

**SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**  
**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH**  
*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**22 August 2021**

Bulletin 15 August 2021

*The ASSUMPTION of the*  
**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
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*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				
			14/15 AUGUST Apocalypse 11:19-19, 12:1-6, 10 1 Corinthians 15:20-26 Luke 1:39-56		21/22 AUGUST Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 Ephesians 5:21-32 15:20-26 John 6:60-69		
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2							
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK				DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS			
Friday	St Bernard			Parish (second Collection)	Clergy (first Collection)		
				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**  
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**MASS BOOKINGS STILL REQUIRED VIA PARISH WEBSITE**

[www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au](http://www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au)

Sat. Vigil: 6.00pm  
 Sunday: 8.30am  
 Sunday: 10.00am

Tuesday: 6.30pm  
 Wednesday: 9.00am  
 Thursday: 9.00am  
 Friday: 8.20am

**VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC**

Saturday: 4.00pm

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

**DEVOTIONS – SUSPENDED except for: -**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday: Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon;

**CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH**

Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm

~~Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 11am – 12 noon~~

**MARRIAGES** by appointment

**BAPTISMS** (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

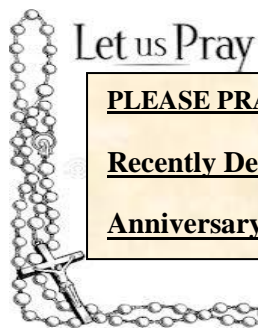
**ENTRANCE** A great sign appeared in heaven; a women clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

**RESPONSE** The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION** All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY**  
 Currently **UNAVAILABLE**



Let us Pray

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Recently Deceased:** Fr. Peter Caruana; Joyce Wharton;

**Anniversary:** William Webster;

**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](mailto:priesthood@dow.org.au)

**ASSUMPTION** Today we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, body, and soul, into heaven. May she who brought forth the Son of God in human flesh so that he might redeem the world, and who lived her life with hope and trust in God's Will even as she stood steadfastly at the foot of the Cross and watched her Son die for us, sustain, and encourage us in these troubled times to do likewise. May we be people of hope in a world that seems to be fast losing it; may we be beacons of Christ's love and joy to those who may be finding life lonely and difficult; and may we be witnesses of confident faith and trust in God who walks always with His Holy People in love.

**COVID UPDATE** The current lockdown for the affected local government areas (LGA) which includes Campbelltown LGA 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.

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. 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](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. If your email is not registered at the Parish Office, please inform us by sending us an email with your details and we will update your records. Please also pass on this information to other parishioners you may know who are not receiving parish emails so that we can update their information also. 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 together 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.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASSISTANCE** A reminder that if you require assistance, the hub is open and can assist with food and other services at 65 Woodhouse Drive, Ambarvale Tuesday & Thursday from 9.30am – 12.30pm or call Mr Dennis Baert to make an appointment 0473 100 599.



*Even though we are told that if we seek the Lord, we shall not want, St. Paul reminds us that, thus blessed by the Lord, the good steward should give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of Our Lord Jesus 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](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.

**ACBC Men's Gathering** In 2020, over 1500 men gathered around the country in hub spots for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference National Catholic Men's Gathering. Be inspired, encouraged, and renewed in faith with other men from around the Diocese. It's free. For more info and to register go to [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au) For the Macarthur Region, Rosemeadow Parish will be hosting the Gathering on a date to be determined in August / September post COVID19 restrictions. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.** Key Contact: Eddie Ferry 0417 049 418 or [eferry@westnet.com.au](mailto:eferry@westnet.com.au) – with Ryan Soares, Andy Adina and Ian Boorman

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**POSITION VACANT Parish Secretary-** Saint Michael Parish, Thirroul. Part-time position commencing 24 August, Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Fridays, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Some negotiation of times and days is possible. Requires proven skills in computerised bookkeeping procedures, database entry, Microsoft Office (*Word, Excel and PowerPoint*), website administration and general secretarial duties. Applications, including a detailed *curriculum vitae*, are to be sent by email to the Parish Office [thirroul@dow.org.au](mailto:thirroul@dow.org.au) by 5:00pm, Monday, 16 August.

**POSITION VACANT Pulse** 94.1fm - Business Development and Community Engagement Officer, Full Time - Illawarra/ Shoalhaven. Enquiries, contact Prue Vasiliou 4228 8941 or [support@pulse941.com.au](mailto:support@pulse941.com.au)

**THE JOURNEY Diocese** of Wollongong Weekly Podcast- 15 August 2021. This week, Mother Hilda says God whispers in our ear every morning as we wake, "have a nice day!" Plus, more inspiring reflections and great music. To listen to the podcast, go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)

*The moon illuminates the night when the sun has set  
and before the next sunrise;  
Mary, too, often illuminates those who are in the night of faith  
and being tested...if they invoke her.*

Fr Raniero Cantalamessa