

SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 August 2021

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

Father Christopher G. Sarkis, Parish Priest

Presbytery
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Office Hours
 Tuesday – Thursday
 9.00am – 4.00pm (Closed 12.45 - 1.15pm)
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	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	PIOUS GOODS STALL	AUDIO VISUAL
DATE				
VIGIL 6PM				
8.30AM				
10.00AM				
CHOIR 10.00AM		READINGS 24/25 JULY 2 Kings 4:42-44 Ephesians 4:1-6 John 6:1-15 31 JULY/1 AUGUST Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 John 6:24-35		
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2				
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK		DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS		
Monday	Sts Joachim & Ann, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary	Parish (second Collection)	Clergy (first Collection)	
Thursday	St Martha	BSB : 066 711	BSB : 066 711	
Saturday	St Ignatius of Loyola, <i>priest</i>	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	WEEKDAY MASS TIMES OLHC ROSEMEADOW
<u>MASS BOOKINGS STILL REQUIRED VIA PARISH WEBSITE</u> www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au	
Sat. Vigil: 6.00pm	Tuesday: 6.30pm
Sunday: 8.30am	Wednesday: 9.00am
Sunday: 10.00am	Thursday: 9.00am
<u>VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC</u>	Friday: 8.20am
Saturday: 4.00pm	1 st Saturday of the Month: 10.30am
<u>DEVOTIONS – SUSPENDED except for: -</u>	
1 st Friday: Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon;	
<u>CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH</u>	
Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm	
Every 1st Saturday 11am – 12 noon	
MARRIAGES by appointment	
BAPTISMS (1 st and 3 rd 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.	

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.

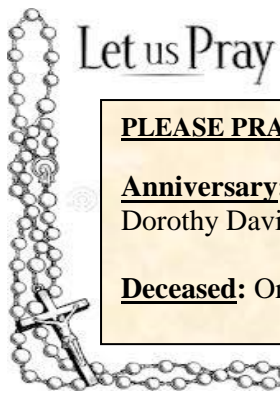
ENTRANCE God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

RESPONSE The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

COMMUNION Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget his benefits.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
 available in the Parish Office



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anniversary: Gladys Luxford; Mervyn Luxford; Abuelita Daza; Liana Daza; Lynne Branch; Dorothy Davies; Penny Austen; James Sheridan;

Deceased: Oreste & Gaetana Meli;

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PRIESTHOOD? God's love for us has been revealed: "Love one another as I have loved you. The world is in need to see people who are striving to love others with all their hearts. What about you? Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au

MASSES. I will continue to livestream the **SATURDAY 6 PM VIGIL MASS AND TUESDAY 6.30 PM weekday Mass.** The direct link to the parish YouTube channel is: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIQhkeubtYCBu_elfcglmaw or by accessing it from the Parish Website. Please pass this information on to any other parishioner you are in contact with.

FUNERALS are still permitted but with a cap of 10 people attending, excluding the Priest and funeral directors.

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS are all suspended until current restrictions are lifted.

COVID UPDATE As you are aware the current lockdown including for the Greater Sydney Area will now be extended until midnight Friday 30 July 2021. This may also be further extended. Additional restrictions within this period have now been announced which include the pausing of all construction and the closing of all offices except where it is impossible to do so.

This has meant that remedial work on the church cupola has had to be stopped. All the external windows on the cupola stained glass windows, as well as re-cladding the entire cupola was progressing well and would have only required one more week to complete. Unfortunately, this has had to stop, or we would have risked a \$10,000-00 fine.

I have also had no choice but to close the Parish Office until the current restrictions are lifted or eased. Mrs. Meshline Wolczak will continue to work from home via a secure laptop computer and will come to the office when necessary to undertake work that cannot be done from home. You may still contact the parish office by telephone or email, and we will attend to your requests as soon as we can. Please be understanding and patient during this difficult time.

It is with great regret and sadness that I have had to make the difficult decision to stand down Mrs. Vicki LoCascio, the parish administrative assistant, and Mrs. Michelle Gardiner, the parish office, presbytery and church cleaner. Due to restrictions on those who can now enter the premises, and especially because of financial constraints on the parish resulting from a loss of approximately 50% income through Planned Giving Envelope contributions in the current lockdown period, and without the Jobkeeper allowance, which was previously available, I was left with no choice. Once current restrictions are lifted, and please God, planned giving envelope income resumes from parishioners, I will reinstate them.

