

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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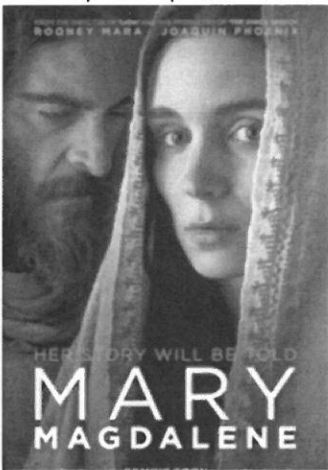
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TWICE THE FILMS, TWICE THE EASTER FUN!

(Both will be shown at Event Cinemas, Castle Hill.)

On Thursday, 5 April at 6.30 pm come join us for a real treat: **Peter Rabbit!** Should be great for the whole family! A week later, on Friday,

13 April, at 6.45 pm, we'll be showing a new Christian movie, **Mary Magdalene**! This movie is for adults and perhaps older children and should be inspirational and wonderful for the Easter Season. Your parish priest will be there for both and hopes to see you there, too! Tickets are \$20 each; profits support the parish renovation fund. See Fr. Alejandro after Mass or call the parish office to reserve a place. (Note: if you can't afford tickets for either or both, please ask for some donated ones as it's important to the friars that we can all share in the Easter fun! And if you can't go but would like to purchase some tickets for a needy family or for the friars, please do so!) **Don't wait as seating is limited for each!**

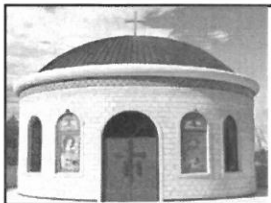


DO YOU KNOW? We have EFTPOS available in the parish office for any Mass donations, piety items, general donations, movie tickets, etc. Payments can be made with Mastercard or Visa over the phone from 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday or via the parish website at any time.

Please Note: There will be NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY, 31 March and NO 6PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

PLEASE LET US KNOW of anyone you might know who lives alone and would like to meet other parishioners in a friendly and informal environment. Simply contact the parish office for more details. We would like to hear from you.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Next happens on Sunday, 18 March, and each THIRD Sunday of the month, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 2pm - 4pm in the Shrine of the Holy Innocents. We invite family and friends to share a very special time with our Eucharistic Lord. *"Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration...may our adoration never cease."*—Pope John Paul II



FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Br. Jerry Payne OFM Conv.

6.45am Weekday Mass followed by Reconciliation.

Open daily 6am to 6pm. Come visit and pray in this place of quiet beauty.

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YOUTH GROUP UP COMING EVENTS:

Annual Palm & Pizza Party: Friday, 23 March from 7pm in the new hall! Bring your high school friends as we step up to the challenge of trying to make 1,200 palm crosses!

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Interested in being part of the 2018 Good Friday Stations of the Cross? All high school youth and older are welcome to partake in the re-enactment on Good Friday. All participants **must attend an am practice on Good Friday morning** before the Stations at 10am and **at least two other practices** that will take place on the following dates at 6pm: **Thurs, 14 March; Wed, 21 March; Fri, 23 March; Mon 26 March.** For further information, contact youthgroupolor@gmail.com

HOLEY MOLEY GAUCAMOLE! The next young adults event will be on **Friday, 16 March at Castle Towers, Castle Hill.** Join us at 7:30pm for a round of mini-golf followed by dinner in the Piazza. Please **RSVP by 14 March** at youngadultsolor@gmail.com so that we can make an appropriate booking.

Thank you for last week's parish donation of \$3,129.70

A COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE will take place on Tuesday, 27 March beginning at 7pm. Come join us for the communal liturgy with individual confessions as we will have extra priests available to hear confessions. Our regular schedule will change that night as we offer an **8 pm Mass of thanksgiving** following the confessions. You may want to clip the schedule below and keep it handy.

LENT

LENTEN FRIDAYS

10.15am Stations of the Cross at the Shrine

7pm Mass at Parish followed by Confessions & Stations of the Cross of Bl. Pope Paul VI

DEANERY COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION:

MONDAY, 26 MARCH

7pm at St Paul the Apostle, Winston Hills

TUESDAY, 27 MARCH

7pm at OLOR, Kellyville followed by a special 8pm Mass of Thanksgiving.

