

**SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH**

3rd Sunday of Advent
15 December 2024

	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIETY STORE		AUDIO VISUAL			
DATE	7/8 Dec	14/15 Dec	7/8 Dec	14/15 Dec	7/8 Dec	14/15 Dec	7/8 Dec	14/15 Dec		
VIGIL 6PM	L Fenech D Pottier	J Webster A Pottier	D Barrett	J Webster	J Azzopardi	J Webster	R DÇunha	L Estrella		
8.30AM	S Josph M Chan	G Harmour B Buchanan	R Murphy	G Harmour	C Vujanovic	K Knight	J Scattergood	M Murphy		
10.00AM	A Jachimczak D Tamayor	M David S Isaac	A Jachimczak	T Kurisunkal	D Tamayor	S Isaac M David	B Peaker	N Lee		
CHOIR 10.00AM	LATIN		READINGS							
Young Adult CHOIR VIGIL	Vigil Mass		7 / 8 December 2024 Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Gospel: Luke 3:1-6		14/15 December 2024 Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philippians 4:4-7 Gospel: Luke 3:10-18					
OUR LADY’S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2										
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS							
Monday – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday - St Lucy Saturday – St John of the Cross			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**

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

VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC

Saturday: 4.00pm

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
OLHC ROSEMEADOW**

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

DEVOTIONS:

All in the Church

Last Tuesday: Men's Rosary - 7pm
Every Wednesday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am – 8.55am before Mass.
1st Friday: Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon;

CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH

Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm

MARRIAGES by appointment

BAPTISMS (1st and 3rd Sunday of the month) – by appointment



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS please visit parish website for dates & enrolment forms in Sacraments Tab or click on QR code for Face Book page “Rosemeadow Parish”

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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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

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Office Hours

Parish Office Manager Mrs. Meshline Wolczak
Tuesday – Thursday 9.00am - 4.00pm (closed 1.00 – 1.30pm)
Friday – 9.00am – 2.30pm

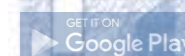
Email: rosemeadow@dow.org.au

Website: www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au

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 email: info@olhcdow.catholic.edu.au

John Therry Catholic College:

Principal: Mr Brad McAllister Phone: 4645 8100 email: info@jtccdw.catholic.edu.au

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.

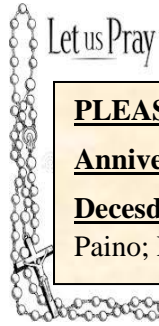
ENTRANCE O People of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

RESPONSE The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

COMMUNION Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
available in the foyer



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Anniversary: Mark Carlton;
Decesdsed: Therese Wales; Orazio Torrisi; Concetto Torrisi; Mike Trapenhagen; Gerry Mirabito; Margherita Paino; Emilio Orsini; reste & Gaetana Meli; Holy souls;

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PRIESTHOOD? Second Sunday of Advent (8/12/24) John the Baptist cried out and made ready for the Lord. Promote the gospel in our community (Luke 3:1-6). If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez vocations@dow.org.au

NO LIVESTREAM MASS will return in the new year.

HOLY COMMUNION Please remember that when receiving Holy Communion, you must consume the Sacred Host immediately while facing the Altar, and NOT while walking way or returning to your seat. Thank you.

PARISH ANNIVERSARY This Sunday, 8 December is the 30th Anniversary of the creation of our Parish by Bishop William E Murray in 1994. To mark this the Bellringers will be ringing a full Peal. This involves all 8 bells being rung for 3 hours. It is the first time this has happened and is a fitting tribute to our Parish Anniversary. If you are around between 11am and 2pm, come in and have a listen. *Thank you to all the Bellringers.*

CHRISTMAS HELPERS We will need *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, and AV operators* for all Christmas Masses. If you can help, please write your name in the spots on the Roster at the Front Notice Board. Thank you.

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE We are still waiting for a start date to be confirmed for the foundation work. However, the granite niches and obelisks are scheduled for completion in early December with their arrival onsite mid to late January. Some pictures have been uploaded to the Parish Website for those who have purchased niches and anyone interested in viewing the work so far.


COLUMBARIUM MEMEORIAL GARDEN Pre-sale of niches are *now open to all parishioners and their families*. Please ring the parish Office for an appointment. The two Walls are dedicated to St. Joachim, St. Anne (parents of Mary); the Gardens to Our Lady; St. Joseph, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Mary MacKillop, and St. John Paul II. Each of these areas will have a white Carrara marble statue of each Saint. This will be a very beautiful and appropriate consecrated resting place for loved ones next to the church as they await their resurrection with Christ at the end of time when He returns in glory. ***PLEASE NOTE: Payment in full will be required when reserving niches. If for any reason construction is not completed, then a full refund will be made. Once construction is completed, no refunds will be made.***

MEMORIAL PLAQUES The two obelisks in the centre gardens are for **Memorial Brass Plaques** in memory of loved ones buried or interred elsewhere.

