

Under the Pastoral Care of
the Conventual Franciscans

Important Message from The Very Rev Peter G. Williams, Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia: On 20 March 2020 Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta were dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice (Canon 1248 §2 and Catechism 2181) by virtue of a Decree issued by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv. **From 15 December 2021 this Decree is now revoked and the Sunday obligation is now imposed once again given that public health orders no longer require adherence to density limits in our church buildings.**

Wine Bottle Fundraiser result!

Thank you to the parish for supporting our wine bottle fundraiser last weekend. Through your generosity, we raised over \$9,000. Thanks to those who sewed the habits and those who through their donations made everything possible and especially to Soo Ong who planned and sewed many habits herself. Special thanks to all the members of our Faith Hope and Chairty Fundraising Committee, especially Phil Nichols who tied all the cords and helped set up the sales booth. Congratulations to Shivi Fernando who bought the lucky numbered wine bottle last week (#143) and who graciously returned the \$100 to the Parish in gratitude to the friars.

Our Lady of the Angels is celebrating a Christmas Novena of Dawn Masses from 16 December starting at 5am. Bookings are not required. For more information, please contact their parish at 8883 4063.

Where are our pews? On Friday Grandchester Designs took away half of the pews in order to restore them to their original beauty. The pews will be returned into the new church once the renovations there are complete. In January the rest of the pews will be taken. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Should you like to donate money to restore a pew, costing \$3750 per pew, please contact the parish office. A brass plaque will be affixed to the end of the pew commemorating your gift. (Half pews are \$1875.)

Please note:
There will NO 6pm Mass
on Christmas Day,
Saturday 25 December.

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Office Tel.: 9629-2595
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Sunday Obligation As Christmas falls on a Saturday, Catholics are required to attend a Mass for Christmas (on the eve or day) and a Mass for the Sunday (26 December). Please see the schedule at right and take special note that there is no evening Mass on Saturday.

We'll continue taking up a further Third Collection at Masses as we try to reach our parish quota for the Bishop's Christmas Appeal We've only raised \$3,707.75 and need to raise \$10,621.06 to fulfil our quota. If we don't raise the quota we will need to take it from our renovation resources. All monies collected help fund CatholicCare's Houses to Homes, which supports vulnerable young pregnant women who are facing hardship, homelessness and abuse. To donate, please call 8838-3482 or visit here.

Renovation Update

By the time you read this the cement slab will have been poured. Above is a photo of the steel mesh for the foundation over which the cement was poured. For the latest 3D images, and other photos, visit our Facebook page by clicking here.

The Parish Office has some lovely Christmas items to sell. Please visit between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday. The office will close for Christmas at 1pm on Thurs. 23 December and re-open on Tuesday 4 January 2022.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK Maureen Hinton, Cath Dalglish, Andrew John Foley, Tracy Capdor, Giuseppina Rossi, Stephanie, Christopher Anthony, Niko Juanengo, Peter Prizas, Diosdado Deang, Leo Keutman, Helen Lewis, Moira Maroney, Winnie Smith, Robin Banks, Amanda Webb, Annalise Sherlock, Ricardo Patane, Michelle Nickols, Michael Dimech, Chris Ransom, Avelina Ibarra, Saja Derbas, Nigel Napoli, Amelia Williams, Kim Kenna, Leonie Hite, Arnel Galeng, David McHenry, Andrea Bioco, Lily Eyles, Dodo Calisura, Guida Lambropoulos, Vitaliana Terrado, Antonino Pull, Winston Nickols, Betty Muldoon, Bev Swann, Carmelo M Ortea, Liam Newland, Elvie Anderson, Josephine Murphy, Fran Clarke, Barbara Higgins, David Got, Floralba Gonzalez, Caleb Peter Newland, Maria Glinka, Doreen and Dudley Fernando, Rita Terese Keogh, Wieslawa Kielich, Cosimo, Mary Arrowsmith, Sarah-Jane Baillon, Jo Fuller, Peter Crocker, Angelique Vanjour, Michelle Climpson, Therese Sergi, Matthew Francis Crowley, Miguel Cayari, Julie Windle, Marie Milligan, Scarlett Lizano, Daniella Gualarte, Monty Roughe, Garry Robinson, Felicia, Ona Hobs, Monica Zachulski, Christopher Dean, Charlene Lucre, Janae Winpe, Joelle Fameli, Nancy Margaret Courtney, Janis Murphy, Eunice Ally, Paul Karam, Marie Adolphe, Iolanda Giannetta, Brian, Lucy Farrugia, Marie Rajanayagam, Clement, Joseph Vella, Angela Vasta, Roy Fimmano, Rose Carroll, William and Lesley McEnally, Jacky Charles, Paula Frances Grobbelaar, Nelson Yupangco, John Killelea, Marija Jukic, Raul Mendoza Nissaka Gunawardena, Paul Opollito

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CHRISTMAS at OLOR

ADVENT CONFESSIONS Monday and Tuesday, 7.30-8pm
(or until last penitent is done)

CHRISTMAS EVE Friday, 24 December
(THERE ARE NO MORNING MASSES ON CHRISTMAS EVE)
6pm, 8pm Masses and
Carols at 11pm with 11.30pm "Midnight" Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY, Saturday 25 December
7am, 9am and 11am Masses
(THERE IS NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY)

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, Sunday, 26 December
7am, 9am, 11am and 6pm Masses

