

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

5th Sunday of Lent
6 April 2025

	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIETY STORE		AUDIO VISUAL	
DATE	29/30 Mar	5/6 Apr	29/30 Mar	5/6 Apr	29/30 Mar	5/6 Apr	29/30 Mar	5/6 Apr
VIGIL 6PM	E Robinson J Azzopardi	G Bingham L Estrella	E Robinson	D Barrett	J Azzopardi	J Webster	L Estrella	K Duncan
8.30AM	E Villarin K Dillon	V Smith J Smith	E Villarin	S LoCascio	K Knight	J Smith	M Murphy	A Augustine
10.00AM	R Ventura Z Ventura	V Gabrio O Montano	A Espiritu	J Montano	D Peaker	M Smith	B Peaker	B Peaker
CHOIR 10.00AM	Group 1	LATIN	READINGS					
Young Adult CHOIR VIGIL	Vigil Choir		29/30 March 2025 Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32		5/6 April 2025 Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 Gospel: John 8:1-11			
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2								
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS 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: 5pm – 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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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
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*Our Lady Help of Christians Parish
Rosemeadow*

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Office Hours

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Friday – 9.00am – 2.30pm

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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:

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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.

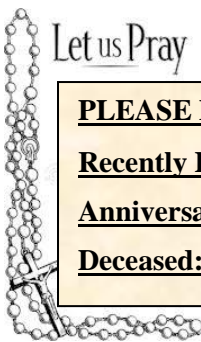
ENTRANCE Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning: exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

RESPONSE Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
available in the foyer



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Michael Vlot;

Anniversary Delores Gil;

Deceased: Emma Abellana; Oreste & Gaetana Meli

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PRIESTHOOD? God welcomes us home with extravagant love. Let the call to holiness draw you home into a deeper relationship with God. (Exodus: 3:18, 13-15). 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.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this coming First Friday 4th April from 11am to 12 noon.

CONFESSION As of this weekend I will now begin hearing Confessions from **5pm** rather than 5.15pm. It is pleasing to see more people coming to this wonderful gift of God's mercy and love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

STATUES & ICONS It has come to my attention that many people have been touching the statues and icons in the church again. While I understand and respect the devotional aspect of wishing to do this, I ask that you please refrain from doing so. All the statues and icons have been specially commissioned, and many have been enhanced with gilding (gold). Touching them has a detrimental effect and therefore I ask that they **NOT BE TOUCHED** as this will damage the gilding and paintwork. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS Each Tuesday during Lent, following Mass at 6.30 pm, the Rosary at 7pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.

HOLY WEEK MINISTERS Thank you to those who placed their names on the Holy Week Roster. Just one (1) spot now needs filling- a reader for the Epistle at the Vigil Mass. If you can help, please write your name on the roster on the Notice Board. Thank you.

LATIN MASS The Latin Schola will be singing the 10am Mass next Sunday, 6 April, which will be in Latin.

PROJECT COMPASSION The Project Compassion Appeal commenced on Ash Wednesday 5th March, 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.

ALTAR SERVERS ALBS Would those who used to be Altar Servers please check if you still have your albs. If so, please launder and return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

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 (5 March) and Trinity Sunday (15 June) 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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS MEN'S ROSARY PRAYER GROUP The OLHC Men's Rosary group meet in the church every last Tuesday of the month at 7 pm to honour Our Blessed Mother and to pray for our parish, for our own needs and for the needs of others. All men from our parish regardless of age are warmly invited to "come and see" and pray with us and experience brotherhood and friendship with fellow parishioners. For any enquiries please contact Glenn Harmour on 0439644488 or David Barrett on 0410487630



It is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he had been given.

JOHN TERRY CATHOLIC COLLEGE YEAR 7 2026 ENROLMENTS CLOSING SOON A reminder to families will close on **Friday, 11th April**. To ensure your child secures an interview, all enrolments must be fully completed by this date. This deadline applies to **new enrolments, sibling applications, and applications that have been received but are incomplete due to missing documentation**. Families are encouraged to check their applications and submit any outstanding files as soon as possible to avoid delays. **All enrolments are submitted online via our website**. For further information or assistance, please visit (<https://www.jtccdow.catholic.edu.au/>) or contact College (02) 4645 8100.

JUBILEE PILGRIM PASSPORT The Diocese has printed special Jubilee Pilgrim Passports for those who wish to visit the Jubilee Year Churches. They are available at the Notice Board. When you visit one of the Jubilee Churches (including our own) you may have your Pilgrim Passport stamped. For easy access, the stamp is at the Notice Board near the passports below. You can stamp them yourself when visiting the church.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE YOUTH CAMP Monday 14 -Wednesday 16 April at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Games, fellowship, food & formation. Run by Youth Mission Team Sydney. More info & rego: M: 0428 771 744/ <https://www.ymt.com.au/istandevents>

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE WALK FOR LIFE Join pilgrims from around the Diocese from Fri 23 May- Sat 24 May for all or part of the walk for life along the stunning South Coast from Kiama to Culburra. Pope Francis has urged us in this Jubilee Year to build a culture of life, where every human life is cherished and protected. Day 1: From Kiama to Gerringong, followed by dinner with Bishop Mascord & overnight adoration. Day 2: Gerringong to Culburra, finishing with mass and dinner. For more information go to dow.sh/WFL or contact jude.hennessy@dow.org.au/ 4222 2407

JUBILEE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE Saturday 26 April 2025, Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy Penrose Park, 10am – 3pm. A day of prayer, reflection, and encounter as we journey in faith through: Mass, Reconciliation, Rosary Walk, International Chapels, Fellowship & Lunch, and Creative Prayer Stations. To register: dow.org.au/events/penrose-park-jubilee-youth-pilgrimage/

COME & SEE, GO & MAKE You may recall that last year a number of parishioners and the Parish Pastoral Council engaged in the first activity of the document released by Bishop Mascord, *Come & See, Go & Make*, for the future direction of the Diocese. He has now asked that any parishioners who are interested to complete the Second Activity Worksheet online. This can be accessed at: <https://dow.sh/csgmactivity> I would encourage you to participate in this as it will help in planning for the future.

JESUS YOUTH AUSTRALIA Youth program for teenagers in high school (years 7-12) for a spiritual and social gathering. **Every 1st and 3rd Friday in the Martha Room**. Deepen your connection with Christ and create meaningful friendships with praise and worship music/singing, bible study, activities, discussion and dinner. Contact Joshana Jacob 0431650658 or Dilson 0470398578 for details. Visit <https://jesusyouth.org/>

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.

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.



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.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
have mercy on me, a sinner