

Fr. Alejandro Lopez, OFM Conv., Parish Priest
Fr. Leonides Mateo, OFM Conv., Associate Priest

Fr. Leonides will be on holiday from Tuesday 11 to Monday 24 January. Please keep him, and all the friars, in your prayers.

We've saved you a seat, now you can put your name on it ! As a member of our faith family, you're invited to give a gift that will last beyond your lifetime as we renovate our pews. You can donate for a whole pew (\$3,500) or a half pew (\$1,750), giving all at once or over 2-12 months. See our colour brochures in the Church for more details. If you would like to make a donation now, [click here](#).

A sincere thank you from our St. Vincent de Paul Society for your contribution to their 2021 Christmas Appeal! We raised \$3,450.20 last weekend. Missed out? You may still donate on-line by clicking [here](#) or by phone at 13 18 12. Helping them help others in need is a great way to start the new year right. Thank you anew!

Have you moved lately? Please inform us at the parish office. Simply call or email us at the address below, so we can update your details.

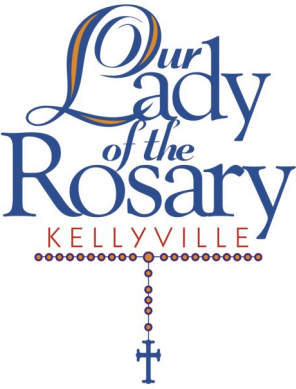
Save the date: We expect to reopen our newly renovated church for worship on Saturday, 9 April, with our 6pm vigil Mass for Palm Sunday. The bishop has already been invited and now, you are, too! (This celebration will be contingent on the renovation proceeding according to plans, with weather and Covid cooperating!) Please continue to pray for the workers, and the success of this project.

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal Offices will reopen on 17 January 2022. The Tribunal remains committed to assisting anyone with enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Should you wish to contact the office during this time, you are welcome to leave a message on (02) 8838 3480 or email [here](#) and they will be attended to when the office re-opens.



**GENTLE
REMINDER:
MASKS ARE A
MUST AT MASS!**

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the Gentiles. At His Baptism in the Jordan, Christ reveals Himself to repentant sinners. The Baptism of the Lord Jesus is the great event celebrated by the Eastern churches on the feast of Epiphany because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father. It is also an event described by all four Gospels, and it marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The liturgical season of Christmas comes to a conclusion this Sunday with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord.—from Fr. Tony Kadavil. For the full article and other reflections on this great feast, click [here](#).

'The Well' offering on-demand spiritual nourishment Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement? Why not check out 'The Well'? The Diocese 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with. In the lead up to Christmas, check out our featured range of videos and resources for children, families and young people to prepare us to welcome Our Lord at Christmas. Visit [here](#) today.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK Maureen Hinton, Cath Dalgliesh, 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 Iberra, Saja Derbas, Nigel Napoli, Amelia Williams, Kim Kenna; Leonie Hite, Arnel Galeng, David McHenry, Andrea Bioco, Lily Eyles, Dodoy 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 Gularte, Monty Roughe, Garry Robinson, 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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The Christmas season...comes to an end with the feast of the Baptism of our Lord. Christmas is the feast of God's Self-revelation to the Jews, and Epiphany celebrates God's Self-revelation to



REGULAR PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturdays: 9:30am and 6pm (Sunday Vigil)
Sundays: 7am, 9am, 11am and 6pm

Mondays and Tuesdays: 6.45am and 7pm
Wednesdays, Thursdays : 6.45am and 9.30am
Fridays: 6.45am, 9.30am
(and 7pm on First Fridays of each month)

CONFESSION TIMES
10-10.30am on Saturdays
7.30pm - 8pm on Mondays

SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Pope Francis' special Urbi et Orbi blessing: 'God turns everything to our good' (Daniel Ibañez/CNA)

Pope Francis delivered an extraordinary blessing "To the City and to the World" on Friday to pray for an end to the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic. In his meditation, the Pope reflects on Jesus' words to His disciples: "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" He offered a meditation on the crisis facing the world, reflecting on a passage from the Gospel of Mark (4:35-41). "For weeks now it has been evening," said the Pope. "Thick darkness has gathered over our squares, our streets and our cities; it has taken over our lives, filling everything with a deafening silence and a distressing void, that stops everything as it passes by; we feel it in the air, we notice it in people's gestures, their glances give them away." In this situation, he said, we feel afraid and lost, like the disciples whose boat was in danger of sinking while Jesus slept at the stern. The Covid-19 pandemic has reminded us that we are all in the same boat, said Pope Francis, and so we call out to Jesus. The disciples ask Him, "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" The Pope said these words would have shaken Jesus, "because He, more than anyone, cares about us." The storm, said the Pope, exposes "our vulnerability and uncovers those false and superfluous certainties around which we have constructed our daily schedules" and lays bare "all those attempts to anaesthetise ourselves". Visit [here](#) for the live broadcast.

