

**SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**  
**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH**  
 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Year B

# Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

Father Christopher G. Sarkis, Parish Priest

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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				
			11/12 September Isaiah 50:5-9 James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35		18/19 September Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 James 3:16-43 Mark 9:30-37		
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2							
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK				DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS			
Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday- Thursday-	St John The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Our Lady of Sorrows Sts Cornelius		Parish (second Collection)		Clergy (first Collection)		
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		Acc Name:	Parish Church	Acc Name:	Parish Presbytery		
		Reference:	Family Name	Reference:	Family Name		

SUNDAY MASS TIMES OLHC ROSEMEADOW	WEEKDAY MASS TIMES OLHC ROSEMEADOW
<b>MASS BOOKINGS STILL REQUIRED VIA PARISH WEBSITE</b> <a href="http://www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au">www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au</a>	
Sat. Vigil: 6.00pm Sunday: 8.30am Sunday: 10.00am <b>VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC</b> Saturday: 4.00pm	Tuesday: 6.30pm Wednesday: 9.00am Thursday: 9.00am Friday: 8.20am 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month: 10.30am
<b>DEVOTIONS – SUSPENDED except for: -</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Friday: Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon;	
<b>CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH</b> Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm <del>Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 11am – 12 noon</del>	
<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** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**RESPONSE** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION** How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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

## Let us Pray

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Anniversary:** Maria Che; Joseph Hoc;

**Deceased:** William Wales; Alex Russell; Kai Simonsen; Apolinario Abellana; Gonzalo Abellana; Alijandro Abellana; Guido Abellana; Colin Ryan, Dawn Thomas;

**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)

**COVID UPDATE** The current lockdown for the affected local government areas (LGA) which includes Campbelltown LGA will now continue until the end of September 2021. All current restrictions including stay-at-home orders and travelling no further than 5 kilometers from one's home, remain in place. The Premier has indicated that as the number of vaccinated people increase, greater freedom of movement will be allowed for those who have been fully vaccinated. It is my prayer and hope that this will include the ability for at least limited numbers to attend Mass again. Let us pray that this will be the case.

**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.

**ROSARY** via Zoom from Fr. Sarkis' private chapel in the Presbytery each Thursday at 7pm. Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android at <https://dowcatholic.zoom.us/j/64552343492> or use the QR code at the right.



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

**WEDDINGS** Small weddings are now possible with up to 5 guests. Contact Fr. Sarkis through the Parish Office for these.

**BAPTISMS** are all suspended until current restrictions are lifted.

I continue 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. 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.

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, let us continue to pray for each other to be strengthened in faith and hope during these testing times. I especially pray for you all in my daily Mass and prayers; please pray for me 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. May our Patroness, Our Lady Help of Christians, and great St. Joseph, pray for us.

**PARISH OFFICE** Unfortunately, the Parish Office must still remain closed during this time and Mrs. Meshline Wolczak will work from home 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.

**CUPOLA REPAIRS** Last week I had discussions with the Insurance people about the internal repairs and it is hoped that these will start this week and take approximately 3 weeks to complete. God willing, they will be finished by the time lockdown hopefully ends.



*In the second reading today, St. James has some harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having faith that does nothing in practise.*



**SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021** This Sacrament will be celebrated on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2021**. It is available to all children in Year 3 or above who have been baptised and have received the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). If you wish your child to make this Sacrament and have not already enrolled online, then you **MUST** attend the first lesson for this programme on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2021 commencing at 4.15p.m.** **You must bring a copy of your child's Baptism and Birth certificate with you to attach to the enrolment form.** Children will participate in lessons in the St. Joachim Parish Hall. There will be **no parent talks this year** due to covid restrictions on gatherings. This is the last opportunity for you to enrol for 2021. **NOTE:** If you

will be enrolling at the first lesson, then please arrive at **3.45pm to the Parish Hall before the lesson** to complete the paperwork. The program fee of \$25 is also payable at the first lesson. Thank you.

**PLEASE NOTE: These arrangements are conditional depending on the situation at the time and what restrictions may apply then.**

**PARISH APP** Through the kind services of Kirk Duncan, "The Apps Man", he and his team has been working on building a "Parish App" which he is donating to the Parish. It will work on both Android and Apple devices and presently is in the testing stage. We are hoping it will be officially launched in the App Stores of both Android and Apple in a couple of weeks. This will be a wonderful addition to our Parish as we strive to continue to reach more and more people with the Gospel Message of Salvation of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, using modern technologies. It will be linked to our Parish Website and will automatically be updated as and when we update the website, which means that parishioners and anyone else can keep in touch and up to date from wherever they are using their mobile phone or device. I sincerely thank Kirk for his kindness and expertise. *PS. I have been 'playing' with it during the test period, and even I can use it- so it must be user friendly for anyone else to also use it!!!*

**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 and many are suffering isolation; a pro-suicide message is not what they need to hear now or ever. To help stop this pro-death agenda, please do two things. First, please sign a petition to Premier Gladys Berejiklian, asking her to reject euthanasia and assisted suicide. **Please sign the petition at [https://www.noethanasia.org.au/petition\\_2107\\_nsw\\_cas](https://www.noethanasia.org.au/petition_2107_nsw_cas)** Second, **please email your NSW State Member of Parliament and ask them to oppose these dangerous state sanctioned murder laws.**

**MEN'S KICKSTART PROGRAM** *Monday Nights 13, 20, 27 September and 4 October.* Facilitated by menALIVE for the Diocese of Wollongong, these **ONLINE SESSIONS** will replace the planned hubs for the National Catholic Men's Gathering (NCMG). Held from 7.30pm to 8.30pm, sessions are short and sharp and a great way for men in lockdown to come together to engage with the theme *'Brothers What must we Do'*. Hosted by Robert Falzon and Jude Hennessy with some excellent keynotes including: *Man of God* (Tomasz Juszczak); *Man of Service* (Tim Davis); *Man of Character* (Shayne Bennett); *Missioning and Sending* (Archbishop Julian Porteous). To register go to <https://www.dow.org.au/events/ancmgkickstart>

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS** *Sunday 19 September at 12.30pm.* This celebration for those marking 25, 40, 50, 60, or over 60 years of marriage in 2020-21, **will now be livestreamed**, with no attendance possible due to COVID restrictions. All those who had registered will, in coming days, be invited to be part of an online Mass with Bishop Brian, who will celebrate Mass from the Cathedral, offering a blessing for each of the 40 couples who have registered. Each couple will be sent a letter and commemoration certificate by Bishop Brian.

**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.

*"So sublime is the dignity of the human soul that from its birth there is appointed to each one a Guardian Angel."*

St Jerome