

**SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
29 August 2021**

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*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B*

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

Father Christopher G. Sarkis, Parish Priest

Presbytery
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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				
			21/22 AUGUST Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 Ephesians 5:21-32 15:20-26 John 6:60-69		28/29 AUGUST Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23		
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2							
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK				DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS			
Tuesday	St Bartholomew		Parish (second Collection)		Clergy (first Collection)		
Friday	St Monica		BSB :	066 711	BSB :	066 711	
Saturday	St Augustine		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 Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me; O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

RESPONSE Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

COMMUNION The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY
Currently **UNAVAILABLE**

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Gabriel Penna; Joseph Vassallo;

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 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. Unfortunately, it is not looking promising at the moment for it to be lifted even then. Sadly, I am beginning to plan for lockdown to continue for some time should this be the case.

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 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.



In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

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.

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 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 – 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 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.

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

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.

Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church."

(Catechism #2177; Canon Law 1246 §1)