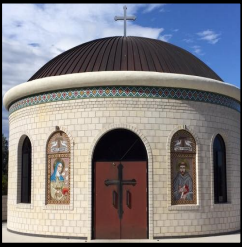


Livestreamed Masses from across the Diocese of Parramatta are still available on the Diocesan website [here](#).

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 \$1,765.25

Donations may be made in the black mailbox at the parish office door.
Online donations are accepted through our parish website. Click [here](#) to donate (Choose the kind of donation from the list below)
Parish Support, helps pay our bills, staff salaries;
Franciscan friars, helps pay our Friary bills, food, water, electricity;
Church renovations; or
Shrine of the Holy Innocents.

Our "TAP-AND-GO" card devices are in the Church and can be used to donate to the parish or the friars.

Mass Intentions: 8 - 15 Jan.-2022

Sat. 8	9.30am 6pm	Intention of donor Intention of donor
Sun. 9	7am 9am 11am 6pm	Nerida Bombardiere Giovanni La Rosa PRO POPULO Brigido Gouveia
Mon. 10	6.45am 7pm	Mary Yip Andy Zahra and Wayne Holland
Tues. 11	6.45am 7pm	Holy Souls Maurice Ghanous
Wed. 12	6.45am 9.30am	Intention of donor Intention of donor
Thur. 13	6.45am 9.30am	Holy Souls Jacquelin Capdor
Fri. 14	6.45am 9.30am	Intention of donor Intention of donor
Sat. 15	9.30am 6pm	Robert and Marjorie Munro Intention of donor

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.

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

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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.

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.’

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. Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash

away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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 OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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 Jn 1:32, 34

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

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.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

In the midst of the terror, loss, and grief of the exile, Isaiah spoke words of hope, consolation, and healing. The inhabitants of Jerusalem wondered whether God had abandoned them. Would their suffering extend into a dark and hopeless future? When all seemed lost a word of hope was proclaimed – a word that went to the heart of Jerusalem. They could now look forward to the return of the exiles, the rebuilding of the city, and a future in which they could rest assured that God was among them.

Late in the first century, the letter to Titus reflected on the ways that God had been true to that promise of presence and gentle care through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Cleansed by baptism, and renewed by the gift of the Holy Spirit Christians were now called to respond appropriately by the manner of their own lives. God had been gracious to them and now they were called to respond by living good and religious lives as they waited for his return.

The Gospel passage today informs us that the people looked at John the Baptist with the eyes of hope, filled with longing for religious reform and liberation from the power of Rome. Isaiah proclaimed to the people of Jerusalem: ‘Here is your God.’ When Jesus comes for baptism this word is now radically enfleshed in the person of Jesus himself. He will gather the weak and the wounded, the blind and the lame revealing God’s compassionate and gracious love.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD / C

9 JANUARY 2022

THE CLEANSING WATERS OF RE-BIRTH. In Luke’s Gospel, the baptism of Jesus marks the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of a new era, that of the saving ministry of Jesus. This feast, which occurs early in the new year, is a good time for us to resolve to begin a new era in our own lives. Putting the past behind us, let us commit ourselves to making a fresh start in our service and love of our brothers and sisters.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Mt 3:16-17

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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. Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the Son of God and the Son of Mary: Christ have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Word made Flesh, the splendour of the Father. 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.

GLORIA

(is either said or sung)

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

Isa 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.



‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.

‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PS Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30. R. v. 1

R. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

1. Lord God, how great you are, / clothed in majesty and glory, / wrapped in light as in a robe! / You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R.**

2. Above the rains you build your dwelling. / You make the clouds your chariot, / you walk on the wings of the wind, / you make the winds your messengers / and flashing fire your servants. **R.**

3. How many are your works, O Lord! / In wisdom you have made them all. / The earth is full of your riches. / There is the sea, vast and wide, / with its moving swarms past counting, / living things great and small. **R.**

4. All of these look to you / to give them their food in due season. / You give it, they gather it up: / you open your hand, they have their fill. **R.**

5. You take back your spirit, they die, / returning to the dust from which they came. / You send forth your spirit, they are created; / and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus. *He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.*

God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Lk 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!