

**SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10th October 2021**

	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	PIOUS GOODS STALL	AUDIO VISUAL
DATE				
VIGIL 6PM				
8.30AM				
10.00AM				
CHOIR 10.00AM		READINGS 2/3 October Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16 9/10 October Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16		
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2				
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK		DONATIONS		
Monday - St Francis of Assisi	PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS			
Thursday - Our Lady of the Rosary	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 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 1 st 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.	

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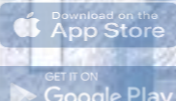
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Office Hours
Tuesday – Thursday 9.00am – 4.00pm (closed 12.45pm -1.15pm)
Friday 9.00am – 2.30pm

Parish Office Manager (Tuesday – Thursday) Mrs. Meshline Wolczak
Administrative Assistant (Friday) Mrs. Vicki Lo Cascio

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Parish APP

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/olhc-rosemeadowparish/id1582260739/?platform=iphone>
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=app.church>

OLHC Parish Primary School: Principal: Mrs Jane Webb Phone: 4626 5655 Fax: 4626 7227

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 Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, that heaven and earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

RESPONSE May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

COMMUNION The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY
Currently **UNAVAILABLE**

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Noel Laming; Wieslaw Rzepecki; Carmel Mumford; Tom Charnock;

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

HOLY ROSARY October is the month of the Holy Rosary. If you are not already doing so, why not pray the Rosary, or at least a decade each day. Even better would be to pray the Rosary together as a family each day. Imagine the blessings and graces that would flow from Our Blessed Mother upon those who pray her special prayer every day.

COVID UPDATE The Premier announced that once we reach 70% of people with double vaccination, many of the current restrictions will be lifted or modified, including the re-opening of our Churches. However, since this only applies to those who are fully (double) vaccinated, churches in the Diocese of Wollongong will not re-open to the public until 25 October when 80% vaccination has been reached. At this point all will be able to attend Places of Worship whether fully or partially vaccinated, or unvaccinated. Some restriction on numbers will still apply as well as facial masks. More details will be communicated in next week's bulletin as well as by email.

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.

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.

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 I am happy to say that internal repairs to the ceiling and wall area of the Cupola and Sanctuary are progressing well. Hopefully they will be completed this week.

PARISH APP Our new "Parish App" is now available on the Android and Apple Stores. Simply search for "OLHC Parish APP" and download it for **FREE**. It is directly linked to our main Parish Website and will automatically be updated at the same time. *Download and enjoy it!...and pass it on to other's too!*



Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=app.church>



App Store: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/olhc-rosemeadow-parish/id1582260739#?platform=iphone>



St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

Please remember the critical need for parish income via the Planned Giving to continue. Without this regular and ongoing income, the parish's ability to operate is severely impacted. This is why I have been encouraging parishioners 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. 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 all those parishioners who have continued to do this during this 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! *Thank you to all those who have kindly done so. God bless you all and your families.*

Please remember to let the parish office know if you have changed your email or phone details so we can keep our records up to date. And let other parishioners know if they have not registered their own email address with the parish office to please do so by email or phoning us. They will then receive emails and updates directly. Updates are also accessible in 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 as we now move to be able to gather once again to worship and give praise to God. I continue to pray for you all in my daily Mass and prayers; please pray for me also. May our Patroness, Our Lady Help of Christians, and great St. Joseph, pray for us.

COVID VACCINATION I have been asked by many parishioners for advice, morally and ethically, about receiving covid vaccines. To this point, I have not said anything publicly other than I believe that citizens should be given the choice as to which vaccine they receive. I have counselled and advised people privately as they have asked advice of me. However, because of the amount of information (and misinformation) circulating about this issue and the confusion it is causing for many people who are genuinely and sincerely trying to decide the moral and ethical position of such vaccines, and whether or not to receive them, I have decided to write to you about this, which I hope you will find helpful. I would be happy for you to refer anyone to this information whom you may think would benefit from it. On 21 December 2020, the Catholic Church's Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, released a Note on the morality of using covid19 vaccines. There is much information (and misinformation) circulating about this. Below is a summary of the Church's position.

- It is morally licit (permissible) to be vaccinated against Covid-19.
- No one is morally compelled, for reasons of conscience, to be vaccinated and this must be respected. If, however, a person makes this decision then they are also morally and ethically bound to avoid any risk to the health of those who cannot be vaccinated for medical or other reasons, and who are the most vulnerable.
- Of the two vaccines currently available in Australia the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine is preferred over AstraZeneca, ethically speaking.
- If AstraZeneca is the only available choice to a person, it is morally permissible to receive it.
- In making a decision about being vaccinated, persons should take into consideration the need not only to safeguard their own personal health, but (and especially in our current pandemic situation) the common good of others especially in terms of preventing the spread of disease to the vulnerable.
- In the absence of other means to stop or even prevent the epidemic, the common good may recommend vaccination, especially to protect the weakest and most exposed.

Summarising, two important points must be both fully respected and upheld.

1. No one, who for reasons of conscience (properly informed and educated) based on the Natural and Moral Law, can be compelled to be vaccinated against their will and this must be respected.
2. All persons are free, morally and ethically, to be vaccinated in good conscience in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church. While Pfizer or Moderna is to be preferred if that is possible, if it is not then it is permissible to receive the AstraZeneca vaccine. Indeed, if this is the only one available, then people are encouraged to receive it not only for their own personal good, but especially in the current pandemic situation where the common good of the community must be balanced against the personal good of the individual, they are recommended to do so.

Therefore, I would advise all who can be vaccinated to do so in the knowledge and confidence that, morally and ethically, you are acting for the good not only of yourself personally but for the common good of all. If any parishioner would like to discuss this with me personally, please ring the Parish Office and leave a message, and I will return your call as soon as possible.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 This Sacrament will be celebrated on **Sunday 21st 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 23rd 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.**

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. To help stop this pro-death agenda, please do two things. First, **please sign an online petition** asking the Premier to reject euthanasia and assisted suicide at: https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2107_nsw_cas Second, **please phone or email your NSW State Member of Parliament (see below) and ask them to oppose these dangerous state sanctioned murder laws.**

Campbelltown: Mr Greg Warren MP (ALP): Ph: 4625 3344 E: campbelltown@parliament.nsw.gov.au
Wollondilly: Mr Nathaniel Smith MP (LIB): Ph: 4683 2622 E: wollondilly@parliament.nsw.gov.au

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION (CPE) 400 Hour Foundational Unit to help you develop in knowledge, understanding and skills that will enable you to offer effective pastoral and spiritual care. Offered as a blend of both online and face to face sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday each month from 9 November 2021 to 27 July 2022. Contact Carmen Karauda at ckarauda@gmail.com or phone: 0419 430 676 for more information and/or application form. Applications close 22 October 2021.

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.

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>

**“HAVING FAITH DOES NOT MEAN HAVING NO DIFFICULTIES,
BUT HAVING THE STRENGTH TO FACE THEM, KNOWING THAT
WE ARE NOT ALONE”.**

Pope Francis