AVAILABLE IN PIETY STORE: 2025 Columban Calendars \$11 each ; 2024 The Light; Advent & Christmas Daily Reflection \$2.50 each; St Vincent De Paul Christmas Cards, pack of 10 \$11packet

NEW ROSTERS the new rosters, commencing Jan 2025 for volunteers in **Reading, Extraordinary of Holy Communion, Choir Members, Piety Store, Church Audio & Counters** are ready for collection, if you are a member any of this ministries, please collect your new roster from the front notice board. **Church Open/Close please see Fr Sarkis in Sacristy.**

FOREIGN COINS Please do **NOT PLACE ANY FOREIGN COINS IN THE COLLECTIONS**. This not only puts the count out but adversely affects the counting machine. Moreover, we cannot use them as it costs more to convert them then their value. Thank you.

 **PIETY STORE** We require volunteers for **All Masses**. You would be required to open the store before and after Mass for approximately 15 minutes. If we have no volunteers to assist, store will not open and remain closed. If you are able to assist in this valuable ministry, please contact the parish office. Thank you



Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they and sing with the psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

CATHOLIC YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS WOLLONGONG serves young people in Illawarra, Macarthur, Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven regions. To stay up to date and access the youth calendar go to: www.cymw.or.au

CATHOLICCARE We need foster carers who provide love, care, and support for children. Carers receive comprehensive support from the Fostering Futures team to ensure they have a full range of resources and help needed. Information call 0418 783 956 or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au. Bishop Brian has recorded a special appeal video about this which you can view on YouTube at <https://dow.sh/bmfc24> or download at: <https://dow.sh/bmfc24videodownload>. It has also been uploaded to the diocese's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WollongongCatholic>

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE Camp Australia have very successfully provided before (6.30am – 8.30am) and after school care (2.45pm – 6pm) to children for many years in the St. Anne Primary School Hall. **They now also offer full-time vacation care.** This service is open to all children regardless of where they attend school. For further information go to www.campaustalia.com.au or ring 1300 105 343 or go to the parish school website and click parent link www.olhcdow.catholic.edu.au. Brochures are also available at the Notice Board.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT 2025 Applications for Kinder 2025 can now be located on our school website at: <https://olhcdow.catholic.edu.au/enrol/> Children need to turn five (5) by July of the year that they will commence school.


THE CHOSEN Free to view TV series about Jesus, now in its third season, that beautifully and creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. Go to: watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen or get the free app on your phone / laptop via *The Chosen app (download), or for your Smart TV.*

FAITH CIRCLES is a free weekly resource to help individuals but mainly small groups to come together in Parishes. It assists the development of faith and community, and is available for free to download. It is easy to use with simple questions and prayer points.Download at www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/ or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.

menALIVE reFUEL is a weekly hour-long gathering of men every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm on Zoom providing the chance to catch up with great men from across Australia and New Zealand, gain strength and inspiration by the witness of other men and pray together. Join at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468>

FREE CATHOLIC PODCASTS *Bible in a Year* with Fr. Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins. At: www.ascensionpress.com/biy *Catechism in a Year* at www.ascensionRress.com/ciy Highly recommended.

BELL RINGERS Calling all potential Bellringers! We need more people to join our team of Bellringers. Age is no barrier- young or mature! Practise is on Monday at 4pm in the rear Belltower Room. See Notice Board for more details or ring Brian on 0402 377 131

 **CUPPA AFTER MASS.** Take the opportunity to meet fellow parishioners over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit after the 10am Mass all arr welcome. We are also looking for more volunteers so please contact Ryan on 0412 939 705 if you are interested (would be no more than one morning per month). Thank you.

<u>CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE</u>	
<u>Christmas Masses</u>	
Tuesday 24 th December:	6.00pm Vigil Mass 12.00am Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25 th December:	9.00am Mass
<u>Confessions</u>	
Thursday 19 th December	9.45am – 10.30am & 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Friday 20 th December	9.00am – 10am
Saturday 21 st December	11.00am – 12noon & 5.00pm – 5.45pm

This is the hushed and holy season when we leave
our busy world’s clamor and confusion
to seek a star...
and a stable...
and a manger.