

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

*Pentecost Sunday  
19 May 2024*

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*The ASCENSION Of The LORD  
Year B*

*Our Lady Help of Christians Parish  
Rosemeadow*

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**Tuesday – Thursday 9.00am - 4.00pm (closed 1.00 – 1.30pm)  
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**Parish APP**

 <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/olhc-rosemeadowparish/id1582260739?platform=iphone>

 <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=app.church>

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DATE	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIETY STORE		AUDIO VISUAL	
	11/12 May	18/19 May	11/12 May	18/19 May	11/12 May	18/19 May	11/12 May	18/19 May
<b>VIGIL 6PM</b>	L Fenech D Pottier	J Webster A Pottage	D Baert	J Webster	A Rojo	J Webster	R D'Cunha	T Kurisunkal
<b>8.30AM</b>	S Joseph M Chan	G Harmour B Buchanan	Z Robinson	G Harmour	C Vujanovic	M Mourin	J Scattergood	M Murphy
<b>10.00AM</b>	A Jachimczak D Tamayor	M David S Issac	W Monsalve	T Kurisunkal	D Peaker	S Issac & M David	B Peaker	N Lee
<b>CHOIR 10.00AM</b>	<b>Group 2</b>	<b>Group 1</b>	<b>READINGS</b>					
			<b>11/12 May 2024</b>		<b>18/19 May 2024</b>			
			Acts 1:1-11		Acts 2:1-11			
			Ephesians 1:17-23		Galatians 5:16-25			
			Gospel: Mark 16:15-20		Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:12-15			
<b>OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2</b>								
<b>FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK</b>			<b>DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS</b>					
Tuesday – St Mathias			Parish (second Collection)		Clergy (first Collection)			
			<b>BSB :</b> 066 711	<b>BSB :</b> 066 711				
			<b>Acc No:</b> 002395	<b>Acc No:</b> 002026				
			<b>Acc Name:</b> Parish Church	<b>Acc Name:</b> Parish Presbytery				
			<b>Reference:</b> Family Name	<b>Reference:</b> Family Name				

<b>SUNDAY MASS TIMES OLHC ROSEMEADOW</b>	<b>WEEKDAY MASS TIMES OLHC ROSEMEADOW</b>
Sat. Vigil: 6.00pm	Tuesday: 6.30pm
Sunday: 8.30am	Wednesday: 9.00am
Sunday: 10.00am	Thursday: 9.00am
	Friday: 8.20am
<b><u>VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC</u></b>	
Saturday: 4.00pm	
<b><u>DEVOTIONS:</u></b> <i>All in the Church</i>	
<b>Last Tuesday:</b>	Men's Rosary - 7pm
<b>Every Wednesday:</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am – 8.55am before Mass.
<b>1st Friday:</b>	Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon;
<b><u>CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH</u></b>	
Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm	
<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** Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

**RESPONSE** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION** Behold, I am with always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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

## Let us Pray

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Anniversary:** Romulo & Higinia Matriano; Carlos Ramos; Rey Matriano;

**Deceased:** Reynaldo Monteclar; Therese Wales; Mary Brechney; Oreste & Gaetana Meli;

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PRIESTHOOD** We are called to live in accord with the calling we have received, whether as priest, religious, married or single; encouraging one another by the example of our lives. (Eph. 4:1). If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

**LIVESTREAM MASS** Tuesday 6.30 pm weekday Mass. Access it from the Parish Website or Parish App or the Parish YouTube channel at: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIQhkeubtYCBu\\_elfcglmaw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIQhkeubtYCBu_elfcglmaw)

**HOLY COMMUNION** Please remember that when receiving Holy Communion, you must consume the Sacred Host immediately while facing the Altar, and NOT while walking way or returning to your seat. Thank you.



**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS FEAST DAY** Once again we celebrate our **Parish Feast Day on FRIDAY 24 May**. Mass will be celebrated at **7.00pm**. It will be followed by a chicken and champagne supper in the Martha Room.

**NOVENA**. As usual we will pray our nine (9) day novena to Our Lady Help of Christians, **commencing Thursday 16 May**, for our Parish and our own personal intentions. The Novena and the prayer cards to write your intentions are at the Notice Board. Place your intentions in the box in front of Our Lady's statue in the Marian Chapel and they will be offered up during the Feast Day Mass.

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER** The new roster is now available. Please collect a copy from the Sacristy.

**NEW ROSTERS** the new rosters for volunteers in **Reading, Extraordinary of Holy Communion, Choir Members, Piety Store, Church Audio, Church Open/Close and Counters** are ready for collection, if you are a member any of this ministries, please collect your new roster from the front notice board. Thank you.