EASTER SCHEDULE

Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday, 29 March, 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at Parish Adoration in the old hall until 10pm

Good Friday, 30 March, 10am Youth Group Stations of the Cross at the Shrine 3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at Parish

Holy Saturday, 31 March, No Confessions

Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm

Easter Sunday, 1 April 7am, 9am, 11am

Please Note: There will be NO 6PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

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PILGRIMAGE TO BERRIMA on **Thursday 13 September**, a luxury bus will take pilgrims from OLOR to Berrima. We leave at 7.30am and return at 5.30pm. To reserve a seat for \$25, sign the clipboard in the church foyer or call the parish office before **29 March.** This will ensure a seat is booked for you.

SACRAMENTS NEWS: On Saturday 17 March, our children preparing to receive **First Holy Communion**, will take part in a day of preparation from 1pm until 6pm. They and their families will join us for our 6pm vigil Mass. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers. This vigil mass will be **extremely crowded** and you should consider attending another Mass or making sure to come early to give yourself **extra time** to find a parking space and a seat. **Please be patient and kind to our visitors who may not know how to act at Mass.** Please offer gentle guidance and a smile as you represent the parish...and the Lord!

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WORKING BEE Please join us on **Saturday 24 March** from 9.45am until lunch time when we will prepare the Church and the surroundings for Easter. We need you! To those who cannot attend, please feel free to bring lunch for the workers.

OUR CONDOLENCES to the family of Giovanni Federici whose funeral was on 5 March, and to the family of Rita Franceschina whose funeral was on 7 March. We pray also for the family of Elaine Sexton whose funeral will be on Monday 12 March. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. May Giovanni, Rita and Elaine and the faithful departed, through God's Mercy, rest in peace.

VISIT OUR PIETY STORE for gifts for children who are celebrating their First Communion or being Confirmed this year!

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK Giuseppina Rossi, Tracy Capdor, Stephanie, Christopher Anthony, Niko Juanengo, Thalia Basa, Peter Prizas, Diosdado Deang, Leo Keutman, Helen Lewis, Moira Maroney, Winnie Smith, Robin Banks, Amanda Webb, Annalise Sherlock, Ricardo Patane, Michelle Nickols, Michael Dimech, Fallon Weinman, Chris Ransom, Avelina Iberra, Saja Derbas, Adrian Bugeja, Nigel Napoli, Denise, Antoinetta Cigolini, Amelia Williams, Arnel Galeng, David McHenry, Leonie Hite, Kim Kenna, Doydoy Calisura, Guida Lambropoulos, Andrea Bioco, Vitaliana Terrado, Antonino Pull, Winston Nickols, Betty Muldoon, Bev Swann, Carmelo M Ortea, Liam Newland, Elvie Anderson, Lily Eyles, Josephine Murphy, Fran Clarke, Barbara Higgins, David Got, Floralba Gonzalez, Wayne Holland, Caleb Peter Newland, Maria Glinka, Doreen and Dudley Fernando, Rita Terese Keogh, Wieslawa Kielich, Cosimo, Mary Arrowsmith, Sarah-Jane Baillon, Jo Fuller, Peter Crocker, Concordia Llave, Angelique Vanjour, Michelle Climpson, Therese Sergi, Matthew Francis Crowley, Miguel Cayari, Julie Windle, Rita Franceschina & Marie Milligan, Bev Appleson, Scarlett Lizano, Daniella Gularte, Monty Roughe, Gary Robinson, Felicia, Ona Hobs, Monica Zachulski

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OLOR PARISH SCHEDULE

Mon. 7pm Mass followed with Divine Mercy Novena, Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions 7.30-8pm, Benediction at 8pm.
Tues. 7pm Mass followed by St. Anthony Novena
Wed. 9.15am Mass
Thur. 9.15am Mass
Fri. 9.15am Mass with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction at 11.45am (On First Fridays: **7pm Mass** followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions 7.30-8pm, Benediction at 8pm.)
Sat. 9am Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion
9.15am Mass Confessions 9.45-10.15am and again 5pm to 5.45 pm
5.50pm Angelus
6pm Vigil Mass
Sun. 7am, 9am, 11am Masses, 5.50pm Angelus, 6pm Mass

