

SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
2nd Sunday in ordinary Time
19 January 2025

	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIETY STORE		AUDIO VISUAL	
DATE	11/12 Jan	18/19 Jan	11/12 Jan	18/19 Jan	11/12 Jan	18/19 Jan	11/12 Jan	18/19 Jan
VIGIL 6PM	G Bingham L Estrella	L Fenech D Pottier	K Duncan	D Pottier	J Webster	M Matriano	Robbie B.V	L Estrella
8.30AM	V Smith J Smith	S Joseph M Chan	Z Robinson	R Murphy	J Smith	M Mourin	D Knight	J Scattergood
10.00AM	R Ventura Z Ventura	A Jachimczak D Tamayor	T Kurisunkal	A Jachimczak	D Peaker	D Tamayor	N Lee	B Peaker
CHOIR 10.00AM	Group 2	Group 1	READINGS					
Young Adult CHOIR VIGIL			11/12 January 2025			18/19 January 2025		
OUR LADY’S STATUE NO 1			Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11			Isaiah 62:1-5		
STATUE NO 2			Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7			1 Corinthians 12:4-11		
			Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22			Gospel: John 2:1-11		
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK				DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS				
Friday – St Anthony				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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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.

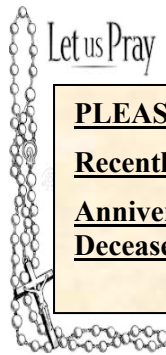
ENTRANCE After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

RESPONSE Oh, bless the Lord my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

COMMUNION Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
available in the foyer



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Robin Cheriant;

Anniversary: Lester Smith; Wendy Smedley; Felix Abellana;

Deceased: Oreste & Gaetana Meli

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.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) 2025 This Sacrament will be celebrated on **Thursday 20th March 2025 from 4.15pm**. It is available to all children who are in Year 3 or above and have been baptised. If you wish your child to make this Sacrament with the option of receiving their First Holy Communion later in the year, you **MUST** attend the first lesson for this programme on **Saturday 15th February, 2025 commencing at 4.15pm**. Please bring a photocopy of your child's full birth certificate, and if they were not baptised in Rosemeadow Parish, a copy of their baptism certificate. Children will participate in lessons in the St. Joachim Parish Hall. Parents will participate in talks in the Parish Meeting Room. This is the last opportunity for you to enrol for 2025. The programme fee of \$25 is also payable at the first lesson. **NOTE:** If you are enrolling at the first lesson, please arrive at **3.45pm to the Parish Hall before the lesson** to complete the paperwork. Forms can also be downloaded from the Parish website. Thank you.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS Training for new Altar Servers will commence in February. Training sessions will be each Friday from 4 to 5pm in the Church, commencing on Friday 14th February and continue for eight weeks. Those who wish to train must have made their First Holy Communion and be regular Mass attenders. A parent or guardian will need to be present at the first session to complete information details. Please ring the parish office with your name and phone number if you wish to undertake Altar Servers training.

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

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>

POSITION VACANT: Parish Secretary, St Patrick's Parish Port Kembla. Part-time for 16.5 hrs per week – Tuesday to Friday, start and finish times negotiable. The position requires skills in administration, bookkeeping, maintaining a database, and high skills in MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint. The Parish Secretary needs to be a person who is supportive of the Catholic ethos of the Parish, who has good relational skills and works well with others, who bears witness to Christ and Christian values in their own lives and in their work. If interested, please make contact via email to request an application pack for this position to frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au Applications close 5pm, Friday, 17 Jan 2025.

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>



Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbour.

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.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

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

Jubilee Indulgence

During the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, all the faithful, who are truly repentant and **free from any affection for sin (including venial 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**.

1. Pilgrimages

The faithful, pilgrims of hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage:

to any sacred Jubilee site: by devoutly participating in Holy Mass; a ritual Mass for the conferral of the sacraments of Christian Initiation or the Anointing of the Sick; or any of the following: a celebration of the Word of God; the Liturgy of the Hours (office of readings, lauds, vespers); the Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross); the Marian Rosary; the recitation of the Akathist hymn; a penitential celebration, which ends with the individual confessions of the penitents. **(This includes OLHC Parish Church).**

in Rome: by visiting at least one of the four Major Papal Basilicas: St. Peter's in the Vatican, the Archbasilica of the Holy Saviour (St John Lateran's), Saint Mary Major's, and St. Paul's Outside the Walls.

in the Holy Land: by visiting at least one of the three basilicas: the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem, or the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth.

in other ecclesiastical areas: by visiting the Cathedral or other church or sacred place designated by the local Ordinary. **(This includes OLHC Parish Church).** (Next week, how to gain the Jubilee Indulgence-Pious visits to sacred places)

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

*Who you become is infinitely more important
than what you do or what you have.*