

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

The Baptism of the Lord
12 January 2025

	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIETY STORE		AUDIO VISUAL	
DATE	4/5 Jan	11/12 Jan	4/5 Jan	11/12 Jan	4/5 Jan	11/12 Jan	4/5 Jan	11/12 Jan
VIGIL 6PM	E Robinson J Azzopardi	G Bingham L Estrella	E Robinson	K Duncan	J Azzopardi	J Webster	K Duncan	Robbie B.V
8.30AM	E Villarin K Dillon	V Smith J Smith	E Villarin	Z Robinson	K Knight	J Smith	M Murphy	D Knight
10.00AM	V Gabrio O Montano	R Ventura Z Ventura	J Montano	T Kurisunkal	M Smith	D Peaker	B Peaker	N Lee
CHOIR 10.00AM	Group 1	Group 2	READINGS					
Young Adult CHOIR VIGIL			4/5 January 2025		11/12 January 2025			
OUR LADY’S STATUE NO 1			Isaiah 60:1-6		Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11			
STATUE NO 2			Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6		Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7			
			Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12		Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22			
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS					
			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.
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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Parish APP



<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/olhc-rosemeadowparish/id1582260739#?platform=iphone>



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

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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 Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

RESPONSE Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East;and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

COMMUNION We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
available in the foyer



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Joseph Khau; Phillip Tully;

Deceased: Oreste & Gaetana Meli; Peggy Hughes

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

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

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.

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 helping in this important catechetical ministry in our State Schools, please contact Kristina Knight on 0411707649.

PARISH OFFICE Mrs. Wolczak will be on Annual Leave from 1 – 14 January. If unattended, please leave a phone message or send an email and I will attend to it as soon as possible. Thank you.

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE The granite niches and obelisks should arrive 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

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>

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>

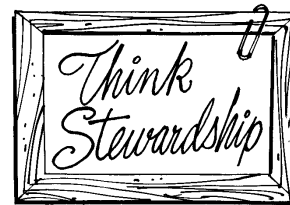
FREE CATHOLIC PODCASTS *Bible in a Year* with Fr. Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins. At: www.ascensionpress.com/biy *Catechism in a Year* at www.ascensionpress.com/ciy Highly recommended.



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



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 are 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.



The three kings in today's Gospel travelled a great distance at considerable cost to themselves to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go, and what will I offer to do homage to this new-born King and Saviour?

HOLY DOOR OPENING A short video showing part of the Blessing and Opening Ceremony of the Holy Door here last weekend has been uploaded to the parish website. It can also be viewed at the following link: https://youtube.com/shorts/8hC-t5oJmaY?si=p_SNHZW1P1Ed48lf

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

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

The Confessional, a Holy Door to the soul

Bishop Krzysztof Józef Nykiel, Regent of the Apostolic Penitentiary, recently reflected on the time of spiritual renewal, conversion, and reconciliation offered by the Jubilee Year. He explained that the Holy Doors are a symbol of the gate of salvation opened by Christ. "An indulgence" he said, "is the tangible manifestation of God's mercy, which transcends and transforms the limits of human justice." Speaking to Vatican Media, he said that we learn of its significance by studying the lives of the saints, adding that "Looking at their example, we see that God's grace can transform even the greatest weaknesses. It gives us hope for the forgiveness of our sins and support in following the path to holiness."

"An indulgence frees the heart from the burden of sin so that the redress can be made in full freedom," he says.

Conditions for obtaining an indulgence

He recalls that "to receive plenary indulgence during the Jubilee Year 2025, the faithful must observe specific conditions set by the Church: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, confession of faith, prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, works of mercy, pilgrimage to holy places, an interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin."

Pilgrims for Christ

Referring to the Bull announcing the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025, Bishop Nykiel observes that a pilgrimage is the core event of any jubilee event. "In its essence, a pilgrimage is a Christian's personal journey in the footsteps of the Redeemer. It encapsulates the meaning of human life; as St. John Paul II pointed out, The whole of the Christian life is like a great pilgrimage to the house of the Father (Tertio millennio adveniente, 49). To embark on a pilgrimage, to set out on a journey, does not simply entail a change of a physical location but a transformation of oneself. (...) In this sense, the pilgrimage of the Jubilee Year begins before the journey itself, before taking the first step. In other words, it starts with the decision to go, a decision taken for Christ. (...) Without it, it will be difficult to live the experience of conversion, of changing one's life in order to channel it towards God's holiness."

Confession is an indispensable element of a pilgrimage

Furthermore, Bishop Nykiel indicates that Confession is an indispensable element of a pilgrimage seen as an experience of conversion. During confession "We recognise our sins and present them to God, asking His forgiveness," he said, adding that "The priest is a steward, i.e. a servant, and at the same time a prudent administrator of God's mercy. He is entrusted with the serious responsibility of 'forgiving or retaining sins' (see Jn 20:23)."

Meaning of the Holy Door

Pointing to the importance of passing through the Holy Door, Bishop Nykiel explains that they are a symbol of the gate which leads to the salvation of the soul, and which has been opened by Christ. "They represent a call to a transformation of life, to reconciliation with God and one's neighbour. Therefore, passing through them evokes the passage from sin to grace, which every Christian is called to do. There is only one access that opens the door to life in communion with God; it is Jesus, the only way of salvation."

(Next week, how to gain the Jubilee Indulgence)

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

A New Year Prayer

*Lord, grant me wisdom to know your way,
and the fortitude to walk in it. Amen.*