

SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
The ASCENSION of the LORD
16 May 2021

	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIOUS GOODS STALL		AUDIO VISUAL	
DATE	8/9 MAY	15/16 MAY	8/9 MAY	15/16 MAY	8/9 MAY	15/16 MAY	8/9 MAY	15/16 MAY
VIGIL 6PM	D Pottier J Webster	F Bugeja K Duncan	J Webster	F Bugeja	Volunteer Required	Y Fenech	K Duncan	T Kurisunkal
8.30AM	G Harmour M Peebles	M Burke R Burke	M Peebles	M Rolfe	Volunteer Required	K Dzevlan	D Knight	M Murphy
10.00AM	A Matthew	M Matriano E Villarin	A Espiritu	T Kurisunkal	Volunteer Required	D Peaker	N Lee	N Lee
CHOIR 10.00AM	GROUP	GROUP	<div> 8/9 MAY Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17 </div> <div> 15/16 MAY Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 4:1-13 Mark 16:15-20 </div>					
CHURCH CLEANING	GROUP	GROUP						
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1 STATUE NO 2								
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS					
Friday	St Matthias, <i>apostle</i>		Parish (second Collection)		Clergy (first Collection)			
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			Acc Name:	Parish Church	Acc Name:	Parish Presbytery		
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MASS BOOKINGS STILL REQUIRED VIA PARISH WEBSITE

www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au

Sat. Vigil: 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am
Sunday: 10.00am

Tuesday: 6.30pm
Wednesday: 9.00am
Thursday: 9.00am
Friday: 8.20am
1st Saturday of the Month: 10.30am

VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC
Saturday: 4.00pm

DEVOTIONS – SUSPENDED except for: -

1st Friday: Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon;

CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH

Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm
~~Every 1st Saturday 11am – 12 noon~~

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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Sixth Sunday of Easter
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)
Friday 9.00am - 2.30pm

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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.

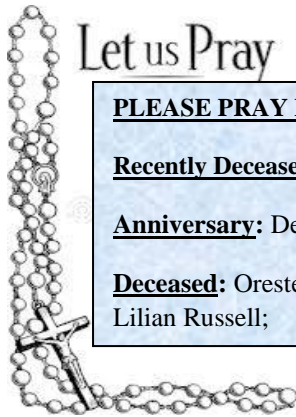
ENTRANCE Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

RESPONSE The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and will come to them. Alleluia!

COMMUNION If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send out another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
available in the foyer



Let us Pray

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Jozef Widenka;

Anniversary: Dennis Roach;

Deceased: Oreste & Gaetana Meli; Charles, Rita & Godwin Fenech; Sarah Russell; Therese Wales; Mary Brechney; Lilian Russell;

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

PARISH FEAST DAY This year our Parish Feast Day is **Monday 24 May**. Mass will be celebrated at **7pm**. Unfortunately, we are still unable to have our usual celebratory supper because of restrictions on social gatherings. However, I encourage as many as possible to attend Mass to give thanks to Our Lady for the many blessings bestowed upon us, especially in comparison to the tragic conditions in other countries throughout the world, and to seek her continuing protection and guidance upon us, our Parish and our Nation.

CHOIR Commencing 16 May the choir will recommence singing at the 10am Mass. They will each sing once a month meaning there will be singing on the first, second and fourth Sunday's. The Latin Scola will sing on either the third or fifth Sunday every six weeks or so. The remaining Sunday's will be without singing but have music played during Holy Communion.

GROUP 2 CHOIR requires more singers, otherwise we cannot continue! Remember to sing at *Our Lord's Mass*, you are twice blessed! For further information please contact Marie on 0246 286121.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2021 Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 12th June 2021. It is available to all children who are in Year 6 or above and have made their First Communion. If you wish your child to receive this Sacrament and *have not already enrolled online via the parish website*, you MUST attend the ***first lesson for this programme on Saturday 15th May 2021 commencing at 4.15pm***. Children will participate in lessons in the St. Joachim Parish Hall. This is the last opportunity for you to enrol for 2021. You must ***bring a copy of your child's Baptism and Birth certificate*** with you to attach to the enrolment form. The programme fee of \$25 is also payable at the first lesson. NOTE: If you will be enrolling at the first lesson, please arrive at **3.45pm to the Parish Hall before the lesson** to complete the paperwork. Thank you.

REQUEST PLEASE May I kindly ask all parishioner's not to start wiping seats or leaving the church ***until after the priest has left the sanctuary*** by the side or rear door. It is becoming too distracting now and happening earlier and earlier, sometimes even before the final Blessing. Thank you.

EASTER WATER You are welcome to take some Easter Holy Water from the container near the Baptism Font. BYO bottle. *Push the round button on the front to release water. Do not twist or turn tap 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 (17 February) and Trinity Sunday (30 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.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE Camp Australia have very successfully provided before (6.30am – 8.30am) and after school care (2.45pm – 6pm) for the past few years to children at our Parish school. This service is now open to all children regardless of where they attend school. For further information go to www.campaustrialia.com.au or ring 1300 105 343 or go to the parish school website and click parent link www.olhcdow.catholic.edu.au

USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR PERU MISSIONS Mary MacKillop International is collecting used postage stamps. Please find in church foyer container to place your used stamps and continue this support. It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop continues in Peru today.

POSITION VACANT Senior Executive Assistant to the Bishop– Catholic Diocese of Wollongong. Suitably experienced and qualified persons are invited to apply for this role. For information and detailed role description, go to <http://dow.sh/execbishop>. Enquiries contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au

PIOUS GOOD STALL the Pious Goods Stall has reopened. More volunteers are needed for all Masses. You would only be required to open the stall before and after Mass for approximately 15 minutes. If you are able to assist in this valuable ministry, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

CHURCH READERS REQUIRED We need 2 readers for weekend 10am Masses. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.



Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time, and resources – will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

ATTENTION: Face masks MUST BE WORN in places of worships until Monday 10th May

ATTENDENCE REGISTRATION All registration for Mass attendance is now by using Eventbrite on the Parish Website or by using the QR Code at the church entry with your mobile phone. *Without doing this, entry will not be possible*. It's best to use Eventbrite as QR code entry is only possible if seats are available. **SO PLEASE REGISTER BEFOREHAND**. Go to the parish website, www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au and click the **Register for Mass** button. Follow the prompts to whichever Mass you want to attend and complete the details. *Online registration closes at 3pm the previous day for weekday Masses, and 3pm on Saturday for the Vigil and Sunday Masses*. Please arrive **AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE** the start of Mass to avoid delay. *Once Mass starts, the doors will be closed*. **For all other parish gatherings, functions or meetings, registration will be by the QR Code only using your phone**. Thank you for your cooperation.

COVID PROTOCOLS AND RELATED MATTERS

- Gatherings for Religious Services including weddings and funerals is now ***1 person per 2 square meter rule without any cap on numbers***. We can have up to 440 people in our church. The 1.5-meter social distancing between people should be maintained where possible. Where 1.5m social distancing cannot be maintained, a face mask is recommended.
- After Mass please take a disinfectant wipe (provided on each pew) to rub over surfaces where you have been sitting or come in contact with and place them in the bins provided as you leave. ***Please wait until the priest has left the Sanctuary before wiping. Thank you.***
- HOTSPOTS:** If you have attended any designated “Covid hotspot” you must immediately self-isolate for 14 days and get tested even if you have no symptoms.
- Since collection plates can no longer be used, ***please place your offerings for both first and second collections in the marked containers in the foyer***. Thank you for your ongoing financial support. We are ‘paying our bills’ but it has necessitated very careful budgeting and financial oversight. I am very conscious of the financial strain of many people, but I sincerely ask that you try, if you are able, to maintain your usual offering as without it we simply could not continue to operate. Again, thank you.
- I strongly encourage parishioners who currently give by envelope to consider changing to Direct Debit or Credit Card contributions to ensure the regular income of the parish continues. *Please contact the parish office to arrange this*.
- If you are not yet coming physically to Mass, please drop your Planned Giving Envelope into the secure letter box at the front entry to the Parish Office each week***. Please don't forget the first collection for the sustenance of the clergy (as we still have to live too!) If using the letter box, place this in a separate envelope marked ‘First Collection’. ***Thank you.***
- If you are not in the Parish Financial System and would like to join to support the Parish, forms are available at the Foyer Notice Board, or contact the parish office. *Thank you for your support*.

CURSILLO Ladies, are you ready to step back out into life with your Faith community, following the forced Covid hibernation. Join us for a Cursillo 3-day weekend July 1-4 at Hartzer Park, Bowral. Private rooms, nourishing meals. Share your stories; increase the depth of your faith; listen to talks from our Spiritual Advisor and lay women; daily Mass. For further information please contact Denise D'Amore 0438254139. **PRAYER VIGIL** On Tuesday 25 May there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 4pm to 6pm (finishing with Benediction and Mass at 6.30pm) for the candidates and the success of the Cursillo weekend. All welcome.

BELL RINGING Bell ringing practice has restarted and is now held between 4:00 and 6:00 pm on Mondays. All are welcome to join our small band, we are all rusty and relearning after a long break. No musical ability is needed, and the bells can be rung by ages 10 and upwards. Come to the big doors at the rear bell tower, all you need is a phone for the QR code! Information: Brian Peaker 0402 377 131

MenALIVE This Men's Weekend, 12-13 June 2021, St Patrick's Church Catholic Church (Hall) 42 O'Donnell Street, Port Kembla is an opportunity for all men from 18 years of age to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic, and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. Experienced leaders from menALIVE Team will be running the weekend. Register via brochure or online www.dow.org.au/events Enquiries: Helen Bennett (Diocesan Contact) 4222 2403; Anthony Rewak (Parish Contact) 0488 233 078 or Ian Boorman (menALIVE Contact) 0427 006 021

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE in honour of Mary Help of Christians, Friday 21 to Saturday 22 May. We walk in a spirit of joy to raise PRAYERS for Australia, knowing that prayer united with sacrifice, makes it more effective. You are warmly welcome to join us on either day or both days. Support vehicle provided all the way. Shuttle cars return to start on both days. Prayer books provided. Donations gratefully accepted. Enquiries contact Sue Hill: 0435 336 195 or Gabriella De Battista, (02) 4261 2500

ST JOSEPH PILGRIMAGE MOTOR BIKE RIDE Join with Catholic motor bike riders on an 800km, 3-day pilgrimage ride visiting 7 churches, including two in our Diocese, in honour of St Joseph. The ride will commence from Oatley Parish on Friday 11 June at 10am and conclude at Camperdown on 13 June at 6pm, with overnight stays in Moss Vale and Orange. You may simply wish to join the riders for an hour of prayer at St. Joseph's Church, Bulli on 11 June at 1.30pm or Kangaroo Valley Church at 3.45pm. To join the ride, contact Jim on 0432 487 927 or Branko 0411 281 299. For map of ride go to <https://tinyurl.com/ride4stjoseph>

May is a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. This is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne.

St. Pope Paul VI

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

May God who sent His Son “born of a woman” bless all mothers today for their unique and irreplaceable gift of maternal love, which gently yet powerfully forms the life of their children. For the many, and often unknown, sacrifices you make, may you be filled with His peace, and the love and gratitude of your children. And may those mothers who have gone before us to their eternal reward, now rest in the company of Our Lady, the Heavenly Mother of us all.

