

SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of LENT  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIETY STORE		AUDIO VISUAL	
DATE	17/18 Feb	24/25 Feb	17/18 Feb	24/25 Feb	17/18 Feb	24/25 Feb	17/18 Feb	24/25 Feb
VIGIL 6PM	L Fenech D Pottier	J Webster A Pottage	Volunteer Needed	J Webster	M Mourin	J Webster	T Kurisunkal	R D’Cunha
8.30AM	S Josph M Chan	G Harmour B Buchanan	R Murphy	Z Robinson	C Vujanovic	M Mourin	J Scattergood	M Murphy
10.00AM	A Jachimczak D Tamayor	M David S Isaac	Volunteer Needed	A Jachimczak	D Peaker	S Issac & M David	B Peaker	N Lee
CHOIR 10.00AM	Group 1	Group 2	READINGS					
			17/18 February 2024 Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Gospel: Mark 1:12-15		24/25 February 2024 Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Gospel: Mark 9:2-10			
OUR LADY’S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2								
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS					
Thursday - The Chair of St Peter			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.  
**1<sup>st</sup> Friday:** Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon;

CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH  
Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm

**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.

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**Year B**

# 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](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:

**Principal:** Mr Brad McAllister Phone: 4645 8100 email: [info@jtccdw.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**RESPONSE** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

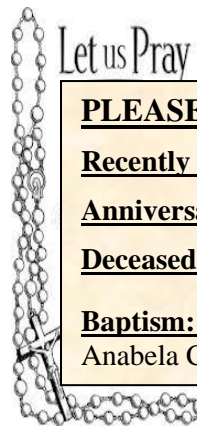
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Priase to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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**COMMUNION** One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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



Let us Pray

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Recently Deceased:** Martha Kavalier; Dominic Cassar;

**Anniversary:** Roberto Vizcaino; Henri Vainauskas;

**Deceased:** Katrine Melhem; Joe Kalabric; Oreste & Gaetana Meli; Holy Souls;

**Baptism:** Santino Shabow; Orlando Timothy-Dave Osborne; Sofia Ana Dokus; Cohen Mark Sanders; Anabela Catharina Kleyn;

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PRIESTHOOD** Today’s Gospel says that: “Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper”. Are you moved with love or pity when you see the outcast of today’s society? Who will come forward to minister Christ today? If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto: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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIQhkeubtYCBu_elfcglmaw)

**WEDDINGS:** - Jessica Cherote & Brandan Cavallaro. *Congratulations and God’s blessings upon you.*

**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.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS** Commencing this coming Tuesday, 20 February, and then every Tuesday during Lent, following Mass at 6.30 pm, the Rosary will be prayed at 7pm and the Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.


**PASCHAL PRECEPT** Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (11 February) and Trinity Sunday (26 May) unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

**RESTORE PALLIATIVE CARE FUNDING** In the last State budget, \$150 million was slashed from palliative care, contradicting guarantees made at the time of the passing of new laws for Euthanasia. No one should be pushed into euthanasia because of funding issues. We need to urgently stand up for the sanctity of human life by objecting to these cuts. Please sign this petition and invite friends and family to do the same <https://bit.ly/restorethefunding>

**DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER** Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Youth Ministry Leader in the Diocese of Wollongong. Applications close on Thursday, 29 February 2024. For information and detailed role description go to: [dow.org.au/position-vacant-diocesan-youth-ministry-leader/](http://dow.org.au/position-vacant-diocesan-youth-ministry-leader/) or for enquiries contact [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au)

**LENTEN REFLECTION BOOK** Once again our Diocese has produced this wonderful reflection booklet this year “PIETA.” and contain reflections for 8 weeks from the Ash Wednesday through to Easter Sunday. I highly recommend them as a wonderful way to guide our prayerful daily reflections as we prepare for the Paschal Mystery of Our Lord’s Death and Resurrection. They are **\$5 each NOW AVAILABLE IN CHURCH FOYER via honest system, please place money in box and take a copy & also available in PIETY STORE.**

**AUDIO-VISUAL ROSTER** We need more volunteers to operate the audio-visual display for all Masses. If you can help please caontact 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 arr 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 waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ.  
But there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism  
that people place their gifts, their resources, their very selves,  
at God’s service in and through the church.

**A NEW VISION FOR PARISHES** Bishop Mascord has asked that all Parishes in the Diocese of Wollongong distribute copies amongst the faithful this weekend - *the Feast of Christ the King* - of, *Come and See Go and Make* - A vision for Parishes in the Diocese of Wollongong. **Copies are available at the Notice Board.**

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE** Camp Australia have very successfully provided before (6.30am – 8.30am) and after school care (2.45pm – 6pm) to children for many years in the St. Anne Primary School Hall. **They now also offer full-time vacation care.** This service is open to all children regardless of where they attend school. For further information go to [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) or ring 1300 105 343 or go to the parish school website and click parent link [www.olhcdow.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olhcdow.catholic.edu.au). Brochures are also available at the Notice Board.

**TOUCHED BY ABORTION** Need Healing? Rachel's Vineyard next retreat 1 – 3 March 2024. Mount Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville NSW. Cost is negotiable. Part /full scholarships available.To book or further information, phone 0400 092 555 or 0407 626 079 EMAIL: [rachelsvineyardaus@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardaus@gmail.com)

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKERS** CatholicCare is seeking Community Support Workers. It will give you a career that you love, whilst providing a valuable connection to people living with a disability or the aged in our Diocese. Information at: [catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/careeRs/](http://catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/careeRs/) or call 4227 1122.

**ST JOSEPH MOTOR PILGRIMAGE 15 -17 March 2024.** Have you saved the Date yet for this unique, men only, Spiritual Encounter venerating St Joseph for his great example of Fatherhood and a Virtuous life. Come for part or the full pilgrimage, it’s your choice. 3 days of cars, bikes, men’s gatherings, prayer, worship, Mass, keynote speakers, discussions and fellowship across the (Arch) Diocese of Bathurst/Orange, Canberra/Goulburn and Sydney! Supported by Parousia Media, MenAlive and Maximus Men’s Ministry Network. Once registered you will receive updated information and be added to the Zoom pre-drive/ride briefing. Also, if you have been involved in organising something like this in the past and would like to help, please let us know by direct message. Register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1110723>

**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](http://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/](http://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](http://www.ascensionpress.com/biy) *Catechism in a Year* at [www.ascensionRress.com/ciy](http://www.ascensionRress.com/ciy) Highly recommended.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** The Project Compassion Appeal begins Ash Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, Boxes, as well as envelopes for those who prefer these, are available in the foyer of the church. Please take one home and place it where it can be seen as a reminder of the corporal work of mercy to “*feed the hungry*”. Thank you.

*“Great leaders understand the power of truth.  
They celebrate the truth, even when it involves  
tough decisions and the loss of popularity.”*

Matthew Kelly: Building Better Families