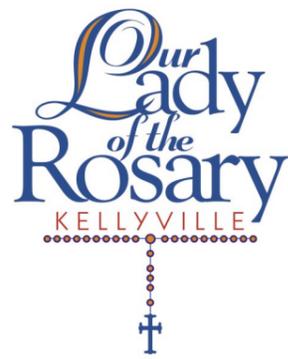


Fr. Christopher Shorrocks, OFM Conv., Parish Priest
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Deacon N Tan



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Dear Parishioners,
During the Advent season I am proposing two evenings of Taize prayer in preparation for Christmas, these will be Wednesdays 6th and 20th Dec. from 7pm to 8pm (Exposition, Taize chants, time for silent prayer)
Pope Francis has approved a plenary indulgence for anyone who prays before a Christmas crib in a **Franciscan** Church from 8th Dec 2023 to 2nd Feb. 2024 (The requirements for this are Holy Communion, Confession within 20 days before or after, Profession of Faith and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father). As such we will be putting up our Christmas Crib earlier than usual. Let us continue to pray for one another and our parish
Fr. Christopher Shorrocks, OFM Conv.

Br. Bernard Fonkalsrud, OFM Conv., Shrine director
Fr. David Blowey OFM Conv., Delegate to Australia
Br. Louis Schmid, OFM Conv., Friary Assistant

There will be, once again, a Special third collection this weekend for the **Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care Chaplaincy services** Will you support our chaplains to listen with the ear of the heart? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our 15 Catholic Care chaplains to provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to seriously ill, lonely, and distraught people this Christmas. Please give generously at your catholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan the QR code on the right.



Youth Group returns on Sunday, 3 December for Advent-themed faith, fun and fellowship! Join us in the old hall following the 6pm Youth Band Mass until 8:45pm.

Are you able to help us? We are desperately in need of volunteers to help with the cleaning the Church on weekends. Please consider helping either as a family or as a group of friends or even solo. We will be most grateful.

Advent Wreath Symbols (1) Evergreen Wreath - The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God (the Alpha and Omega). The evergreen is chosen as the base because God is the foundation of all good. Green is the colour that represents hope and new life.



Four Candles - represent the four (4) weeks of Advent. Traditionally, each week represents one thousand years, to sum up the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Saviour. The first two purple candles symbolise (2) hope and (3) love respectively. The (4) third candle (which is pink/rose) symbolises joy. The fourth and last purple candle represents (5) peace. The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ to mankind.

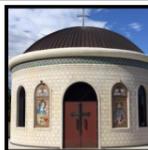
Rosary Gem:

The rosary is the prayer of the poor and the rich, the wise and the ignorant.

Servant of God Lucia Dos Santos

Let's Pray for the Sick Romeo Susi, Eugene, Maureen, Aureen, Helen, Frankie Fernandez, Pravani, Janice Larsen, Teodora Postaski, Michelle Nickols, Andrew Lack, Prylani, Franca Masciotra, Lynette Mary Crowley, Michael Sampedro, Michael Bright and all those who are suffering illness in our community. Please write to us [here](#), to let us know the name of someone who is ill and we will include their names on our list for Prayer.

FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS



Come visit and pray in quiet beauty. The Chapel is open every day from 6am - 6pm.
Br. Bernard Fonkalsrud OFM Conv., Director
For booking inquiries please visit our website [here](#) (franciscanfriarsaustralia.org/shrineoftheholynnocs)

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**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Fulfilling your Sunday obligation on Christmas Eve.
Please be aware that on Sunday 24 December we will have the usual Sunday Morning Masses of 7am, 9am and 11am

Christmas Eve Masses will be as follows on the same day - Sunday 24th:

5.30pm Children's Mass (Children are invited to dress up as Nativity figures and process in with Fr. Chris);

8pm Family Mass

11.30pm Christmas Carols sung by Youth Choir
Midnight Mass begins at Midnight

Individual Confessions on 23 December from 10am until 12 Noon. Regular Reconciliation times also apply on Monday nights at 7.30pm and Saturday mornings at 10am

CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY 25 DECEMBER
7am, 9am and 11am Masses
(PLEASE NOTE: There is no Evening Mass on CHRISTMAS DAY)

BOXING DAY - Tuesday, 26 DECEMBER)
8am Mass in the Parish only

MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS - Thursday, 28 December
6.45am and 11am
Please bring a plate to share lunch after 11am Mass

MARY MOTHER OF GOD, MASS SCHEDULE:
Sunday, 31 Dec. - usual Mass times
Monday, 1 Jan. - 8am only

Thank you for last week's donation to the parish of **\$2,732.40**. Online donations are accepted through the parish website [here](#).

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Please join us to celebrate Fr Christopher's 40th Anniversary of Profession as a Franciscan Friar, at 7pm Mass, Friday 8 December followed by a simple gathering in the Church foyer. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

Save the date for our **Christmas Carols** on **Saturday 9 December from 6.30pm**
Join **Joey Fimmano and son, Luca, our choirs and school children, singing Christmas Carols, dancing, etc.**

Sausages will sizzle on the barbie. Drinks, ice-pops, fairy-floss, cakes, raffle tickets and more, will be on sale. Santa will arrive on time too.

If you are able to bake a cake, slice or biscuits for our food stall, we would love to hear from you! Perhaps you have a traditional jam, chutney, etc. that you make for Christmas and would like to share.



Marian Procession at OLOR on Friday, 1 December In the lead up to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, join our Parish community as we pray for the intercession of our Blessed Mother, beginning with 7pm Mass and followed by a candlelight procession from the Church to the Shrine. All are welcome to join for this Lourdes and Fatima-inspired experience of prayer.

