

**SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**  
**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH**  
*PALM Sunday of the PASSION OF THE LORD*  
**24 March 2024**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**Year B**

# Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

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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>

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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** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**RESPONSE** Create a clean heart in me, O God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

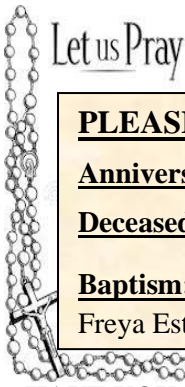
Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**COMMUNION** Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

|  | READERS                   |                         | EXTRAORDINARY<br>MINISTERS OF HOLY<br>COMMUNION                                 |            | PIETY STORE  |           | AUDIO VISUAL |             |                   |  |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|---|------------|--|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|--|
| DATE                                     | 16/17 Mar                 | 23/24 Mar               | 16/17 Mar   | 23/24 Mar  | 16/17 Mar  | 23/24 Mar | 16/17 Mar    | 23/24 Mar   |                   |  |
| VIGIL 6PM                                | E Robinson<br>J Azzopardi | G Bingham<br>L Estrella | E Robinson  | K Duncan   | J Azzopardi  | A Rojo    | T Kurisunkal | Robbie B.V. |                   |  |
| 8.30AM                                   | E Villarin<br>K Dillon    | V Smith<br>J Smith      | E Villarin  | G Harmour  | M Mourin   | J Smith   | M Murphey    | D Knight    |                   |  |
| 10.00AM                                  | R Ventura<br>Z Ventura    | V Bagrio<br>O Montano   | R Suares  | W Monsalve | D Tamayor  | D Peaker  | N Lee        | D Tamayor   |                   |  |
| CHOIR<br>10.00AM                         | LATIN                     | Group 1                 | READINGS  |            |  |           |              |             |                   |  |
|  |                           |                         | 10/17 March 2024<br>Jeremiah 31:31-34<br>Hebrews 5:7-9<br>Gospel: John 12:20-33 |            | 23/24 March 2024 Palm Sunday<br>Isiah 50:4-7<br>Philippians 2:6-11<br>Gospel: Mark 11:1-10 |           |              |             |                   |  |
| OUR LADY’S<br>STATUE NO 1<br>STATUE NO 2 |                           |                         |   |            |  |           |              |             |                   |  |
| FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK                     |                           |                         | DONATIONS<br>PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS   |            |  |           |              |             |                   |  |
| Monday: St Patrick<br>Tuesday: St Joseph |                           |                         | 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 |  |
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| <b>SUNDAY MASS TIMES</b><br><b>OLHC ROSEMEADOW</b>  |   | <b>WEEKDAY MASS TIMES</b><br><b>OLHC ROSEMEADOW</b> |        |
| Sat. Vigil:   | 6.00pm  | Tuesday:  | 6.30pm |
| Sunday:   | 8.30am  | Wednesday:  | 9.00am |
| Sunday:   | 10.00am   | Thursday:   | 9.00am |
|   |   | Friday:   | 8.20am |
| <b><u>VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC</u></b>  |   |   |        |
| Saturday:   | 4.00pm  |   |        |
| <b><u>DEVOTIONS:</u></b><br><i>All in the Church</i>  |   |   |        |
| <b>Last Tuesday:</b>  | Men's Rosary - 7pm  |   |        |
| <b>Every Wednesday:</b>   | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am – 8.55am before Mass.     |   |        |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Friday:</b>   | Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon; |   |        |
| <b><u>CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH</u></b>   |   |   |        |
| Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm   |   |   |        |
| <b>MARRIAGES</b> by appointment   |   |   |        |
| <b>BAPTISMS</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month) – by appointment  |   |   |        |
| <b>SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS</b> please visit parish website for dates & enrolment forms in Sacraments Tab   |   |   |        |
| <b>ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE</b> Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9.30am - 12.30pm at the Food Hub<br>(Ambarvale Squash Courts), 65 Woodhouse Drive Ambarvale. |   |   |        |

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



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Anniversary:** Matilda Sant; Steve Katsoolis; Joan Daniel;

**Deceased:** Oreste & Gaetana Meli; Graeme Russell;

**Baptism:** Liam Blake Slater; Maison Anthony O’Keefe; Hayden Luis Gonzalez; Isabel Marietta Rose Boyle; Freya Esther Figueira;

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PRIESTHOOD** Strangers come to Philip with the simple request: “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” In your actions and words, are you able to show the love of Christ to the stranger in your midst? (John 12:21) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at 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)

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Kevin and Robin Dillon who celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> (ruby) wedding anniversary. May God continue to bless you with grace and happiness.

