

**SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**  
**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH**  
*The Ephiny of the Lord*  
**5 January 2025**

	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIETY STORE		AUDIO VISUAL	
DATE	28/29 Dec	4/5 Jan	28/29 Dec	4/5 Jan	28/29 Dec	4/5 Jan	28/29 Dec	4/5 Jan
VIGIL 6PM	M Baert D Baert	E Robinson J Azzopardi	D Pottier	E Robinson	J Azzopardi	J Azzopardi	L Estrella	K Duncan
8.30AM	S Magua A James	E Villarin K Dillon	S Lo Cascio	E Villarin	C Vujanovic	K Knight	J Scattergood	M Murphy
10.00AM	M Matriano N Lee	V Gabrio O Montano	A Espiritu	J Montano	S Isaac M David	M Smith	B Peaker	B Peaker
CHOIR 10.00AM	NO CHOIR	Group 1	READINGS					
Young Adult CHOIR VIGIL			28/29 December 2024		4/5 January 2025			
OUR LADY’S STATUE NO 1			1 Samuel 1:20- 22, 24-28		Isaiah 60:1-6			
STATUE NO 2			1 John 3:1-2, 21-24		Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6			
			Gospel: Luke 2:41-52		Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12			
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS					
Wednesday – Mary, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD			PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS					
Thursday – St Basil & St Gregory			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**

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.  
**1<sup>st</sup> Friday:** Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon;

**CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH**  
Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm

**MARRIAGES** by appointment

**BAPTISMS** (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**  
**Year C**

*Our Lady Help of Christians Parish*  
*Rosemeadow*

**Father Christopher G. Sarkis, Parish Priest**

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Rosemeadow NSW 2560

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**Contact**  
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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

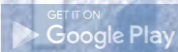
**Email:** [rosemeadow@dow.org.au](mailto:rosemeadow@dow.org.au)

**Website:** [www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au](http://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](mailto:info@olhcdow.catholic.edu.au)

**John Therry Catholic College:**

**Principal: Mr Brad McAllister** Phone: 4645 8100 email: [info@jtccdw.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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** The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

**RESPONSE** How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION** Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK**  
available in the foyer



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Anniversary:** Florence Palmer;

**Deceased:** Oreste & Gaetana Meli; Holy Souls; Manuel Sebastian jnr; Ceferina Tabugon; Berlino Tabugon

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PRIESTHOOD?** Are you listening to Jesus, the Chosen One? Be open to what he reveals to you. Let his message dwell in your heart. If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

**LIVESTREAM MASS** Tuesday 6.30 pm weekday Mass. Access it from the Parish Website or Parish App or the Parish YouTube channel at: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIQhkeubtYCBu\\_elfcglmaw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIQhkeubtYCBu_elfcglmaw)

**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.

**NEW YEARS DAY MASS** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January is the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Mass will be celebrated at 9am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8am – 8.50am.

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS** Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this coming First Friday, 3 January, from 11am to 12 noon.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Marie Berbari who has been awarded the Mary MacKillop Medal for 25 years of service as a Catechist. It will be presented to her at the 10am Mass. If you are interested in hel[ing in this important catechetical minsirty in our State Schools, please contact Kristina Knight on 0411707649.

**COLUMBARIUM UPDATE** The granite niches and obelisks are scheduled for completion in early December with their arrival mid to late January. Some pictures have been uploaded to the Parish Website. Hopefully the foundation work will begin shortly. Contact the Parish Office to purchase Niches of Obelisk Memorial Plaques.

**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](http://www.cymw.or.au)

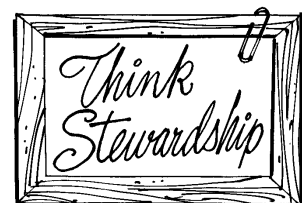
**CATHOLIC CARE** We need foster carers who provide love, care, and support for children. Carers receive comprehensive support from the Fostering Futures team to ensure they have a full range of resources and help needed. Information call 0418 783 956 or email [fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au). 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>

**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](http://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/](http://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](http://www.ascensionpress.com/biy) *Catechism in a Year* at [www.ascensionpress.com/ciy](http://www.ascensionpress.com/ciy) Highly recommended.



*The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint  
for the good stewardship of our family relationships.  
How do I measure up?*



**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

**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.

**JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025**

*Our Lady Help Of Christians Parish Church, Rosemeadow  
Designated Special Place of Pilgrimage*

“Now the time has come for a new Jubilee, when once more the Holy Door will be flung open to invite everyone to an intense experience of the love of God” (Spes non confundit [SNC], 6)  
*Pope Francis’ Papal Bull Announcing the Jubilee Year of Hope (Hope does not Disappoint, Rom5:5)*

In the Bull announcing the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, the Holy Father calls on all Christians to become pilgrims of hope. This is a virtue which must be sourced above all in the grace of God and in the fullness of His mercy. It is to be rediscovered in the signs of the times, which, encompassing "the yearning of human hearts in need of God’s saving presence, ought to become signs of hope" (SNC, 7).

Pope Francis underlines how the Jubilee Indulgence acquires "an even more important meaning" at this moment in history when once again many peoples are prey to brutality and violence. In this context God's mercy becomes the "indulgence on the part of the Father who, through the Bride of Christ, his Church, reaches the pardoned sinner and frees him or her from every residue left by the consequences of sin". Similarly, the Holy Father declares that the gift of the Indulgence "is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God’s mercy. Not by chance, for the ancients, the terms ‘mercy’ and ‘indulgence’ were interchangeable, as expressions of the fullness of God’s forgiveness, which knows no bounds" (SNC, 23). The Indulgence, therefore, is a special Jubilee grace.

And so, also during the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, by will of the Supreme Pontiff, this ‘Court of Mercy’, which is responsible for all that concerns the granting and use of indulgences, wishing to encourage the souls of the faithful and nourish the pious desire to obtain the Indulgence seen as a gift of grace specific to each Holy Year, establishes the following indications, so that the faithful may take advantage of the "norms for obtaining and rendering spiritually fruitful the practice of the Jubilee indulgence" (SNC, 23).

During the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, all the faithful, who are truly repentant and free from any affection for sin and who, during the Holy Year, purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins, which can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory in the following ways. (*Continued in next week’s Bulletin.*)

**JUBILEE PRAYER**

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth  
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

**COPIES OF THE JUBILEE PRAYER ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOYER NOTICE BOARD**