

**SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
St MARY OF THE CROSS
8 August 2021**

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*18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIOUS GOODS STALL		AUDIO VISUAL	
DATE							
VIGIL 6PM							
8.30AM							
10.00AM							
CHOIR 10.00AM			READINGS				
			31 JULY/1 AUGUST Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 John 6:24-35		7/8 AUGUST (Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop) 1 Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:30-52 John 6:41-51		
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2							
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS				
Tuesday	St Doninic		Parish (second Collection)		Clergy (first Collection)		
Wednesday	St John Vianney						
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	Acc No:	002395		Acc No:	002026		
	Acc Name:	Parish Church		Acc Name:	Parish Presbytery		
	Reference:	Family Name		Reference:	Family Name		

SUNDAY MASS TIMES OLHC ROSEMEADOW	WEEKDAY MASS TIMES 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 1st 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.

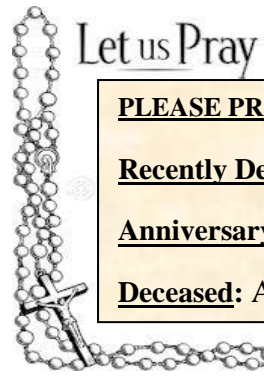
ENTRANCE O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

RESPONSE The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

COMMUNION You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY
Currently **UNAVAILABLE**



Let us Pray

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Malcolm Macfarlane ;

Anniversary: Annamma Valkey; Patricia Reilly;

Deceased: Alejandro Abellano; Alexander Castanres;

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

COVID UPDATE Yesterday the Premier announced that the current lockdown for the Greater Sydney Area, Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Wollongong and Shellharbour, will be extended for a further four weeks until midnight Saturday 28 August 2021. She also announced that a further three local government areas (LGA) are now added to the current list, namely, Parramatta, Campbelltown, and Georges River. While some restrictions were eased for other areas, all current restrictions including stay-at-home orders and travelling no further than 10 kilometers from one's home, remain in place for all these LGA's.

Unfortunately, this means that remedial work on the church cupola still cannot be completed, and current arrangements for the operation of the Parish Office will continue, as well as for staff as explained in my previous email to you. The Parish Office will remain closed during this time and Mrs. Meshline Wolczak will work from home via a secure laptop computer and will come to the office when necessary. You may still contact the parish office by telephone or email, and we will attend to your requests as soon as we can. Please be understanding and patient during this difficult time. Unfortunately, I am also unable to reinstate Mrs. Vicki Lo Cascio, the parish administrative assistant, and Mrs. Michelle Gardiner, the parish office, presbytery, and church cleaner, until current restrictions are lifted, and parish finances return to normal.

I take this opportunity to reiterate the critical and fundamental need for parish income via the Planned Giving contributions to continue. Without this regular and ongoing income, the parish's ability to operate is severely impacted as is obvious from the difficult decision I have had to make. This is why I have been encouraging as many parishioners as possible to transition from envelopes to Direct Debit Giving. If you wish to do so, email the parish office, or ring and leave a message and we will contact you to arrange this. Thank you. Otherwise, please drop your planned giving envelopes into the secure letter box at the parish office, or at the fence box if the gates are closed. *I want to thank those parishioners who have continued to drop their envelopes into the secure letter box during the current lockdown period and ask others to please do the same. I also thank those who have made donations to the Parish.* Please don't forget the first collection either- I still have to live even in the lockdown! Again, thank you.

MASSES. I will continue to livestream the **SATURDAY 6 PM VIGIL MASS AND TUESDAY 6.30 PM weekday Mass.** The direct link to the parish YouTube channel is: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIQhkeubtYCBu_elfcglmaw or by accessing it from the Parish Website. Please pass this information on to any other parishioner you are in contact with.

FUNERALS are still permitted but with a cap of 10 people attending, excluding the Priest and funeral directors.

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS are all suspended until current restrictions are lifted.

I will continue to keep in contact by email and the Parish Website as further changes and updates occur. Please let other parishioners know that this information has been received by you via email, and if they have not registered their own email address with the parish office, to please do so by sending an email to us with their details. They will then be able to receive these updates. All updates are also accessible via the parish bulletin which is uploaded every week to the Parish Website.

My brothers and sisters, I want to say how much I feel for you at this sad time, especially as we are prevented from gathering in our spiritual home of the Parish Church to celebrate Holy Mass and to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion. Not only in the Masses that I livestream and in which you can participate spiritually, I want you to know that in my private Mass every other day, and in my daily prayers, I remember you and your families during this most difficult and testing time. Please remember me in your prayers also. May our Good God look kindly and mercifully upon us that the viral situation will be brought rapidly under control, and the isolation and terrible consequences of the lockdown, especially upon individuals and families will end. And may our heavenly Patroness, Our Lady Help of Christians, and great St. Joseph, pray for us.



The crowd in today's Gospel demanded a sign from Jesus. May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a fresh, spiritual way of thinking in Christ.

EUTHANASIA BILL PETITION The architect of NSW's terrible abortion laws, Independent MP Alex Greenwich, has released a bill that would introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide in this state. The community is currently accepting significant restrictions on our personal autonomy to protect those most at risk. Many are unable to visit elderly parents at home, in hospital or in aged care facilities. Our sick and elderly are already experiencing increased isolation, small business owners are struggling, and many have reduced working hours: a pro-suicide message is not what they need to hear. To help stop this pro-death agenda, please take two important steps. First, please sign a petition to Premier Gladys Berejiklian, asking her to reject euthanasia and assisted suicide, and instead focus on repairing the social and economic cost of this latest outbreak.

First, Please Sign the petition at https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2107_nsw_cas

Second, please email your NSW State Member of Parliament and ask them to oppose the introduction of these dangerous state sanctioned murder laws.

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS This has had to be postponed because of the ongoing covid restrictions. Alternative dates will be arranged when restrictions are lifted.

HUME DEANERY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING This has had to be postponed because of the ongoing covid restrictions. Alternative dates will be arranged when restrictions are lifted.

ACBC MEN'S GATHERING This has had to be postponed because of the ongoing covid restrictions. Alternative dates will be arranged when restrictions are lifted.

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION Growing knowledge, understanding and skills, enabling you to offer effective pastoral and spiritual care. A blend of both online and face to face sessions on two consecutive days per month from 7 September 2021 to 24 May 2022. Contact Carmen Karauda 0419 430 676 or ckarauda@gmail.com for information and application form by 20 August 2021

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St John Vianney Co- Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on **SUNDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2021** at 2pm, please contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au by Friday 2 August.

ONLINE HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS CYMW & NET are hosting online Adoration every Thursday from 4-5pm. Join our Holy Hour through Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/cymdow/> or watch via Instagram @net.wollongong – everyone is welcome!

ONLINE YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY Hosted by CYMW for all young adults aged 17-35. Every Tuesday night. 7 to 8pm. Check out @cymdow on Instagram or Facebook for more information or email youth@dow.org.au

ONLINE ALPHA Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong is holding an online youth alpha series for all young people aged 13 to 18 years old. Youth Alpha is a video series that tackles questions on faith, life, and God. From 7pm to 8pm each Friday starting soon. For more information and to register your interest, please visit <https://forms.gle/oXmRjx6QkNeydihs8>

THE CHOSEN is a new 'free to view', television program that creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality and is receiving acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen> to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop.

*The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist
is at the heart of the Church's life.*