**OLHC YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT CHOIR** St Augustine said "to sing is to pray twice". Dear youth/ young adults, you are warmly invited to join the new Youth Choir at OLHC Parish. Come and share your talents, whether it be an instrument or your voice, a beginner or a seasoned musician, all are welcome. Together, led by a great team, let's raise our community in praise and worship. For any questions or to register please contact Chris or Candice on +61 431 861 472. We look forward to hearing from you,

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT 2025** Applications for Kinder 2025 can now be located on our school website at: <https://olhcdow.catholic.edu.au/enrol/> You will be contacted for an interview with Fr Sarkis and Mrs Webb early next term. Please let family and friends know that **enrolment applications are now open and are due by Thursday 11th April 2024**. Children need to turn five (5) by July of the year that they will commence school.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** New sets of envelopes are now available for the new financial year to be collected from the church foyer. **PLEASE NOTE** the Parish requires you to **DESTROY** old envelopes and **ONLY** use new envelopes that have been allocated to you commencing week ending 7 July 2024. Please do not be alarmed if some of you find you have a different number; we do this when we place a new order and clean up database.

**PARISH OFFICE** The parish office manager, Mrs Wolczak, will be taking some annual leave this week from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May and return on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. If the parish office is closed or unattended, please leave a message, or send email and I will return to you as soon as possible. 😊 Thank you.

**CUPPA AFTER MASS**. Take the opportunity to meet fellow parishioners over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit after the 10am Mass all are welcome. We are also looking for more volunteers so please contact Ryan on 0412 939 705 if you are interested (would be no more than one morning per month). Thank you.



*Jesus ascended into Heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit, especially in Confirmation, are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of other earth - to use our time and talents to spread the Good News of salvation.*



**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION** We will be hosting the Corpus Christi Procession for the Macarthur region on **SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2024 at 2.30pm**. Please make every effort to participate in this important liturgical event when we give visible witness to our Catholic belief in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Parish Children** who made their First Holy Communion in 2023 are invited to lead the Corpus Christi Procession, as Flower Strewers (girls) and Escorts (boys). It is a great privilege for your child to have this opportunity offered to them in their life and one that they will reflect on as an adult. **Children will wear their First Communion Clothes** (girls will not wear veils but can have white ribbons or flowers in their hair) **or their school uniform. You must be present for the practice on FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> May, from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the Church.** Please write your child's name and phone number on the sheet of paper at **FRONT NOTICE BOARD**.

**ROSE AND FLOWER PETALS** are needed for our Corpus Christi Procession for the flower strewers. Please bring them to the Church on the weekend of the 25/26 May. Thank you.

**ALTAR SERVERS** *If you can serve at this special liturgy, please let me know. Fr Sarkis.*

**CORPUS CHRISTI- YOUNG ADULTS – 18-35years** This year the Parish will be trying a new initiative of offering young adults a **Retreat Morning** on the day. It will involve catechesis on the history and Church teaching about the Holy Eucharist and the Real Presence of Jesus. There will also be a social aspect of bringing together young adult Catholics to celebrate their faith and belief. **Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Commencing at 10.00am the day will conclude with the Corpus Christi Procession at 2.30pm.** For catering purposes please register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CRSFQ> Enquiries, phone Elise on 0449 991 716.

**CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND** | Fri 17 – Sun 19 May, Guntawang-Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility, Oakdale. For families of every age, couples with or without children, single parents with their children, grandparents. Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family. Enquiries: Jude Hennessy 02 4222 2407 or [jude.hennessy@dow.org.au](mailto:jude.hennessy@dow.org.au) or [Info - CCFCWeekend](http://Info-CCFCWeekend)

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Weekend 28-30 June 2024 at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. An opportunity to learn to become the best version of yourselves and live your best life in love! Book at: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Christine & Terry Mahony, 0490 774 419 or [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au)

**CATHOLICCARE** We need foster carers who provide love, care, and support for children. Carers receive comprehensive support from the Fostering Futures team to ensure they have a full range of resources and help needed. Information call 0418 783 956 or email [fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

**THE CHOSEN** Free to view TV series about Jesus, now in its third season, that beautifully and creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. Go to: [watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen](http://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen) or get the free app on your phone / laptop via *The Chosen app (download), or for your Smart TV.*

**FAITH CIRCLES** is a free weekly resource to help individuals but mainly small groups to come together in Parishes. It assists the development of faith and community, and is available for free to download. It is easy to use with simple questions and prayer points. Download at [www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/](http://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/) or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.

**menALIVE** reFUEL is a weekly hour-long gathering of men every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm on Zoom providing the chance to catch up with great men from across Australia and New Zealand, gain strength and inspiration by the witness of other men and pray together. Join at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468>

**FREE CATHOLIC PODCASTS** *Bible in a Year* with Fr. Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins. At: [www.ascensionpress.com/biy](http://www.ascensionpress.com/biy) *Catechism in a Year* at [www.ascensionpress.com/ciy](http://www.ascensionpress.com/ciy) Highly recommended.

## Happy Mothers Day

May God who sent His Son "born of a woman" bless all mothers today for their unique and irreplaceable gift of maternal love, which gently yet powerfully forms and guides the life of their children. For the many, and often unknown, sacrifices you make, may you be filled with His peace, and the love and gratitude of your children. And may those mothers who have gone before us to their eternal reward, now rest in the company of Our Lady, the Heavenly Mother of us all.