

SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
23rd Sunday Ordinary Time
8 September 2024

	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIETY STORE		AUDIO VISUAL	
DATE	31Aug/1 Sept	7/8 Aug	31Aug/1Sep	7/8 Aug	31Aug/1Sep	7/8 Aug	31Aug/1Sep	7/8 Aug
VIGIL 6PM	E Robinson J Azzopardi	G Bingham L Estrella	E Robinson	K Duncan	J Azzopardi	J Azzopardi	L Estrella	Robbie B.V.
8.30AM	E Villarin K Dillon	V Smith J Smith	E Villarin	Z Robinson	M Mourin	J Smith	M Murphy	D Knight
10.00AM	R Ventura Z Ventura	V Gabrio	E D'Mellow	W Monsalve	M Smith	D Peaker	N Lee	D Tamayor
CHOIR 10.00AM	Group 1		READINGS 31 Aug / 1 September 2024 7/8 September 2024 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 Isaiah 35:4-7 James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 James 2:1-5 Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Gospel: Mark 7:31-37					
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2								
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS					
Tuesday – St Gregory			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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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: 5.15pm – 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

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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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish
Rosemeadow

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Office Hours

Parish Office Manager Mrs. Meshline Wolczak
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Friday – 9.00am – 2.30pm

Email: rosemeadow@dow.org.au

Website: 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

John Therry Catholic College:

Principal: Mr Brad McAllister Phone: 4645 8100 email: 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.

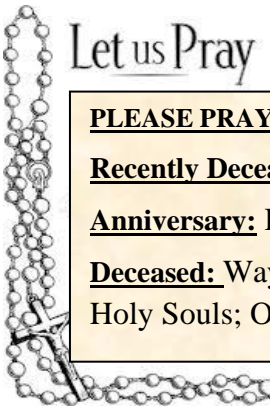
ENTRANCE Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long, O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

RESPONSE The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of hid creation. Alleluia!

COMMUNION How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
available in the foyer



Let us Pray

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Francesco Menegotto;

Anniversary: Henk deRoo; Clare McManus Lawson; Joseph & Mary Bonello; Puthuva Mathew;

Deceased: Wayne Spilsted; Stan kriuklys; Victor Lee; Graeme Russell; William Wales; Alex Russell; Holy Souls; Oreste & Gaetana Meli; Lester Smith; Fritz Zamudio; Anthony Harmour;

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED “Be doers of the word and not hearers only.” The reception of the Word of God demands a living response, for the Word is active and alive, spurring us on to action. (James 1:22). 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 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 There will be Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this coming first Friday 6th September from 11am to 12noon.


CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS (13 years & over) **begin tonight, Sunday 1st September** and will continue Sundays & Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room (next to the office). Babysitters will be provided. Many of us have not received catechesis since confirmation or marriage classes. Our lives have changed and we need to mature in our faith. You are invited to take this opportunity to come and listen. We have a team coming from the *Neocatechumenal Way* to present these talks. No matter your situation today, the Lord is calling you to discover the fullness of life. All welcome. Call Gabriele on 0424 051916 for more information.

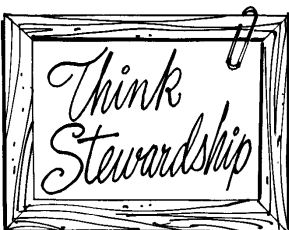
SAILING BACK TO BYZANTIUM a newly released book containing the icons and art of Michael Galovic. This is a magnificent book of very high quality. It also features the icons in our church. If you are interested in iconography this book is a delight. It can be purchased directly from him via his website at: www.michaelgalovic.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We need more parishioners to help with the opening and closing of the church for all Masses, both on the weekends and during the week. If you can help please contact the parish Office or Fr. Sarkis.

FOREIGN COINS Please do **NOT PLACE ANY FOREIGN COINS IN THE COLLECTIONS**. This not only puts the count out but adversely affects the counting machine. Moreover, we cannot use them as it costs more to convert them than their value. Thank you.

COLUMBARIUM MEMEORIAL GARDEN Happily the timeline for construction is keeping to schedule with commencement at the end of September. Next weekend, there will be a display in the foyer showing what it will look like. Information brochures will also be available. Sales will commence at the end of September. Those who have placed their names on the waiting list will be contacted at that time. Constructed of granite and marble, each wall and garden will be dedicated to a Saint. These will be: Our Lady; St. Joseph; St. Joachim, St. Anne (parents of Mary); St. Therese of Lisieux; St. Mary MacKillop; and St. John Paul II. A white Carrara marble statue of each Saint will be placed in each garden dedicated to them and landscaped with variegated pebbles. It will be a very beautiful and appropriate consecrated resting place for loved ones next to the church as they await their resurrection with Christ at the end of time when He returns in glory.

 **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.



Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit, comes from above says St. James in the second reading today. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves using those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith!

CATECHIST RETREAT 2024 *Known and Loved 9:30am–2:30pm*. All who support the Catechist ministry are invited to attend this retreat. Facilitated by Sr. Katherine Stone MGL, to help us to gain a greater understanding of who Jesus is and who we are in the light of Jesus. The retreat will include Mass, reflections, prayer and discussion. Morning Tea provided, but BYO lunch. **Macarthur-Highlands Retreat** Friday 20 September 2024, Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, 80 Demetrius Rd, Rosemeadow. Registration is essential at: dow.sh/KnownLoved2024 For more information email support@ccdwoolongong.com

CATHOLICCARE We need foster carers who provide love, care, and support for children. Carers receive comprehensive support from the Fostering Futures team to ensure they have a full range of resources and help needed. Information call 0418 783 956 or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au. Bishop Brian has recorded a special appeal video about this which you can view on YouTube at <https://dow.sh/bmfc24> or download at: <https://dow.sh/bmfc24videodownload>. It has also been uploaded to the diocese's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WollongongCatholic>

WALK FOR LIFE Saturday 21 September, Hyde Park, Sydney, 2–4pm (Near the Archibald Memorial Fountain). Join the movement of Australians making abortion unthinkable in our country! All are welcome to this family-friendly gathering to be a voice for the unborn and call for the protection of every life from the moment of conception. Further Information and Registration (for free): <https://www.lovesydney.org.au/>

BEFORE & 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.campaustalia.com.au or ring 1300 105 343 or go to the parish school website and click parent link www.olhcdow.catholic.edu.au. Brochures are also available at the Notice Board.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT 2025 Applications for Kinder 2025 can now be located on our school website at: <https://olhcdow.catholic.edu.au/enrol/> Children need to turn five (5) by July of the year that they will commence school.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2024 Sydney, 26-29 September 2024 Sydney. A gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship. Join with young people from our Diocese and over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church. The Diocese of Wollongong is looking to take a group 30 young people to the conference at a subsidised cost. If you would like to join us, know someone who would, or would like to sponsor someone to attend, please contact Arnie Hurdoyal, Diocesan Youth Ministry Leader, Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au or 0431 611 128.

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>

CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND 13 – 15 September at Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility, Oakdale Join with families of all ages and stages to celebrate the incredible gift of family life. Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (regardless of size). Camping & Bunk Room Options; pitch a tent, stay in a caravan, camper or swag. To register: <https://dow.sh/cfwsept24>

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.

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

Happy Father’s Day!

May God the Father bless you and keep you, may He shine His face upon you, and may He reward you for all the sacrifices you make for your families. And may those fathers who have gone before us, receive the reward of their goodness in Eternal Life. St. Joseph, gentle and strong man of faith, pray for all husbands and fathers.