

SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 24th October 2021

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Year B

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

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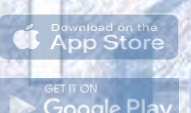
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Parish APP

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/olhc-rosemeadowparish/id1582260739/?platform=iphone>
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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		
		16/17 October Isaiah 53:10-11 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45	23/24 October Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52	
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2				
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK		DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS		
Monday - St Luke		Parish (second Collection)	Clergy (first Collection)	
		BSB : 066 711	BSB :	066 711
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		Acc Name: Parish Church	Acc Name:	Parish Presbytery
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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 Sunday: 8.30am Sunday: 10.00am <u>VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC</u> Saturday: 4.00pm	Tuesday: 6.30pm Wednesday: 9.00am Thursday: 9.00am Friday: 8.20am 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 To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

RESPONSE Lord let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! The son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

COMMUNION Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY
 Currently **UNAVAILABLE**

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Robert Alivio;

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, pray the Rosary as a family each day. Imagine the blessings and graces received from Our Blessed Mother upon those who pray her special prayer every day.

COVID UPDATE AND RELATED MATTERS. *The Roadmap to reopening* is in three stages: 70%, 80% and 90% full vaccination of the population.

When 70% are fully vaccinated (11 October) Churches may re-open. However, since this would exclude those who are partially vaccinated or unvaccinated, churches in the Diocese of Wollongong will not re-open until 25 October when 80% fully vaccination has been reached. At this point all will be able to attend Places of Worship whether fully or partially vaccinated, or unvaccinated. The reason for this is that while we may recognise, regardless of personal feelings, that restrictions may be placed upon workplaces, there can be no discrimination imposed between people to attend Places of Worship. This principle is of the most profound importance, way beyond this individual issue, since it recognises and protects the most fundamental principle of Natural and Moral law: the inalienable right of the human person to freedom of religion and conscience, and to practise that in private and in public without interference by the State. If this is not protected, then all other human rights, like the right to life itself, will be forfeited. *I repeat here my advice to everyone who can be vaccinated to do so for their own good and the common good of all.* But the right of every person to follow their fully informed and educated conscience must be respected and upheld. If it isn't, even by those who disagree, then they themselves will have no guarantee that their own freedom will not be compromised and suppressed in the future. History itself, proves this with catastrophic results.

IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION Following the release of Public Health Orders, which are complex and confusing, some of the information from last week has changed due to further clarifications as follows. I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused my previous information to anyone. I assure you it was unintentional by me, but unfortunately the Public Health Orders are so complex and confusing, and also constantly changing. I am sorry for any misunderstanding I have caused to anyone.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 The Public Health Orders allow **only Places of Worship to open for everyone (vaccinated, partially vaccinated, and unvaccinated) once 80% double vaccination of the general population has been reached.** For all other gatherings, including in Parish Halls, this is not permitted. Consequently, I must defer the previously announced commencement of lessons for First Holy Communion that would have started on 23 October. Until 90% full vaccination of the general population has been reached, we will not be able to hold these lessons. 90% is forecast to happen on 1 December, however recent announcements seem to indicate that it may occur earlier. If it does, I will announce at that time alternative arrangements. If not, then we will have to defer the Sacrament until next year.

FUNERALS may have up to 100 fully vaccinated people attend. However, if a partially or unvaccinated person attends, the limit reduces to 10 people, excluding the Priest and funeral directors.

WEDDINGS may have up to 100 fully vaccinated people attend. However, if a partially or unvaccinated person attends, the limit reduces to 5 people excluding the couple, witnesses and priest.

BAPTISMS will recommence on 31 October. I will baptise up to 6 children per ceremony (to catch up) with a limit of 25 guests per family including parents and godparents. At 90% vaccination level, the number of guests per family will increase to 50 people.

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 or Parish App. 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.



MASS ATTENDANCE As previously announced the following requirements will apply:

- Attendees will be limited to 1 person per 4 square meters, meaning up to 200 people at Rosemeadow
- 1.5meter social distancing wherever possible
- **Face masks must be worn**, and hand sanitiser used
- No congregational singing
- After Mass, please use a disinfectant wipe to rub over surfaces you have come in contact with and place them in the bins provided as you leave. **Please wait until the priest has left the Sanctuary before doing this. Thank you.**

NOTE: When we reach 90% full vaccination these restrictions will be further eased, and relevant information will be published then.

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION All registration for Mass attendance **will be through** Eventbrite on the Parish Website or by using the QR Code at the church entry with your mobile phone. *Without doing this, entry will not be possible.* Its best to use Eventbrite as QR code entry is only possible if seats are available. **SO PLEASE REGISTER BEFOREHAND.** Go to the parish website, www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au or the Parish App and click the **Register for Mass** button. Follow the prompts to whichever Mass you want to attend and complete the details. *Online registration closes at 3pm the previous day for weekday Masses, and 3pm on Saturday for the Vigil and Sunday Masses.* Please arrive **AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE the start of Mass** to avoid delay. *Once Mass starts, the doors will be closed.* For all other parish gatherings, functions or meetings, registration will be by the QR Code only using your phone. Thank you for your cooperation.

NOTE: MASS REGISTRATION WILL COMMENCE ON 18 OCTOBER.

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 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 contacting us and giving them to us. They will then be able to receive these updates directly themselves. All updates are also accessible via the parish bulletin which is uploaded every week to the Parish Website and the Parish App.

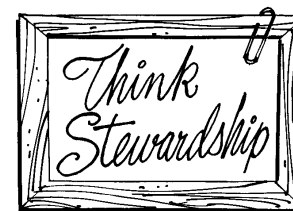
Please remember the critical need for parish income via the Planned Giving to continue. Without this regular and ongoing income, the parish's ability to operate is severely impacted. This is why I have been encouraging parishioners to transition from envelopes to Direct Debit Giving. If you wish to do 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.*

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.

PARISH OFFICE I previously said the parish office could open from 12 October, but it has now been confirmed that **it must remain closed until 90% vaccination of the general population has been reached.**

CONGRATULATIONS to Luke Trinh & Madeleine Bowkett who were married last weekend. God's blessings and happiness upon you as you begin your married life together.

PIETY STORE As we are preparing to reopen, we require MORE volunteers for Vigil Mass. You would be required to open the store before and after Mass for approximately 15 minutes. If you are able to assist in this valuable ministry, please contact the parish office. Thank you.



Good stewards must not argue about who is the most important. Today's Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

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>

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.noethanasia.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

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>

**“GIVE ME AN ARMY SAYING
THE ROSARY
AND I WILL CONQUER THE WORLD.”**

Blessed Pope Pius IX