

Fr. Christopher Shorrock, OFM Conv., Parish Priest
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Dear Parishioners,
To those you might have been away I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy New Year. May 2024 truly be a blessed Year for all - one filled with peace and prosperity. Thank you in a special way to Fr. Leonides for all his work in our parish these past four years and especially the support he has offered me this past year. He will return to the Philippines on 6th January. I would also like to thank Fr. David Blowey who has agreed to help with Masses etc. while we await the arrival of a new friar from the Philippines who is in the final stages of his visa application and hopefully will arrive in the not too distant future. Let us continue to pray for one another and our parish.

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Are you able to help? One of our parishioners would like to get to Mass on Sundays (ideally at 9am) each week. She lives on Greenwood Road and her mobile number is 0451 849 602. If you are able to help her each Sunday, please call Cathy to discuss.

Let's Pray for the Sick Joseph Sultana, 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

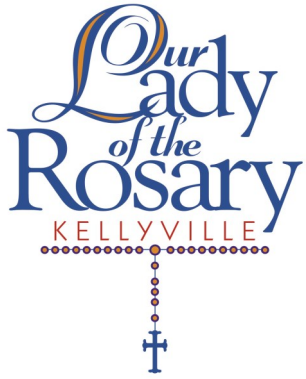
Come visit and pray in quiet beauty.

The Chapel is open every day from 6am - 6pm.

Br. Bernard Fonkalsrud OFM Conv., *Director*

For booking inquiries please visit our website [here](#)
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Are you new to the Parish? Welcome!
Please write to us [here](#) and we'll send you a Census Form to complete.

Have you moved house recently? Please inform us of your new address so we can update our Parish data [here](#).

Would you like to receive the Parish bulletin via email? Simply write to us [here](#)

Sacrament News

Although First Holy Communion preparation will take place in Term 2 this year, some children have not yet made their First Reconciliation which is obligatory prior to receiving their First Holy Communion. For those who missed out on making their First Reconciliation at the end of 2023, a “catch-up” group has been arranged in Term 1. Please click [here](#) to join the group or click on the QR code alongside. For answers to queries please contact our Sacrament Co-ordinator [here](#) (sacraments@olorparishkellyville.org.au)

Do you know? A Plenary Indulgence has been granted by Pope Francis for Catholics who pray before a Nativity scene in a Franciscan Church. To honour St Francis of Assisi and celebrate the **800th anniversary** of the approval of the Rule of St. Francis (1223) and the creation of the Nativity scene in Greccio, the following applies.

Between 8 December 2023, (the solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) and 2 February 2024 (feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ) by visiting the churches run by Franciscan families throughout the world and stopping to pray in front of the Nativity scenes set up there, a Plenary Indulgence is granted with the conditions below.

Conditions to receive a plenary indulgence in all cases:

1. Detachment from all sin, even venial.
2. Sacramental confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Pope. Sacramental confession which can happen up to about 20 days before or after the act performed to receive a plenary indulgence. It is appropriate that Communion and the prayer take place on the same day that the work is completed. One sacramental confession is sufficient for several plenary indulgences. However for each plenary indulgence one wishes to receive, a separate reception of the Eucharist and a separate prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father are required.

For the above mentioned graces offered through the Plenary Indulgence, our Christmas Crib will remain in the Church until 2 February.

What is a Plenary indulgence? A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ, Mary and all the saints to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. The indulgence cleanses a person of all temporal punishment due to sin. However, it must always be accompanied by a full detachment from sin.

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COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

FEAST OF THE STO NIÑO

Sunday, 21st of January 2pm
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
8 Diana Avenue Kellyville

Mass, Special Blessing of children and Sto Niño images at 2pm followed by Procession, Sinulog Dance, Fellowship, food, entertainment and games at the Old Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share.

Join us for a 9-day Novena daily from Jan 12 via zoom 6pm
Meeting ID: 85108320398 Passcode: OLOR

For more information or if you wish to donate food or prizes, please call Rachel 0414730861, Glenice 0428859568 or Rowena 0430016272

Mabuhay Filipino!
Good news!
Our First Sunday Filipino Mass (1SM) will now be every month at 3pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville.
Please bring a plate to share for the fellowship in the Old Hall

If you would like to update your donations to the Parish or the Friars, please write to us [here](#).

Would you like to receive our weekly bulletin via email? Please send us your request [here](#).