MONDAY, 27 December
8am Mass only

HOLY INNOCENTS Tuesday, 28 December
Adoration at 10am with Benediction at 10.45am
11am Mass only

FRIDAY, 31 December
6.45am, 9.30am, 7pm (Vigil)

MARY MOTHER OF GOD, Saturday 1 January, 2022
9.30am and 6pm Masses (Vigil of Epiphany)

EPIPHANY, Sunday 2 January, 2022
7am, 9am 11am and 6pm Masses

Condolences to the family of Dr. Joseph Periera who passed away on 9 December. His funeral will be on Tuesday 21 Dec. at 10am. Condolences also to the family of Patricia Thompson whose funeral will be on Wednesday 22 Dec. at 11am. May the Lord in His Love and Mercy grant Eternal rest to all our beloved dead and comfort to those who mourn their loss.

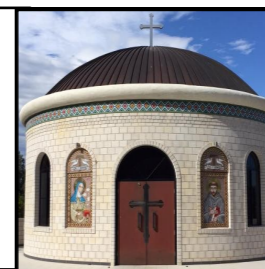
Christmas Mass and Reconciliation Times Christmas Masses and Reconciliation Times for parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are now available on the Diocesan website here on Catholic Outlook here and on the Diocesan social media channels. Merry Christmas from the Diocese of Parramatta.

MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED AT ALL MASSES

FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Fr. David Blowey, OFM Conv., Rector

Come visit and pray in quiet beauty. The Chapel is open every day from 6am - 6pm. Please be respectful of the Covid restrictions.



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Thank you for last week's donations to the parish in the sum of \$1,294.35

Donations may be made in either of the black mail boxes near the old fishpond or the parish office door.

Online donations are accepted through our parish website. Click here to donate

(Be sure to choose the type of donation you wish to make from drop down list at "Parish Support". With the options you can choose to donate to Parish Support, to help pay our bills and the staff salaries; the Franciscan friars, to help pay our Friary bills, including food, water, electricity; the Church renovations; or the Shrine of the Holy Innocents.)

Our \$10 "TAP-AS-YOU-GO" card devices are now at the double doors of the parish office and can also be used to donate to the parish or the friars.

Mass Intentions: 18 - 25 Dec. 2021

Sat. 18	9.30am 6pm	Concepto Cecilia Joseph F Mizzi
Sun. 19	7am 9am 11am 6pm	Rosita de la Alas Belista Salvatore & Giovanni Maria Frasca & Teresa Crucitti Anthony Zoccoli PRO POPULO
Mon. 20	6.45am 7pm	Nerida Bombardiere Michael Borgona
Tues. 21	6.45am 7pm	Intention of donor Andy Zahra & Wayne Holland
Wed. 22	6.45am 9.30am	Esthela Garza Ochoa Holy Souls
Thur. 23	6.45am 9.30am	Holy Souls Anthony Zoccoli
Christmas Eve		Intention of Friars
Christmas Day		Intention of Friars

Offering Masses for loved ones Would you like to celebrate the lives of family and friends by having Masses offered for them during the year? Please contact the Parish office if you would like to book a Mass. Each week we publish the names (as above) of the deceased for whom Masses are offered. For people who are still alive the words "Intention of donor" appear. In this way privacy is respected.

For emergencies only, call 9629-2595, select 3 to leave a message and a priest will return your call.

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reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.’

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES’ CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE II OF ADVENT

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Isa 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son’s Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

GOD IN OUR LIVES

Judah was not one of the more powerful tribes of Israel. It must have come as a surprise to many when Micah prophesied that it was from Bethlehem, one of the least clans of Judah, that a future king would come. The future king that Micah promised was one who would feed the flock of God’s people using his power to protect them. The passage from the letter to the Hebrews reminds us that as king Jesus more than fulfilled that promise when he offered his very life as a sacrifice. In the Gospel, the new age promised by Micah dawns as Mary visits her kinswoman Elizabeth in the hill country of Judah. Elizabeth wonders at the visit of Mary, the mother of the Lord, and she is filled with the Holy Spirit by whose power she recognises that the promises God made long ago are now coming to their fulfilment. Perhaps her wonder at John’s birth, against all expectations when hope had been lost, has sharpened her perception of the mysterious ways of God. Often it is those who have experienced God’s unexpected intervention in their own lives who are the most adept at perceiving how God is working in the lives of others. Advent can be the same for us, a moment of blessing that invites us to recognise how God is working in our lives and world, most of all, in the birth of Jesus our Lord.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP



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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

19 DECEMBER 2021

BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED. From Bethlehem, the least of the clans of Judah, and from a peasant girl, Mary, one of the least of the Jewish people, God prepared a body for Jesus, the saviour of the world. As we rejoice in the saviour who has come to visit us, we also join Elizabeth in praising Mary for her faith, her love and her obedience.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

The Gloria is not said during Advent

COLLECT

P. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Mic 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah.

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them

till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back

to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock

with the power of the Lord,

with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. R. v. 4

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, / shine forth from your cherubim throne. / O Lord, rouse up your might, / O Lord, come to our help. R.

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, / look down from heaven and see. / Visit this vine and protect it, / the vine your right hand has planted. R.

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, / the man you have given your strength. / And we shall never forsake you again: / give us life that we may call upon your name. R.

SECOND READING Heb 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;

then I said,



just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, ‘God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.’

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 1:39-44

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, ‘Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting