

SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
The Presentation of the Lord
2 February 2025

	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIETY STORE		AUDIO VISUAL	
DATE	25/26 Jan	1/2 Feb	25/26 Jan	1/2 Feb	25/26 Jan	1/2 Feb	25/25 Jan	1/2 Feb
VIGIL 6PM	J Webster A Pottage	F Bugeja K Duncan	J Webster	F Bugeja	A Rojo	M Matriano	K Duncan	Robbie B.V.
8.30AM	G Harmour B Buchanan	P Kenyon P Kenyon	G Harmour	S Lo Cascio	C Vujanovic	K Knight	M Murphy	D Knight
10.00AM	M David S Isaac	F Rowe D Walles	E D'Mellow	A Espiritu	S Isaac & M David	M Smith	N Lee	D Tamayor
CHOIR 10.00AM	Group 2	Group 1	READINGS					
Young Adult CHOIR VIGIL			<div> <div>25/26 January 2025</div> <div>Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10</div> <div>1 Corinthians 12:12-30</div> <div>Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4-14-21</div> </div> <div> <div>1 / 2 Febraury 2025</div> <div>Malachi 3:1-4</div> <div>Hebrews 2:14-18</div> <div>Gospel: Luke 2:22-40</div> </div>					
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2								
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS					
Sunday - Australia Day Tuesday – St Thomas Friday – St John			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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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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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:

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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.

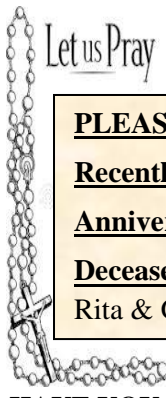
ENTRANCE O sing a new song to the Lord; sint to the Lord, all th earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his Holy place.

RESPONSE Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

COMMUNION Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let you faces not be abashed.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
 available in the foyer



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Tony D’Emanuele; Uila Mafi

Anniversary: Apolinario Abellana Sr.; Mary Brechney; Cheyne Spilsted; Nouhad Terese Dalley;

Deceased: Carmen Williams; Nazareno Spiteri; Gonzalo Abellana; Guido Abellana; Charles, Rita & Godwin Fenech; Oreste & Gaetana Meli; Holy Souls;

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PRIESTHOOD? Through the power of the Spirit Jesus proclaimed his mission. How are you carrying on that mission today? Ponder the possibility of being a deacon, priest, brother or sister. (Luke 1:1, 4:14-21).

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.

WELCOME to Fr. Gerard Stoyles who will be celebrating the Masses this weekend. There will be a *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*, instead of Weekday Masses this week. There will be NO Exposition on Wednesday or Benediction this First Friday. Fr. Sarkis.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Next weekend is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. It is also the day when candles are blessed to be used in prayer in the homes of the Faithful throughout the following year. At the beginning of each Mass next weekend, I will celebrate the rite of Blessing of Candles that you wish to bring to be blessed for use in your homes or candles will be available to purchase in church foyer via honest system.



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.

EASTER LITURGY MEETING There will be a meeting to organize the liturgies for Holy Week and Easter on **THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY AT 8 PM** in the parish office. It is essential that a representative from each choir group is present please. Thank you.

CURSILLO WEEKEND Ladies of the Wollongong Diocese are invited to a 3-day Cursillo weekend at Carmel House, Varroville. Talks, discussion, friendship, daily Mass and spiritual guidance on request. Commences Thursday evening 6th March and concludes Sunday afternoon 9th March, 2025. Further details contact Margaret French 0417 041721, see notice board for brochure or email: cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com

YOUNG ADULTS Sanctus Summit is a new initiative of Wollongong Young Adults. A monthly Adoration for young adults, 18 years and over, every 3rd Wednesday of the month, in a beautiful and sacred space. Alternating between Macarthur and Wollongong, it begins 19th February at Rosemeadow Parish. 6.30 – 7.30pm Adoration in the church, followed by dinner and fellowship at Campbelltown Catholic Club. Bring a friend or group for a night of prayer, fellowship and good food.

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

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.



There is a certain urgency in today’s Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples – Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus immediately, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me- at this moment, in these circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

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.

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**.

3. Works of mercy and penance

In addition, the faithful will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, with a devout spirit, they participate in popular missions, spiritual exercises, or formation activities on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, held in a church or other suitable place, according to the mind of the Holy Father.

Despite the rule that only one plenary indulgence can be obtained per day, the faithful who have carried out an act of charity on behalf of the souls in Purgatory, if they receive Holy Communion a second time that day, can obtain the plenary indulgence twice on the same day, **applicable only to the deceased** (this must take place within a Eucharistic celebration. Through this double act, a praiseworthy exercise of supernatural charity is carried out, through that bond by which the faithful still journeying on this earth are united in the mystical Body of Christ, with those who have already completed their journey, by virtue of the fact that “the Jubilee indulgence, thanks to the power of prayer, is intended in a particular way for those who have gone before us, so that they may obtain full mercy” (Spes non confundit, 22).

In a special way “during the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind” (Spes non confundit, 10). Therefore, the Indulgence is also linked to certain works of mercy and penance, which bear witness to the conversion undertaken. The faithful, following the example and mandate of Christ, are encouraged to carry out works of charity or mercy more frequently, especially in the service of those brothers and sisters who are burdened by various needs. More especially, they should rediscover these “corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead” and rediscover also “the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead” (ibid).

In this way, the faithful will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if they visit, for an appropriate amount of time, their brothers and sisters who are in need or in difficulty (the sick, prisoners, lonely elderly people, disabled people...), in a sense making a pilgrimage to Christ present in them (cf. Mt 25, 34-36) according to the usual spiritual, sacramental and prayer conditions. The faithful can repeat these visits throughout the Holy Year, even daily, acquiring a plenary indulgence each time.

The Jubilee Plenary Indulgence can also be obtained through initiatives that put into practice, in a concrete and generous way, the spirit of penance which is, in a sense, the soul of the Jubilee. In particular the penitential nature of Friday can be rediscovered through abstaining, in a spirit of penance, at least for one day of the week from futile distractions (real but also virtual distractions, for example, the use of the media and/or social networks), from superfluous consumption (for example by fasting or practising abstinence according to the general norms of the Church and the indications of the Bishops), as well as by donating a proportionate sum of money to the poor; by supporting works of a religious or social nature, especially in support of the defence and protection of life in all its phases, but also by supporting the quality of life of abandoned children, young people in difficulty, the needy or lonely elderly people, or migrants from various countries “who leave their homelands behind in search of a better life for themselves and for their families” (Spes non confundit, 13); it can also be obtained by dedicating a reasonable portion of one’s free time to voluntary activities that are of service to the community or to other similar forms of personal commitment. (Next week, Jubilee Indulgence Summary and some Jubilee Year Prayers Days.)

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

Happy Australia Day to All!
In the midst of the busyness of our lives may we always create space
to prayerfully ponder and be present to the loving Presence of God.