

**SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
19 December 2021**

DATE	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIOUS GOODS STALL		AUDIO VISUAL	
	11/12 Dec	18/19 Dec	11/12 Dec	18/19 Dec	11/12 Dec	18/19 Dec	11/12 Dec	18/19 Dec
VIGIL 6PM	F Bugeja K Duncan	M Baert D Baert	F Bugeja	R Turner	J Webster	Volunteer Needed	T Turner	T Kurisunkal
8.30AM	M Burke R Burke	S Magua A James	M Rolfe	S Lo Cascio	K Knight	J Smith	M Murphy	D Knight
10.00AM	V Gabrio O Montano	A Jachimczak D Peaker	J Montano	A Jachimczak	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	N Lee	B Peaker
CHOIR 10.00AM			<b>READINGS</b>					
			11/12 December Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18		18/19 December Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10: 5-10 Luke 1:39-44			
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2								
<b>FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK</b>			<b>DONATIONS</b>					
Monday - St Lucy Tuesday - St John			<b>PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS</b>					
			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	WEEKDAY MASS TIMES OLHC ROSEMEADOW
<b><u>MASS BOOKINGS STILL REQUIRED VIA PARISH WEBSITE</u></b> <a href="http://www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au">www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au</a>	
Sat. Vigil: 6.00pm Sunday: 8.30am Sunday: 10.00am <b><u>VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC</u></b> Saturday: 4.00pm	Tuesday: 6.30pm Wednesday: 9.00am Thursday: 9.00am Friday: 8.20am 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month: 10.30am
<b><u>DEVOTIONS – SUSPENDED except for: -</u></b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Friday: Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon;	
<b><u>CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH</u></b> Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday 11am – 12 noon	
<b>MARRIAGES</b> by appointment <b>BAPTISMS</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month) – by appointment <b>SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS</b> please visit parish website for dates & enrolment forms in Sacraments Tab <b>ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE</b> Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9.30am - 12.30pm at the Food Hub (Ambarvale Squash Courts), 65 Woodhouse Drive Ambarvale.	

# Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

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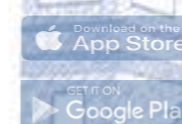
Tuesday – Thursday 9.00am – 4.00pm (closed 12.45pm -1.15pm)  
Friday 9.00am – 2.30pm (Temporary closed until further notice)

**Parish Office Manager** (Tuesday – Thursday) Mrs. Meshline Wolczak

**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)

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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** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**RESPONSE** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good news to the poor. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION** Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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

# Let us Pray

## PLEAS PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Botros Peter Azier; Benjamin Louis Cherote; Helen Courtelis;

**Deceased:** Oreste & Gaetana Meli;

**Baptism:** Addison May Evans; Zachary Vann Budd; Alessia Cefai; Zoe Rudmanas; Mackenzie Olivia Hili.

**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](mailto:priesthood@dow.org.au)

**CHRISTMAS 2021** Currently we can have up to 400 people in the church. The only time this number will probably be exceeded for a Mass is the Christmas Vigil. Therefore, for this year the **Vigil Mass for Christmas will be 5pm**. If registration via Eventbrite reaches 400, I will add another Vigil Mass at 7pm (*but only once the 5pm Mass is full*). **There will also be Midnight Mass and 9am Christmas Day.**

**CHRISTMAS HELPERS** We will need *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Monitors, 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.

**SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER** As Christmas Day falls on a Saturday this year, the normal Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass on 25 December is cancelled. There will only be the 8.30am and 10.00am Masses celebrated on Sunday 26 December.

### MASS ATTENDANCE UPDATE. The following requirements apply:

- Attendees will be limited to 1 person per 2 square meters, meaning up to 400 people at Rosemeadow
- 1.5 meter 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 **95%** full vaccination these restrictions will be further eased, and relevant information will be published then.

**MASS 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](http://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.

**FUNERALS** may have 1 person per 2 square meters (400 in Rosemeadow) fully vaccinated people. However, if a partially or unvaccinated person attends, the limit reduces to 10 people, excluding the Priest and funeral directors.

**WEDDINGS** may have 1 person per 2 square meters (400 in Rosemeadow) fully vaccinated people. However, if a partially or unvaccinated person attends, the limit reduces to 5 people excluding the couple, witnesses and priest.

**BAPTISMS** I will baptise up to 6 children per ceremony (to catch up) with a limit of 50 people per family including parents and godparents.

**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](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.



*Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."*

**PARISH OFFICE** Unfortunately, the Parish Office must remain closed until **95%** vaccination level has been reached. During this time and Mrs. Meshline Wolczak will work from home and will come to the office when necessary. You may still contact the parish office by telephone or email, and we will attend to your requests as soon as we can. Please be understanding and patient during this difficult time.

**SACRAMENTS 2022** There will be **NO ENROLMENT EVENING for 2022**. Instead, the enrolment forms and dates for all sacraments – Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation – have been uploaded to the Parish website and are available for your information and planning for next year, **PLEASE NOTE** that the **Confirmation dates are TENTATIVE** only and subject to change depending on the Bishop's diary once it is confirmed.

**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](mailto: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>

**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.

**YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH** The Year of St. Joseph finished last Wednesday 8 December, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. During the year we lit the lamp in front St. Joseph's statue. I have decided that from now on, in addition to the lamps in front of the statues of the Sacred Heart, Our Lady and St. Michael, we will also now light the lamp in front of the statue of the Holy Family at **ALL** Masses. It is a small gesture, but hopefully it will remind us to not only deepen our devotion to St. Joseph, but also to the Holy Family. Let us pray for marriages and families today, especially through St. Joseph's intercession, husband and father, that they may be strengthened in this most fundamental of vocations of the Church: the Family, which as St. Pope John Paul II reminded us, is the domestic church through which the future of humanity and civilisation passes. **St. Joseph, pray for us and protect us.**

**CatholicCare** We need foster carers who provide love, care and support to help these children thrive and reach their full potential. Carers receive comprehensive support and access to a full range of resources. You can find out more by calling 0418 783 956, email [fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au) or go to <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au> more information.



**PIETY STORE** We require **MORE** volunteers for **Vigil & 10am 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.

**NEW ROSTERS** the new rosters for **Readers & Eucharistic Ministers** are ready for collection, if you are a member any of these ministries, please collect your new roster from the front notice board. Thank you.

<b>CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE</b>		
<b>Christmas Masses</b>		
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	5.00pm Vigil Mass	
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	12.00am Midnight Mass	
	9.00am Mass	
<b>Confessions (all heard in Marian courtyard)</b>		
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup> December	5.15pm – 5.45pm
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> December	7.00pm – 8.00pm
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> December	9.30am – 10am
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.30am – 10am
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am – 9.30am

**"My God I have faith; deepen my faith.**

**Lord I believe; help my unbelief"**