

SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
23 August 2026

	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIETY STORE		AUDIO VISUAL	
DATE	15/16 Aug	22/23 Aug	15/16 Aug	22/23 Aug	15/16 Aug	22/23 Aug	15/16 Aug	22/23 Aug
VIGIL 6PM	E Robinson J Azzopardi	G Bingham L Estrella	E Robinson	K Duncan	J Azzopardi	M Coutelis	R D'Çunha	Robbie B.V.
8.30AM	E Villarin K Dillon	V Smith J Smith	E Villarin	M Rolfe	M Mourin	C Vujanovic	A Augustine	A D'emanuel
10.00AM	L Faaso O Monatano	A Jachimczak D Tamayor	J Montano	A Jachimczak	D Tamayor	M Smith	N Lee	N Lee
CHOIR 10.00AM	Group 3	LATIN	15/16 August 2026 22/23 August 2026 Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Isaiah 22:19-23 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Romans 11:33-36 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28 Gospel: Matthew 16:18					
Young Adult CHOIR VIGIL								
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1								
STATUE NO 2								
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS					
			PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS					
Wednesday	St John Eudes, <i>priest</i>		Parish (second Collection)		Clergy (first Collection)			
Thursday	St Bernard <i>abbot, doctor</i>							
Friday	St Pius X, <i>pope</i>							
Saturday	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary							
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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

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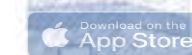
Office Hours

Parish Office Manager Mrs. Meshline Wolczak
Tuesday – Wednesday 9.00am - 4.00pm, Thursday 9.00am – 12noon
Friday – 9.00am – 2.30pm (closed 1.00 – 1.30pm)

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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>

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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 Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

RESPONSE O God, let all the nations praise you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

COMMUNION With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
available in the foyer

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 ROSMEADOW

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

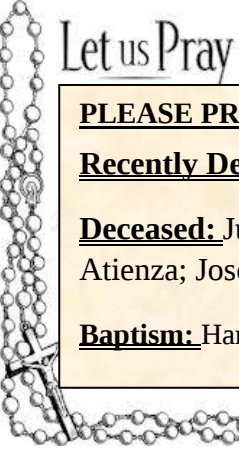


SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS please visit parish website for dates & enrolment forms in Sacraments Tab or click on QR code for Face Book page “Rosemeadow Parish”

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

WE VALUE YOUR THOUGHTS Have you noticed something that could be improved or have ideas for enhancing our Parish community? Please share your thoughts using this QR code for an anonymous online form, which will be reviewed quarterly by the Parish Pastoral Council. You can also drop your suggestion in the suggestion box in church foyer. Your input will help us grow together, Thank you for helping us create a stronger Parish community!





Let us Pray

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Jean Spiteri; Sue Kriuklys; Mary Magdalena Thi Hong Nguyen; Rosa Zappavigna;

Deceased: Judith Van-Tempest; Oreste & Gaetana Meli; Holy Souls; Mario, Paz, Emmanuel & Gerardo Atienza; Josefino Matriano;

Baptism: Harlem Rose Plaatjies; Theo James Mureddu;

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED “The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” Use the gifts that God has given you to stir into flame the gift of faith. {Romans 11:29). If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at 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

CONGRATULATIONS to Michael and Jacqueline Wales who celebrate the 65th anniversary of their wedding. What an extraordinary and wonderful milestone. May Our Lord continue to bless you with joy and happiness.

CLERGY RETREAT This week I will be doing my annual clergy retreat and therefore there will be NO WEEKDAY MASS this week. Please pray for the priests of the Diocese during this week as we will for you.

THE LATIN SCHOLA will be present to sing at the 10am Mass next Sunday 23rd August. All welcome.

CATECHESIS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS (13 yrs & over). Beginning today, Sunday 16th August, and continuing every Thursday & Sunday at 7.30pm in the Martha Room next to the Church. Many of us have not received and listened to catechesis since our Confirmation or marriage preparation classes. Our lives have changed, we’ve grown, our questions have deepened and so has our need to grow and mature in faith and understanding. This is an invitation to come back, to listen, to reflect, and to grow in your relationship with God. A team of Catechists from the Neo-catechumenal Way will present these talks. No matter your situation today the Lord is calling you to discover the fullness of life. Babysitters will be provided.

OLHC MENS ROSARY GROUP This prayer group meet following the 6.30pm Mass every last Tuesday of the month. All are welcome to come and pray the Holy Rosary together to Our Lady, which is led by the men of the Parish, and to strengthen each other’s faith at the same time. For enquiries, please contact Glenn Harmour on 0439644488 or David Barrett on 0410487630. ***Date of next meeting:*** Tuesday 25th August.

ST. CARLO ACUTIS As part of the Australia-wide pilgrimage of the Relics of St. Carlo Acutis in preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress of 2028, our Parish will be privileged to host the Relic and Museum Display of his life on Tuesday 15 September 2026. To enable as many as possible to experience this unique occasion a program timetable has been arranged. From 9am to 1.30pm, students from the regions High Schools and Primary Schools will be visiting. From 2pm until 9pm it will be open to everyone. The display will be in the St. Joachim Parish Hall, and the Relic in the church. There will also be Exposition and Reconciliation available in the church as well as devotions after the 6.30pm Mass until the Relics departure at 9pm. This day is open to all parishes and parishioners in the Macarthur Region. See the flyer on the Notice Board for more details.

