

**SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
15 August 2021**

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*19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Solemnity of Saint Mary of The Cross Mackillop
Year B*

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

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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				
			7/8 AUGUST (Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop) 1 Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:30-52 John 6:41-51		14/15 AUGUST Apocalypse 11:19-19, 12:1-6, 10 1 Corinthians 15:20-26 Luke 1:39-56		
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2							
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK				DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS			
Tuesday St Lawrence				Parish (second Collection)	Clergy (first Collection)		
Wednesday St Clare				BSB : 066 711	BSB : 066 711		
				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.

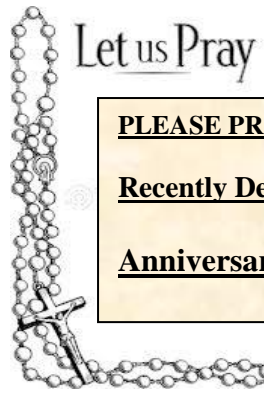
ENTRANCE Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick, and you visited me. Amen, I say to you; whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me.

RESPONSE Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

COMMUNION This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY
Currently **UNAVAILABLE**



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Fr. Peter Caruana; Sr. Barbara Hallam PBVM;

Anniversary: Sybil Dawson; Juan Monsalve; Nestor Carrasoo; Nora Miller;

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

TODAY we celebrate the feast day of St. Mary of the Cross. May she who walked the 'Way of the Cross', and our first Australian to be declared a Saint of the Holy Church, intercede for us at this time of trial and restrictions, that by God's grace we may be brought quickly through it so that once more, we may gather around our Crucified Lord whom she served so faithfully, in the Community of Faith. St Mary, pray for us.

COVID UPDATE The current lockdown for the local government areas (LGA) of Greater Sydney Area, Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Wollongong, Shellharbour, Parramatta, Campbelltown, and Georges River will continue until midnight Saturday 28 August 2021. All current restrictions including stay-at-home orders and travelling no further than 5 kilometers from one's home, remain in place for all these LGA's.

As previously, I 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.

MASSSES. 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 gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah - food, water, rest, and encouragement - were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?

FUNERAL DETAILS The funeral for Fr Peter Caruana will be held on Wednesday 11th August, at St Francis Xavier Cathedral commencing at 10.00am. Because of the current Covid-19 restrictions only ten people can attend which will be the members of Fr Peter's family. The funeral will be livestreamed via the livestream link which is: funeral.lumenchristi.org.au

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.



CONGRATULATIONS to Michael and Jacqueline Wales who celebrate the Diamond Anniversary (60 years) of their marriage this Wednesday 11 August. What a wonderful tribute to them both and their witness to 60 years of married love and fidelity. May the good God continue to bless you with happiness and grace. *Once we can gather again in the church, I will impart the special Anniversary Blessing to you both. Have a wonderful day! Fr. Sarkis*

Never is God nearer to us than when danger threatens.

Blessed Mary MacKillop

PRAYER TO ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP



God ever generous, you inspired St. Mary of the Cross to give her life in faithful service to the Gospel of Jesus, and to encourage those who were disheartened, lonely or needy, constantly bringing hope to all.

God ever faithful, giver and sustainer of life,
You know the depths of our pain as we journey
through this time of uncertainty and unknowing.

Hear our voices and the cry of our hearts.
Guide us through your divine grace
to the most life-giving ways open to us
as we reach out to you in faith and trust.

Great St. Joseph, man of courage and supreme faith,
you protected your beloved spouse, Mary, and your son Jesus,
the Incarnate Word of God,
when they were in danger.
Cradle us now safely in the same protecting embrace of your fatherly
arms.
With your help may we be a source of faith and hope
to all others at this time of need.

St. Mary of the Cross,
you faced difficult and uncertain times
with a heart filled with faith and trust in God.
Always believing in His presence guiding your life,
walk with us now in this difficult time,
and like you, may we be for others
examples of confident faith, hope and trust. Amen.

St. Mary of the Cross, pray for us
Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us
St. Joseph, pray for us.

(prayed during covid lockdown 2021)