

**SUNDAY READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH**  
 Second Sunday of ADVENT  
 10 December 2017

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First Sunday of ADVENT  
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MASS TIME	READERS		MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIOUS GOODS STALL	
	2/3 DEC	9/10 DEC	2/3 DEC	9/10 DEC	2/3 DEC	9/10 DEC
<b>VIGIL 6.00PM</b>	F Bugeja K Duncan	M Baert D Baert	F Bugeja	R Turner	J Webster	M De Roo
<b>8.30AM</b>	C Meharg S Magua	B Buchanan K Dillon	D Pottier	B Buchanan	A Landrigan	A Landrigan
<b>10.00AM</b>	A Jachimczak D Peaker	M Lee G Lobo	A Jachimczak	L Albulario	V Lo Cascio	M Bianco
<b>CHOIR 10.00AM</b>	<b>GROUP 2</b>	<b>GROUP 1</b>	<b>READINGS</b>			
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>	<b>GROUP 6</b>	<b>GROUP 7</b>				
<b>CHURCH FLOWERS</b>	ADVENT No Flowers	ADVENT No Flowers	<b>2/3 DECEMBER</b> Isaiah 63:16-17 64:1, 3-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37	<b>9/10 DECEMBER</b> Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8		
<b>OUR LADY'S STATUE NO: 1 STATUE NO: 2</b>	R Sto Domingo	-	<b>FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK</b>			
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b>	D Mason	G Jancz	<b>Thursday</b> St Ambrose, <i>bishop, doctor</i> <b>Friday</b> The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary			



# Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

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**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  
 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month: 10.30am

**ST. BEDE'S APPIN**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month 5pm

**DEVOTIONS**

Wednesday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am – 8.55am before Mass.  
 Thursday: Rosary following Mass (*Rosemeadow*).

1<sup>st</sup> Friday: Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon;  
 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: Mass 10.30am  
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 3pm.

**CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH**

Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm  
 Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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.

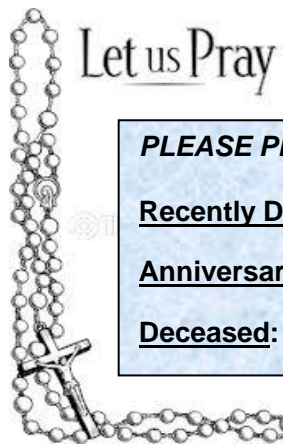
**ENTRANCE** To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**RESPONSE** Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK**  
 Massive week ahead for Sydney Catholics



**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Recently Deceased:** Anne Sullivan;

**Anniversaries:** Michael Botterill; Sheila Stanley;

**Deceased:** Ronald & Therese Bartholomeusz; Therese Wales;

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

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PRIESTHOOD?** Are you wanting to commit your life to Jesus Christ and serve God's people? Priesthood is a fulfilling and challenging way of life. To know more contact your Parish Priest or Fr. Duane Fernandez on [priesthood@dow.org.au](mailto:priesthood@dow.org.au) or 0414 626 357, or visit <http://dow.org.au/priesthood>

**NEW BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG** On Thursday 30 November, it was announced that Pope Francis had appointed Father Brian Mascord, current Vicar General of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and Parish Priest of MacKillop Parish, as the new Bishop of Wollongong. It is expected that Bishop-elect Mascord will be ordained bishop of Wollongong in the next three months. Further details will be communicated as they come to hand. Let us pray for Bishop-elect Mascord as he undertakes this new role as the chief shepherd of our diocese that he will be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.



**INVITATION – VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS SUPPER** as always, throughout the year a great number of parishioners have given generously of their time and talents in a voluntary capacity, to help in various ways. Giving freely of their time, and usually, quietly in the background, without their help the Parish could not function. As this will be the one Christmas function for all groups, I very warmly invite **ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS** who have assisted in any way during the past year to an Evening Supper Tea on **Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. I

look forward to the company of all of you on that evening. **For catering purposes, it is ESSENTIAL that you ring the Parish Office to LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING BY THIS TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER. Thank you.**

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER** The new Altar Servers roster is now available in the sacristy for collection after Mass. They are in alphabetical order with your name written on the top. Please ensure that you take the one with YOUR name on the top please.