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 Friday of each month)

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

Liturgical Ministry Courses return in 2024 The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses recommence in February 2024 for anyone interested in serving as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form [here](#) (or <https://officeforworship.org.au/>)

DRAWING OF PATRON SAINTS FOR THE YEAR—The Franciscan tradition of drawing a patron Saint for the New Year will occur at the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents **THIS SATURDAY, 6 January at 10.30am**

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: 6/7 JANUARY 2024		
6pm Vigil	EM	Ruth Hyland and Natalie Guerlin
7am	EM	Sandra Huber and Tracy Hoey
9am	EM	Margaret Samuels & Grace Trzcinski
11am	EM	Annette Tan and Princy Benny
6pm	EM	Br. Louis and Joseph Lumapas

MASS & MINISTRIES: 13/14 JANUARY 2024		
6pm Vigil	EM	Ruth Hyland & Ponciana Pastorfide
7am	EM	Sandra Huber & Norma Evans
9am	EM	Margaret Samuels & Grace Trzcinski
11am	EM	Princy Benny & Annette Tan
6pm	EM	Br. Louis & Elvira Tandingnan

Youth Group and Young Adults return in February 2024. In the meantime, keep in touch by signing up to our mailing list (youthgroupolor@gmail.com), liking 'OLOR Kellyville Youth' on Facebook and following @olorkellyvilleyouth on Instagram!

Rosary Gem:
The Rosary has a peaceful effect on those who pray it.
St. John Paul II

MASS INTENTIONS: 6 - 13 JAN. 2024		
Sat.. 6	9.30am 6pm	Spiteri family PRO POPULO
Sun. 7	7am 9pm 11am 6pm	Christino Giordmaina, Sammut & Giordmaina families Ernesto, Maria Rosa & Jeannette Murdocca Marietta Ceballos PRO POPULO
Mon. 8	6.45am 7pm	Intention of donor Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland and Sam Bugeja
Tues. 9	6.45am 7pm	Intention of donor Robert Garratt & Alan Avery
Wed. 10	6.45am 9.30am	Holy Souls Anastasia Johnston, Stevo Zivicic and Patrick Osborne
Thurs. 11	6.45am 9.30am	Joseph D'Souza Intention of donor
Fri. 12	6.45am 9.30am	Holy Souls Intention of donor
Sat.. 13	9.30am 6pm	Intention of donor Deddy Oktomeo

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

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‘Where is the infant king of the Jews?’ they asked. ‘We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.’ When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ‘At Bethlehem in Judaea’, they told him ‘for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.’

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. ‘Go and find out all about the child,’ he said ‘and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.’ Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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. Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. 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 EPIPHANY 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: 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 Cf. Mt 2:2
We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may

perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. 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

“YOUR LIGHT HAS COME”
Wait! Don’t pack up your Christmas tree and crib just yet! Today’s feast is the celebration of the coming of the magi with their gifts. They come, as we hear in our Gospel today, because they “observed his star at its rising” (Matt 2:2). Their seeking of the child who has been born the king of the Jews takes us as hearers on the journey to see the revelation, the epiphany, of Jesus as the Messiah.
Following the star, the magi will be brought to a house where, on entering, “they saw the child with Mary his mother” (v.11). Coming from the East they are Gentiles who recognise who Jesus is and fall to their knees and pay him homage.
From the outset of Matthew’s Gospel in the unfolding of the genealogy it is clear that “Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham” (1:1) is enfolded in the covenant of God with Abraham where God makes him the ancestor of a multitude of nations (Gen 17:4-6). This Gospel will conclude with the sending out of the eleven disciples to “make disciples of all nations” (Matt 28:19). The first worshippers of the Lord bring out their gifts of treasure. Through this child the treasures of the kingdom of heaven will be revealed. What can it mean to us to realise “your light has come” and to recognise and worship our Lord among us? How do we encounter the treasure of the kingdom of heaven in our lives today?
DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / B

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THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS. For some Christians the feast of Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today’s Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we can ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 19:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

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 came to gather the nations into the peace of God’s kingdom: Lord have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
P. You come in word and in sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy: Christ have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
P. You will come again in glory with salvation for your people: 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
Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory; / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT
P. O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. 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 60:1-6
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The glory of the Lord shines upon you.
Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 71:1-2, 7-13. R. v. 11
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
1. O God, give your judgement to the king,/to a king’s son your justice,/that he may judge your people in justice/and your poor in right judgement. R.
2. In his days justice shall flourish/and peace till the moon fails./He shall rule from sea to sea,/from the Great River to earth’s bounds. R.
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts/shall pay him tribute./The kings of Sheba and Seba/shall bring him gifts./Before



him all kings shall fall prostrate,/all nations shall serve him. R.
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry/and the needy who are helpless./He will have pity on the weak/and save the lives of the poor. R.

SECOND READING Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 2:2
Alleluia, alleluia! / We have seen his star in the East; / and have come to adore the Lord. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 2:1-12
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
We have come from the East to worship the King.
After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east.