I take this opportunity to reiterate the critical and fundamental need for parish income via the Planned Giving contributions to continue. Without this regular and ongoing income, the parish's ability to operate is severely impacted as is obvious from the difficult decision I have had to make. This is why I have been encouraging as many parishioners as possible to transition from envelopes to Direct Debit Giving. You can imagine the impact on your own household budget if your weekly income suddenly stopped; multiply this effect by approximately **10 times**, and you will get a small idea of the impact on the Parish when regular income stops.

Please consider moving from envelopes to direct debit giving. If you wish to do so, email the parish office, or ring and leave a message and we will contact you to arrange this. Thank you. Otherwise, please drop your planned giving envelopes into the secure letter box at the parish office, or at the fence box if the gates are closed. I want to thank those parishioners who have continued to drop their envelopes into the secure letter box during the current lockdown period and ask others to please do the same. Please don't forget the first collection either- I still have to live even in the lockdown! Again, thank you.



In today's Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When he saw the people gathered, however, he put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

EUTHANASIA BILL PETITION The architect of NSW's terrible abortion laws, Independent MP Alex Greenwich, has released a bill that would introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide in this state. The community is currently accepting significant restrictions on our personal autonomy to protect those most at risk. Many are unable to visit elderly parents at home, in hospital or in aged care facilities. Our sick and elderly are already experiencing increased isolation, small business owners are struggling, and many have reduced working hours: a pro-suicide message is not what they need to hear. To help stop this pro-death agenda, please take two important steps. First, please sign a petition to Premier Gladys Berejiklian, asking her to reject euthanasia and assisted suicide, and instead focus on repairing the social and economic cost of this latest outbreak. **Sign the petition here https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2107_nsw_cas** Second, please email your NSW State Member of Parliament and ask them to oppose the introduction of these dangerous state sanctioned murder laws.

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS Many of us have not received catechesis since confirmation or marriage classes. Our lives have changed, and we need to mature in our faith. I invite you to take this occasion to come and listen. God knows He really loves us, but sometimes we don't. Talks will be held on Sundays & Thursdays, 7.30pm starting Sunday 8th August 2021 in the Parish Office Meeting Room. Babysitters will be provided. Call Gabriele on 0424051916 for more information. **NOTE This is subject to current covid restrictions being lifted. If they are still in place, then the talks will be postponed to a later date.**

ACBC MEN'S GATHERING In 2020, over 1500 men gathered around the country in hub spots for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference National Catholic Men's Gathering. Be inspired, encouraged, and renewed in faith with other men from around the Diocese. It's free. For more info and to register go to www.catholicmensgathering.com.au for the Macarthur Region, Rosemeadow Parish will be hosting the Gathering on Saturday 21 August 8.30-2.30pm, in the St. Joachim Parish Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for men to gather together in an informal and friendly atmosphere with likeminded men who value their Christian Faith. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.** Key Contact: Eddie Ferry 0417 049 418 or eferry@westnet.com.au – with Ryan Soares, Andy Adina and Ian Boorman

HUME DEANERY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING This Deanery Safeguarding Training session presented by the Diocesan Office of Professional Standards and Safeguarding is an opportunity for **Parish volunteers and employees** to be informed about child protection and general safeguarding measures (as they relate to vulnerable people). It will be particularly relevant to those working with children, young people, and adults at risk. There will be two sessions: (1) **Tuesday 17th August 6-8:30pm** OR (2) **Saturday 9th October 2021.** Both will be held at the St John's Parish Hall Campbelltown (35 Cordeaux St). The same training will be delivered at both sessions. **Registrations are essential and will close 10th August and 30th October respectively. To register ring the Parish Office and leave your details. Highly recommended.**

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION Growing knowledge, understanding and skills, enabling you to offer effective pastoral and spiritual care. A blend of both online and face to face sessions on two consecutive days per month from 7 September 2021 to 24 May 2022. Contact Carmen Karauda 0419 430 676 or ckarauda@gmail.com for information and application form by 20 August 2021

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St John Vianney Co- Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on Sunday, 8 August 2021 at 2pm, please contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND 21-22 August 2021 at St. John Bosco Parish, Engadine. Book / enquiries at nswbookings@wwme.org.au or Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419

THE CHOSEN is a new 'free to view', television program that creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality and is receiving acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen> to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.