**LATIN SCHOLA** We welcome and thank you to the schola who will singing at the 10am Mass today.

**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** Thank you to those who put their names down for the ministries at the Holy Week Ceremonies. The roster is now complete and is on the Notice Board. Please check when you are rostered to ensure you attend that Mass. Thank you.


**HOLY WEEK ROSTER** The roster for all the times of Masses and Confessions is on the Notice Board.

**ALTAR SERVERS** Please let me know which ceremonies you will be at and willing to serve please.

**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.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** Following our Parish Retreat Evenings held last year, and after discussion with the current PPC, we will be moving forward by using the Bishop’s document, “*Come and See, Go and Make*” as a guide for our future direction. To commence this process, **I am inviting any interested parishioners to attend a series of six (6) sessions that will work through this document.** At the conclusion of these evenings, I will appoint a new PPC from among those attending. The sessions will be held on **Fridays: 15 & 22 March; 5, 12, 19 & 26 April, from 7.30 – 8.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room** adjacent to the parish office. Please ring the Parish Office if attending so we have an idea of numbers please.

**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 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.

**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.

**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



*“If anyone would serve me,” says the Jesus in today’s Gospel, “let him follow me; where I am, there my servant will be too.” In what way is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?*

**YOUNG ADULT EVENT** Saturday 23 March from 5pm, at St Mary's Towers Douglas Park. Connect with fellow young adults for prayer and a catechesis on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. The night concludes with an outdoor screening of 'The Passion of the Christ' by Mel Gibson. BYO dinner and snacks, picnic blanket or chair. Free event! Register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CPNVW> **Please Note: This is for over 18’s only**

**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/ or call 4227 1122.

**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>

**CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND** Fri 17 – Sun 19 March, Guntawang-Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility, Oakdale. For families of every age, couples with or without children, single parents with their children, grandparents. Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family. RSVP: Mon 8 March. Enquiries: Jude Hennessy (02 4222 2407 / [jude.hennessy@dow.org.au](mailto:jude.hennessy@dow.org.au) or [Info - CCFCWeekend](#)

**EMMAUS SILENT RETREAT** Friday 19 - Sunday 21 April, Varroville. Embark on the sacred journey of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. This retreat is run by the MGL Sisters and is for both men and women; trybooking.com/CNSXX

**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/](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>

**HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES 2024**

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**SATURDAY 23 MARCH:**  
**SUNDAY 31 MARCH:**

6.00pm - Vigil Mass  
8.30am – Mass  
10.00am - Mass

**TUESDAY 26 MARCH: 7.00pm**

– CHRISM MASS of the HOLY OILS at ST. FRANCIS XAVIER’S CATHEDRAL, WOLLONGONG. *(Includes renewal of Priestly Ordination promises by all Priests of the Diocese). (Note: No 6.30pm Mass today in the parish)*

**HOLY THURSDAY 28 MARCH: 7.00pm**

– SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER  
Followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to Altar of Repose where Exposition will continue until Midnight.By tradition, the Church Sanctuary will be stripped, and statues covered until the Solemn Easter Vigil, in honour of the Lord’s burial in the Tomb. *(Note: No 9am Mass today)*

**GOOD FRIDAY 29 MARCH:**

*(A day of both fast and abstinence).*  
**10.00am** - STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
**3.00pm** - SOLEMN COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION AND DEATH

**HOLY SATURDAY 30 MARCH:**

**7.00pm** – SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL and MASS OF THE LORD’S RESURRECTION.

**EASTER SUNDAY 31 MARCH:**

**8.30am** - Mass  
**10.00am** - SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD’S RESURRECTION

**CONFESSIONS**

|           |          |                  |
|-----------|----------|------------------|
| Saturday  | 23 March | 5.00pm – 5.45pm  |
| Wednesday | 27 March | 9.30am – 10.00am |
| Wednesday | 27 March | 6.30pm – 8.00pm  |
| Friday    | 29 March | 11am – 12noon    |

**PLEASE NOTE:**

There will be **NO** Confessions heard on Holy Saturday, **30 March**. By tradition, no sacraments are celebrated on Holy Saturday in the Church, in memory of the Lord’s burial in the Tomb. All the faithful should have confessed their sins prior to the celebration of the Sacred Triduum of Easter.

“Lord, give me the grace and strength to do what is right-even when I am alone.”