ORDINATION TO THE PREISTHOOD Deacon Seth Harsh who has been studying in Rome will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday 12 September. He has asked to be ordained in our Parish Church, and I have agreed. Bishop Mascord will conduct the Ordination Ceremony at 10.30am, which will be followed by hospitality in the Parish Hall. This will be a wonderful occasion and all are welcome to attend. Arrangements are being organised jointly between the Diocese and the Parish, and I will be seeking some help with practical matters in due course. Please pray for Deacon Seth as he makes his final preparation for Priestly Ordination. Because of the logistics involved it is essential to let us know of your attendance so that suitable arrangements can be made. Please RSVP by 1 September 2026 [rsvp.dow.org.au](https://www.dow.org.au) (preferred) or phone (02) 4222 2400.

WHAT’S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE? Check out upcoming formation courses, youth events, walks, camping and jubilee events. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop [dow.sh/stayingconnected](https://www.dow.sh/stayingconnected) or visit <https://www.dow.sh/weeklybulletin> to see everything that is on around our Diocese.

FREE CATHOLIC PROGRAMS Go to www.formed.org / Click ‘Formed for Individuals’ button / Enter your email address



In today’s second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, “God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable.” To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

BIBLE STUDY: *Galatians – Set Free to Live;* Teaches us what it means to have this filial relationship with God the Father, how he honors us as his children, and how we must honor him as our loving Father. Paul’s letter to Galatians addresses questions and unites us in Christ’s redeeming sacrifice. Join fellowship in discussion and presentation on Friday evenings commencing from **4th September at 7.30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room.see the Church noticeboard for more information or email Dudley Knight (dudleyk@iinet.net.au) or talk with Dudley or his wife Kris in the Church Foyer after Mass on the two weekends prior to this Bible Study.

JESUS YOUTH SYDNEY We welcome all high school students in years 7-12 to come along to the Martha Room from 7pm-9pm here at our parish. We meet every 3rd Friday to celebrate our faith with music, games, activities and free pizza for dinner. Make sure your parent/guardian meets us to sign you in. Visit <https://jesusyouth.org/> or look up 'jesusyouthsydney' on social media. Contact Joshana 0431650658.

CAMINO OF ST JOSEPH is your opportunity Catholic men for an overnight pilgrimage through the heart of Sydney, walking together in the footsteps of St Joseph, a man of courage, sacrifice, strength and unwavering faith. **Beginning with 9.00pm Mass on Friday 21 August at St Patrick’s Church Hill**, walk through the night in prayer, brotherhood and camaraderie, before arriving at **St Mary’s Cathedral for 6.00am Mass on Saturday morning**. Confession is available from 7.00pm, and the Camino concludes with a well-earned hot breakfast, drinks and fellowship. Bring a mate and walk alongside 1,000+ other men striving to follow the example of St Joseph. **Cost:** \$25 | **Next** Friday 21 to Saturday 22 AugustRegister: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1570922>

CURSILLO DIOCESAN WOMEN’S ENCOUNTER, Thursday 10 September to Sunday 13 September 2026 Carmel House Varroville Cursillo is a life changing experience providing a method to support and nurture our faith journey and enable us to live vibrant Gospel oriented lives. The weekend will include talks, discussions fostering friendship, daily Mass, spiritual direction, good music, fun and laughter. Cost: \$320 (payment options available) covers all meals, accommodation, resources and activities. Enquiries: Shirley Parker 0431 513 109 cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com or visit <https://www.dow.sh/Cursillo>

CHOSEN 2026 – NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE Young people aged 16–35 are invited to **CHOSEN 2026**, a 4 day National Catholic Youth Conference run by Jesus Youth Australia. This is taking place on the **19th–22nd of November 2026 at La Trobe University, Melbourne**. This renowned conference includes 4 days of rallies, workshops, Mass, Adoration, live music and community with inspiring speakers while connecting with young Catholics from across Australia. *For more information visit* <https://chosenconference.org.au/>

KLETOS 2026 – CHOSEN Pre-Conference KLETOS KLETOS (Greek for "called") is a half-day free Catholic youth event on **Saturday, 22 August 2026**, from 11:00 am – 3:30 pm here at St Joachim Hall, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish for young people **aged 16–35**. Inspired by Jesus' words, *"Many are called, but few are chosen"* (Matthew 22:14), KLETOS is packed with music, games, food, inspiring talks, praise and worship, prayer, and fellowship. Experience a powerful preview of CHOSEN 2026, encounter Christ and connect with other young Catholics from across South West Sydney. Donations welcome and fundraising items available on the day. *Please register here:* <https://forms.gle/DiNExomvdMsBhJ3U9>

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 Diocesan Pilgrimage Applications are now open for the Diocese ofWollongong's pilgrimage to World Youth Day Seoul 2027! visit <https://www.dow.org.au/wyd27>for information on the itinerary, costs, travel arrangements and FAQs.Join our mailing list at <https://www.dow.sh/wyd27> to receive the latest updates

RENEWED & SENT: PARISH RENEWAL SUMMIT held at *St Gregory’s College, Campbelltown, from 1–3 October 2026*. Bishop Brian invites you to a three days of inspiring keynote presentations, practical workshops, pray together, hear real stories of renewal, receive practical encouragement, and think about what God may be inviting us to do here in our own parish. An opportunity to connect with others who share a passion for the future of our parishes and all around the diocese. This opportunity aligns with Bishop Brian Mascord's Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes, helping us to grow as communities where people encounter Jesus, become his disciples, and are sent to share the Gospel. For the full program and registrations, visit <https://www.renewedandsent.com.au>

THE JOURNEY – YOUR DIOCESAN WEEKLY PODCAST The Journey is the weekly podcast for parishioners in the Diocese of Wollongong. Each week it brings you great music, formation in faith, with an array of fantastic presenters from our Diocese and around Australia. Just go to www.jcr.org.au and we will send it to you each week.

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. If you are interested in joining the Bell Ringers Group, please come to the rear Bell Tower (at the rear of the church) on Monday’s at 4pm.



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. Thank you.

“The one thing that doesn’t abide by majority rule is a person’s conscience.”