MASS & MINISTRIES - 10/11 MARCH 2018

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Allen Fernandes Danielle Cremona and Leona Alphonso David Cremona and Paul Lam
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Greg Boland Karla Barnes and Nancy Comito Tracy Hoey
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Allen Fernandez George Castline and Minal Menezes Mylene Sarmiento and Joyce Weinman
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Rodolfo Susi Enza Sanders and Evelyn Zaballero Dolores Estabaya and Ponciana Pastorfide
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Lorence Tan Maria Remiendo and Jane Lapidario Danielle Smith and Presanna Gunawardena
Counters:		Eddy Purnomo and Cecilia Wijanto
Church Vacuum:		Community of the Risen Lord

MASS & MINISTRIES - 17/18 MARCH 2018

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Michael Tan Glenice Lui and Hani Reario Jerry Lui and Sonny Huang
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Sorbello Theresa Dodd and Walter Bradstock Christine Figuero
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	John Caswell Mark De Vries and Errol Samuels Josephine Apap and Margaret Samuels
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Rodolfo Susi Volunteer and Marciano Gaddi Tracy Capdor and Majella Cendana
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ferdinana Villanueva Rowena Villanueva and Jennifer Lumapas Volunteer and Annette Tan
Counters:		Peggy Dalglish and Mary Zahra
Church Vacuum:		Sid Karam

MASS INTENTIONS - 10-17 MAR. 2018

Sat. 10	9.15am	Souls in Purgatory
	6pm	Elizabeth Fernando
Sun. 11	7 am	Nerida Bombardiere
	9 am	Giovanni La Rosa
	11am	Mary Cutajar
	6pm	pro populo
Mon. 12	7 pm	Andy Zahra
Tues. 13	7 pm	Cooke family
Wed. 14	9.15am	John Saliba
Thur. 15	9.15 am	Margaret Hince
Fri. 16	9.15am	Rocco Gattellaro
	7pm	Emma Goh
Sat. 17	9.15am	Jacinto & Felicidad Cereza
	6pm	Raylene MacNamarra

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Jesus said to Nicodemus:
‘The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.’

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. We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy. O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. 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 AND II OF LENT

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

cf. Ps 121: 3-4
Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. 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

CONFRONTING SIN TO FIND LIFE

Jesus’ mysterious statement at the beginning of today’s Gospel that the Son of Man must be ‘lifted up’ alludes to an episode during the Exodus wandering of Israel (Num 21:4-9). Finding themselves in the wilderness without food or water, the Israelites grumble against the Lord and against Moses. As a result they are punished with a plague of poisonous snakes.

But God who sent the punishment has also provided a remedy: the erection of a bronze figure of the snake in question. Looking upon this figure acts for the Israelites as a life-giving antidote to the poison.

The Gospel finds here a pointer to the coming ‘lifting up’ of the Son of Man upon the cross. As the Israelites found salvation and life by directly confronting what was afflicting them, so those who ‘look upon’ the Crucified One with faith, seeing him as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (1:29), will find eternal life.

The following sentence (3:16) wonderfully discloses the extremity of God’s love. While desirous that we appreciate the evil and destructiveness of sin by confronting it in the cross, God’s whole intent in regard to the world is not to condemn but to save and communicate life.

Judgement, then, is not so much something to be executed in the future. Judgement is something that believers already undergo when they expose their lives to the searching but saving light that Christ, as ‘true Light’, brings into the world. It is to this kind of ‘judgement’ that Lent invites us each year.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / B

11 MARCH 2018

GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH. During the season of Lent we humbly acknowledge the ways in which we have failed to respond to our Christian vocation. We do this before a God who is infinitely rich in mercy and grace, who sent the Son into the world not to condemn it but to be its saviour. Acknowledging our failings and accepting healing and forgiveness from Christ prepares us to celebrate the feast of Easter with great joy.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

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 Lent.

COLLECT

P. O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 2 Chron 36: 14-16, 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles.

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, ‘Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.’

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: ‘Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, “The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.”’

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 136. R. v. 6
R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon / there we sat and wept, / remembering Zion: / on the poplars that grew there / we hung our harps. **R.**

2. For it was there that they asked us, / our captors, for songs, / our oppressors, for joy. / ‘Sing to us,’ they said, / ‘one of Zion’s songs.’ **R.**

3. O how could we sing / the song of the Lord / on alien soil? / If I forget you, Jerusalem, / let my right hand wither! **R.**



4. O let my tongue / cleave to my mouth / if I remember you not, / if I prize not Jerusalem / above all my joys! **R.**

SECOND READING

Eph 2: 4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God’s work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he has meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 3: 16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! / God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, / that all who believe in him might have eternal life. / Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Jn 3:14-21

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.