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

**NEW CHURCH** thank you to all who continue to give generously to our new church. As Our Lord said, "The amount you give out is the amount you will be given back." There are still many items of all prices still needed, as well as stained glass windows. General donations of any amount may be given as a contribution to any of the larger items listed as well as for general purposes relating to the new church and its furnishings. **Please Note:** Please go to our parish website to see what items are still available. While the list in the church is correct for the items needed, it is out of date regarding which items have been donated and to save paper we are not reprinting them. Alternatively, just call the parish office. A new, updated stained glass window list is available at the table. Thank you.

**NOTE:** The Italian firm manufacturing the windows have sent a sample of what they will look like. It is hanging near the side door behind the Crib. Also on the table is a sample picture of some of the windows as they will appear. **PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH THE HANGING STAINED GLASS SAMPLE. THANK YOU.**



**We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and consciously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.**

**THANK YOU** Fr Chris and Parishioners of OLHC, I am taking this opportunity to say thanks to everyone of you especially those who attended my Ordination and first Mass. Thank you very much for your support and words of encouragement. Please continue to pray for me as I start my journey as a priest.

Kind Regards, Victor Vincent

**MONEY COUNTERS** We are in need of more volunteers for the weekly collections. Counting occurs on a Tuesday morning from 9am and usually takes a couple of hours. Training will be provided. If you are interested please call the parish office and leave your name and phone number. Thank you.

**FRENCH MASS** will be celebrated at St. Johns, Campbelltown next Sunday 10 December at 6pm.

**ADVENT / CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BOOKS** are now available at the Pious Goods Stall. They contain reflections for each day of Advent. \$4 each.

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL MASS** 6:30pm Saturday 9 December, The Domain, Sydney. The biggest Catholic youth event in this country since World Youth Day in 2008 is fast approaching. The Australian Catholic Youth Festival will finish with a Mass for all participants in The Domain in Sydney. An invitation has also been extended to all surround diocese to attend. There is no age restriction on the final Mass, and it is hoped that as many faithful as possible will attend this truly spectacular celebration of our Catholic Faith. For more information go to: [www.acyf.org.au](http://www.acyf.org.au)

**CATHOLICCARE** Foster Care Program is urgently looking for two separate forever homes. Jenna\*, 13, is an outgoing girl who plays netball and enjoys bike riding. She has a mild disability and attends a support unit in a mainstream school. Alice\*, 7, is a happy and social girl who loves learning. Both girls need homes with no other children. If you or someone you know could provide a loving home for Jenna\* or Alice\*, please call 4227 1122 or email [enquiries@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:enquiries@catholiccare.dow.org.au) \*Not their real names.

**THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE** is a 7 day, 110 km Catholic pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains which coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany in early January. The pilgrimage begins at Our Lady of the Way Parish in Emu Plains on 2 January 2018 and finishes at the Chapel of the Magi at the top of the mountains in Bell on 8 January 2018. Throughout the journey pilgrims walk through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland and engage in daily Mass and Adoration at each of the six parishes along the route. For further information and to register see [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org) or for general information and current news see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR PIOUS GOODS STALL** we require 1 volunteer for the 8.30am Mass. You would only be required to open the stall after Mass for approximately 15 minutes. So if you are able to assist in this valuable ministry please contact the parish office. Thank you

**FORGET ME NOT GROUP 2018** The Forget-Me-Not Group is starting up again in time for Christmas. You may be interested in being a part of this friendship group. Details of how it works are on the form at the front noticeboard. If you wish to join please fill out a form and place it in the box by Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, so new friends can be allocated by Christmas. Thank you, the FMNG Co-ordinators



**GETTING TO KNOW YOU GROUP** reminder our Christmas gathering is on **14<sup>th</sup> December** beginning at **12 noon**. Don't forget your gift for the pressie table and your share of festive food. Thanks girls



**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER** is ready for collection, if you are a member of this ministry please collect your new roster from the front notice board. Thank you



*"In the twilight of life,  
God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human success,  
but rather on how much we have loved."  
St John of the Cross*