

**SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH  
The EPIPHANY of the LORD  
02 January 2022**

Bulletin 26 December 2021

*The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
Year C*

# Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

| DATE                                     | READERS                 |                          | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION                                     |               | PIOUS GOODS STALL  |                   | AUDIO VISUAL |           |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------|--|-------------------|--------------|-----------|
|  | 26 Dec                  | 01/02 Jan                | 26 Dec  | 01/02 Jan     | 26 Dec   | 01/02 Jan         | 26 Dec       | 01/02 Jan |
| VIGIL 6PM                                | NO MASS                 | M Baert<br>D Baert       | NO MASS   | R Turner      | NO MASS  | M Matriano        | NO MASS      | R D'Cunha |
| 8.30AM                                   | B. Buchanan<br>K Dillon | S Magua<br>A James       | B Buchanan  | S Lo Cascio   | M Mourin   | G Rump            | A Failla     | D Knight  |
| 10.00AM                                  | N Lee<br>H Morell       | M Matriano<br>E Villarín | E D'Mellow  | L Albulario   | D Peaker   | M Smith           | A Tonna      | N Lee     |
| CHOIR<br>10.00AM                         |                         |                          | <b>READINGS</b>   |               |  |                   |              |           |
|  |                         |                          | 26 December<br>1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28<br>1 John 3:1-2, 21-24<br>Luke 2:41-52 |               | 01/02 January<br>Isaiah 60:1-6<br>Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6<br>Matthew 2:1-12 |                   |              |           |
| OUR LADY'S<br>STATUE NO 1<br>STATUE NO 2 |                         |                          |   |               |  |                   |              |           |
| <b>FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK</b>              |                         |                          | <b>DONATIONS</b>  |               |  |                   |              |           |
| Monday - 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       |              |           |

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

**Presbytery**  
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**Office Hours**

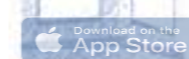
Tuesday – Thursday 9.00am – 4.00pm (closed 1.00pm -1.30pm)  
Friday 9.00am – 2.30pm

**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)**

**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** 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

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES  
OLHC ROSEMEADOW**

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES  
OLHC ROSEMEADOW**

**MASS BOOKINGS STILL REQUIRED VIA PARISH WEBSITE**

[www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au](http://www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au)

Sat. Vigil: 6.00pm  
Sunday: 8.30am  
Sunday: 10.00am

Tuesday: 6.30pm  
Wednesday: 9.00am  
Thursday: 9.00am  
Friday: 8.20am

**VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC**  
Saturday: 4.00pm

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month: 10.30am

**DEVOTIONS – SUSPENDED except for: -**

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

**CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH**

Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 11am – 12 noon

**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

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE** Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9.30am - 12.30pm at the Food Hub (Ambarvale Squash Courts), 65 Woodhouse Drive Ambarvale.

## Let us Pray

### **PLEAS PRAY FOR**

**Recently Deceased:** Patrick Berrel; Jillian Robinson; Antoinetta Allotta;

**Deceased:** Therese & Bill Wales; Mary Brechney; Sarah Russell; Lilian Russell; Alex Russell; Therese Wales; William Wales; Joseph & Mary Bonello; Henk deRoo; Carmen Ebejer; Clare Lawson; Tony Bonello; Ortlipp, Reilly, Ryan, Austen & Davies Families;

**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)

**NEW YEARS DAY MASS** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January is the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Mass will be celebrated at 9am.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Denis & Sheila Fonseca who this week celebrate the Diamond Jubilee (60 years) of their marriage. What a wonderful achievement and witness in today's world to faithful and committed love! May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you in His care.

### **MASS ATTENDANCE UPDATE. The following requirements apply from 24 DECEMBER 2021:**

- Attendees limited to 1 person per 2 square meters, meaning up to 400 people at Rosemeadow
- Face masks **MUST BE WORN INDOORS**
- CHURCH OPEN:** The church will now be open during the day (*except Monday*) for private prayer. Please ensure you use the QR registration as you enter.
- QR check-in or registration via Eventbrite is still required in Places of Worship**
- Social distancing recommended wherever possible
- Hand sanitiser to be used
- Congregational singing is permitted. *Please note: it will take some time for choirs to be organised and for singing to re-commence*
- 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.*

**MASS ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION** 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.*

**LIVESTREAM MASS** Only the **TUESDAY 6.30 PM weekday Mass will now be livestreamed.**

It can be accessed 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)

**PARISH OFFICE** is now open as usual, Tuesday – Thursday: 9am to 4pm; Friday: 9am to 2.30pm. Note: the office is closed between 1.00pm and 1.30pm for staff lunch. Thank you.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Mrs. Wolczak will be on Annual Leave during January, so please be patient if the office is closed- I have not yet managed the art of "bi-location"! 😊 Thank you.*

**SACRAMENTS 2022** 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.

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR PERU MISSIONS** On behalf of Mary MacKillop International, I thank you for your generous support in supplying and assisting with used stamps. During 2021 we raised approximately \$34,600. From 2001 till now our total is almost \$443,500! Thank you for all your contributions. It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop continues in Peru today. *Sr Helen Saunders for Sisters of St Joseph.* Please find in church foyer container to place your used stamps and continue this support.



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

**YOUTH RETREAT** Summer Nights is a four day non-live in retreat experience held at the Mount Carmel Retreat Centre at Varroville. Enjoy outdoor events, fellowship, prayer & worship, excellent speakers, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, music & dramas, powerful encounters with God. Run by the Disciples of Jesus Community. 12 – 15 January 2022. Ages 16-35. <http://www.summerschool.org.au/summernights>

**BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER** Bishop Brian Mascord's Christmas Pastoral Letter is available at the front Notice Board. You are welcome to take a copy.

**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.

**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.

**POSITION VACANT** Full-time housekeeping position available at Jamberoo Abbey's retreat cottages for start as soon as possible. Experience in hotel (fast turnaround) room service an advantage. Hours 8.30am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Full job description contact [accounts@jamberooabbey.org.au](mailto:accounts@jamberooabbey.org.au)



**PIETY STORE** We **STILL** 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 Year Greetings

Like the previous year, 2021 presented enormous challenges to us all- humanly and spiritually. I would like to thank you all for your cooperation and understanding with all the decisions and actions that have needed to be taken to deal with the consequences of covid19 on Mass attendance, which I am very conscious have not always been easy. It has been a long and hard year and I would also like to thank you for your support and encouragement to myself personally in what have not always been easy times. I am also very conscious that it has been very difficult for so many families as they have navigated these hard and challenging times. It is my sincere and heartfelt prayer that as we move into a New Year we may continue as individuals, as families, and as a Catholic Parish Community to draw strength and hope from our Christian Faith, and to share this Hope and Light of Christ with each other and all to whom we witness in the wider community in which we live and worship. I wish you every happiness and blessing. St. Joseph, intercede for us. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. **Happy New Year!** Fr. Sarkis

*Your life is a gift from God.  
What you do with it is your gift to Him.*