Novena to honour the Immaculate Conception began on **Wednesday, 29 November**, and continues until **Thursday, 7 December** before the Solemnity on Friday 8 December when Masses will be at 6.45am, 9.30am and 7pm. Join us to honour Our Blessed Mother.

800th Anniversary St Francis and the First Nativity Scene

The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents invites you to join us for the inaugural Commemoration of the Blessed Nativity. 6.30pm Friday, 22 December. We will process from OLOR Church to the Shrine Creche where we will reenact the Nativity as St. Francis did 800 years ago. Children are invited to dress up as shepherds, angels, animals, etc. Blessing of Straw and Infant Jesus statues following Devotions. Light refreshments available.



Congratulations to four of our parishioners, Pamela Lawrence, Nelunika (Chintha) Wicktamasinghe, Judith-Grace Vella and John Brodie who have completed Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses through the Diocese. They will be commissioned at 9am Mass this Sunday. If anyone is interested in serving as a Reader or ExtraOrdinary Minister of the Eucharist, please contact the parish office. The next set of courses in Blacktown begin on 19 February 2024.

All youth and young adults are invited to spread some Christmas Cheer to our older friends at Bella Vista Gardens Nursing Home on Saturday 9 Dec. Meet the Youth Leaders in front of the facility at 14 Fairway Drive, Norwest at 10:20am and join us for Christmas carols and craft until 12pm.

For Holy Communion to the Sick please call **Br. Louis on 0422 028 647.**

For emergencies only, call 9629-2595 and select 4 to leave a message and a priest will return your call.

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MASS & MINISTRIES: 2/3 DEC. . 2023

6pm Vigil	EM	Ruth Hyland and Volunteer
7am	EM	Sandra Huber and Tracy Hoey
9am	EM	Margaret S and Ponciana P
11am	EM	Sean and Maria Finucane
6pm	EM	Br Louis and Elvira Tandingan

MASS & MINISTRIES: 9/10 DEC. 2023

6pm Vigil	EM	Ruth Hyland and Natalie Guerlin
7am	EM	Sandra Huber and Norma Evans
9am	EM	Grace Trzcinski & Rachel Calisura
11am	EM	Princy Benny and Annette Tan
6pm	EM	Br. Louis and Joseph Lumapas

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
10am-10.30am on Saturdays
and 7.30pm - 8pm on Mondays

Invitation to all Filipinos
Please join us to celebrate the **Filipino Mass (ISM) each First Sunday** at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, at 3pm.
Next one is on **3rd December 2023**
Fellowship follows after Holy Mass
Please bring a plate to share

MASS INTENTIONS: 2 - 9 DEC. 2023

Sat. 2	9.30am	Koshy family
	6pm	Pro populo
Sun. 3	7am	Nerida, Carmela & Vincenzo Bombardiere
	9am	Ernesto, Maria Rosa & Jeanette Murdocca
	11am	Christino Giordmaina & family
	6pm	Sammut family
	6pm	Departed Priests & Religious
Mon 4	6.45am	Intention of donor
	7pm	Andy Zahra, Wayne Holand, Sam Bugeja
Tues. 5	6.45am	Intention of donor
	7pm	Intention of donor
Wed. 6	6.45am	Intention of donor
	9.30am	Margaret Chow
Thurs. 7	6.45am	Intention of donor
	9.30am	Zobeil Capdor
Fri. 8	6.45am	Intention of donor
	9.30am	Rosita Delas Alas Belista
	7pm	Intention of donor
Sat. 9	9.30am	Intention of donor
	6pm	Joseph F Mizzi

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and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!

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, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. 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 I 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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection 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 Ps 84: 13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures.

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 forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

WATCHING AND WAITING

The liturgical year begins, Advent dawns, and the readings call us into reflection and renewal of our relationship with God. The prophet Isaiah's plea resounds across the ages, lamenting the current state of affairs. Having already asked God to see how bad things are, he beseeches God "Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down." Then and now, God's help is needed to turn our lives around.

The psalm invites us to raise our voices in response "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." Paul writing to the Corinthians offers a thanksgiving to God for the revelation of Jesus Christ and prays with all gratefulness so that they, and we, "will not be without any of the gifts of the Holy Spirit while waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ."

In today's Gospel four imperatives emphatically call upon our hearts: "see" and "be alert" come in rapid succession, then "stay awake" is repeated. This warning to stay awake is echoed twice to the disciples in Gethsemane. The beginning of Mark's Gospel announces, "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ" (v1) and "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news" (v15). The ultimate moment of revelation of Jesus comes with the resurrection and the empty tomb. This is our time to turn our hearts to God, to hear the good news, to wait with gratitude and renew our souls before celebrating anew the birth of Jesus, God among us.

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / B

3 DECEMBER 2023

COME, LORD JESUS. The prophet Isaiah implored God to tear the heavens open and come down to save the people. God, however, did not come among us in such a dramatic way but in the humble form of Jesus of Nazareth. God continues to enter our lives in unexpected ways. If we are watchful for the presence of Christ in each day, we will recognise him when he comes in glory.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, (striking the breast) through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria is not said during Advent.

COLLECT

P. Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom. 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 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down — at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.

We have all withered like away leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind.

No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you.

For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father;

we the clay, you the potter,

we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 79:2-3, 15-19

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 1 Cor 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 13:33-37

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task;

WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Today we welcome Dr Rosemary Canavan as our reflection writer. Rosemary is Senior Lecturer in New Testament at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne. In her reflection, she will briefly consider each of the Scripture readings set down for the Sunday.

We are very grateful and thank Fr Christopher Monaghan CM, for his insightful reflections on the readings over the past three years.