

**SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of LENT*  
**3 March 2024**

	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIETY STORE		AUDIO VISUAL	
DATE	24/25 Feb	2/3 Mar	24/25 Feb	2/3 Mar	24/25 Feb	2/3 Mar	24/25 Feb	2/3 Mar
VIGIL 6PM	J Webster A Pottage	F Bugeja K Duncan	J Webster	F Bugeja	J Webster	M Matriano	R D’Cunha	L Estrella
8.30AM	G Harmour B Buchanan	P Kenyon P Kenyon	Z Robinson	M Rolfe	M Mourin	K Knight	M Murphy	D Knight
10.00AM	M David S Isaac	F Rowe D Walles	A Jachimczak	E D’Mellow	S Isaac & M David	S Isaac & M David	N Lee	D Tamayor
CHOIR 10.00AM	Group 2	Group 1	READINGS					
			24/25 February 2024		2/3 March 2024			
			Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18		Exodus 20: 1-17			
			Romans 8:31-34		1 Corinthians 1:22-25			
			Gospel: Mark 9:2-10		Gospel: John 2:13-25			
OUR LADY’S STATUE NO 1								
STATUE NO 2								
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK								
DONATIONS								
PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS								
Parish (second Collection)					Clergy (first Collection)			
BSB :					BSB :			
066 711					066 711			
Acc No:					Acc No:			
002395					002026			
Acc Name:					Acc Name:			
Parish Church					Parish Presbytery			
Reference:					Reference:			
Family Name					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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**SECOND 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.

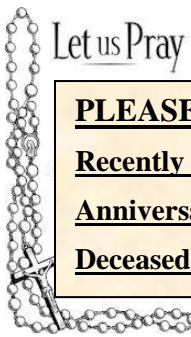
**ENTRANCE** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**RESPONSE** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**COMMUNION** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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



Let us Pray

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Recently Deceased:** Graeme Russell; Nicodemus Tamras Daniel;

**Anniversary:** Coin Ryan;

**Deceased:** Charles, Rita & Godwin Fenech; Oreste & Gaetana Meli;

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PRIESTHOOD** God calls Abraham to be willing to sacrifice all that is dear to him, even his own son, Isaac. In order to respond to a priestly or religious vocation, the same call to sacrifice is heard. Are you willing?(Gen. 22:1-2).If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)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)

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS** Each 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.

**HOLY WEEK MINISTERS** At the Front Notice Board is a roster for all the Holy Week Ceremonies and the ministers we require for Reading, Holy Communion and AV operators. Those who were already scheduled for the applicable Mass on the normal roster have been allotted the same Mass. **Please check to see if your name is there and confirm that you can do that Mass by ringing the Parish Office this week.** Would those engaged in these respective ministries, and who are not already rostered on, please put their name in the blank spaces where we still need help. Thank you.

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS** There will be Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this coming first Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, from 11am to 12noon.

**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)

**OLHC YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT CHOIR** St Augustine said “*to sing is to pray twice*”. Dear youth/ young adults, you are warmly invited to join the new Youth Choir at OLHC Parish. Come and share your talents, whether it be an instrument or your voice, a beginner or a seasoned musician, all are welcome. Together, led by a great team, let's raise our community in praise and worship. For any questions or to register please contact Chris or Candice on +61 431 861 472. We look forward to hearing from 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.



*Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself “did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up to benefit us all.” Are my gifts to the Lord - of my resources, my time and myself - also truly sacrificial?*

**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.**

**WOMEN’S DISCERNMENT RETREAT** for single women aged 16-35 to listen and discern your vocation. MGL Sisters, Friday 1 - Sunday 3 March, Varroville. Questions/Contact: [mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com)

**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.

**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.

**BELL RINGERS** Calling all potential Bellringers! We need more people to join our team of Bellringers. Age is no barrier- young or mature! Practise is on Monday at 4pm in the rear Belltower Room. See Notice Board for more details or ring Brian on 0402 377 131

**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.ascensionpress.com/ciy](http://www.ascensionpress.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.

**AUDIO-VISUAL ROSTER** We need more volunteers to operate the audio-visual display for all Masses. If you can help please contact the Parish Office.Thank you.

“God certainly hears all our prayers,  
but often the answer He gives,  
is one we do not expect.”