This will be the last weekend the piety store will be open. It will be closed to allow packing of goods for move to church. Please make any purchases you need this weekend. Thank you.

New Year Greetings

As we begin a new year I take this opportunity of thanking you for your support during 2018, and wish you every happiness and blessing for 2019. It has been a 'big' year, and 2019 will be likewise full, with our moving into our new church, as well as the refurbishment of the present building into a parish hall. No doubt it will have its own challenges and crosses, as well as its joys and blessings. Through them all may we continue to walk in faith, trust and hope with Our Lord and Our Lady Help of Christians, our unfailing help and guide on our earthly pilgrimage to eternal life.

Happy New Year!

Fr. Sarkis

*Your life is a gift from God.
What you do with it is your gift to Him.*