

SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7 February 2021

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

Father Christopher G. Sarkis, Parish Priest

Presbytery
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 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	
	30/31 JAN	6/7 FEB	30/31 JAN	6/7 FEB			30/31 JAN	6/7 FEB
VIGIL 6PM	M Peebles M Ward	L Fenech S Fonseca	K Duncan	S Fonseca			R D'Cunha	T Kurisunkal
8.30AM	V Smith A James	S Joseph A Fazio	Z Robinson	E Villarin			M Murphy	D Knight
10.00AM	A Mathews	M Matriano E Villarin	A Espiritu	T Kurisunkal			N Lee	B Peaker
CHOIR 10.00AM	GROUP	GROUP	READINGS					
CHURCH CLEANING	GROUP	GROUP	30/31 JANUARY Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28		6/7 FEBRUARY Job 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39			
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2								
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS					
Tuesday	The Presentation of the Lord		Parish (second Collection)		Clergy (first Collection)			
Wednesday	St Blaise, <i>bishop, martyr</i> St Ansgar, <i>bishop</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			
Friday	St Agatha, <i>virgin, martyr</i>							
Saturday	St Paul Miki and companions, <i>martyrs</i>							

SUNDAY MASS TIMES	WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
OLHC ROSEMEADOW	OLHC ROSEMEADOW
<u>MASS BOOKINGS STILL REQUIRED VIA PARISH WEBSITE</u>	
www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au	
Sat. Vigil: 6.00pm	Tuesday: 6.30pm
Sunday: 8.30am	Wednesday: 9.00am
Sunday: 10.00am	Thursday: 9.00am
<u>VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC</u>	Friday: 8.20am
Saturday: 4.00pm	1 st Saturday of the Month: 10.30am
<u>DEVOTIONS – SUSPENDED except for: -</u>	
1 st Friday:	Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon;
<u>CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH</u>	
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.	

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.

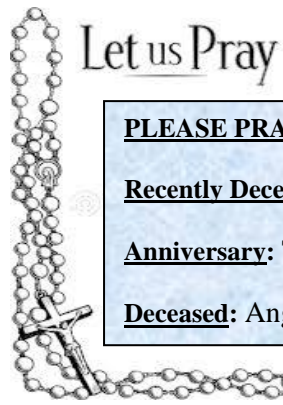
ENTRANCE Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

RESPONSE If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! The people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
 Alleluia!

COMMUNION Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
 available in the foyer



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Archbishop Philip Wilson;

Anniversary: Thelma & Lesley Hobson; Guido Abellana;

Deceased: Angelina Mahoney; Oreste & Gaetana Meli;

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

PLEASE NOTE 1 There will be NO Exposition or Benediction this First Friday 5th and First Saturday 6th February.

PLEASE NOTE 2 Father Sarkis will be away from 2nd to 12th February. The Priests for the Order of St. Paul from Berrima will be celebrating the Masses during this time.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) 2021 This Sacrament will be celebrated on **Thursday 25th March from 4.15pm**. It is available to all children who are in Year 3 or above and have been baptised. If you wish your child to make this Sacrament with the option of receiving their First Holy Communion later in the year and have not already enrolled online, you **MUST** attend the first lesson for this programme on **Saturday 20th February 2021 commencing at 4.15pm**. Children will participate in lessons in the St. Joachim Parish Hall. There will be **no parent**

talks this year. This is the last opportunity for you to enrol for 2021. The programme fee of \$25 is also payable at the first lesson.

NOTE: If you are enrolling at the first lesson, please arrive at **3.45pm to the Parish Hall before the lesson** to complete the paperwork. You will need a **copy of your child's birth and baptism certificate** to attach to the enrolment form. Thank you.

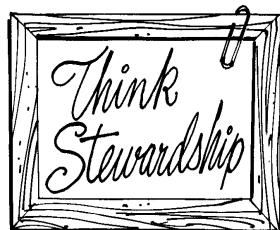
SACRAMENTS 2021 There will be **NO ENROLMENT EVENING for 2021**. Instead the enrolment forms and dates for all sacraments – Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation – have been uploaded to the Parish website. Please download, print and complete the form, and bring it to the first lesson 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.olhdow.catholic.edu.au

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

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

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.*



Moses told the people, "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

CATECHIST TRAINING 2021 Have you ever wanted to know more about being a Catechist or are you starting in the ministry? Level 1 Catechist Training will be commencing at Campbelltown Catholic Club on Monday 8 February, 9:30am - 1pm. Bookings are essential. Contact cindy.oliver@dow.org.au

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 This week the Government announced a relaxation of directives. Gatherings of people for Religious Services will be according to the "1 person per 4 square meter rule" without any cap on numbers. This means that we can once again have up to 220 people in our church. The **1.5-meter social distancing between people must still be maintained and IT IS STILL MANDATORY TO WEAR A FACE MASK IN CHURCHES and 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 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 220 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 MUST 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.

Always give without remembering,
and always receive without forgetting.

- Brian Tracy