

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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FROM OUR BISHOP: Dear brothers and sisters, With the celebration of Ash Wednesday, we begin a season of Lent which is meant to be a journey of renewal and transformation. The 40 days of Lent remind us of the 40 years that God's people wandered in the wilderness before reaching the Promise Land. It was a challenging but transformative journey. For they were purified and cleansed of all that was unworthy of God. They grew not only in their understanding of who God was but also what it meant to be his people. The 40 years in the wilderness helped them live as a more humble, patient, faithful people. We too need to be cleansed and purified of all that is unworthy of Christ and his Gospel. We seek to be cleansed of all those things that hold us back, that prevent us from growing to full maturity in Christ. Our spiritual exodus is a journey away from all that is alienating within us into that freedom within which we discover our real selves. "Let your hearts be broken and not your garments torn". With these words, the prophet calls us to inner purification. In the Old Testament, people would often focus on the customs and the rituals of penance like wearing sackcloth, putting on ashes or fasting. The prophets, however, insist that the outward signs must be accompanied by a real and radical interior renewal. In view of the deep and systemic malaise of the Church that the Royal Commission has exposed, it seems that we cannot but embrace a real and radical change if we want to go forward. There needs to be an attitudinal change at every level, a conversion of mind and heart in each of us that conforms us to the spirit of the Gospel. Jesus warns against "new wine into old wineskins". The time has come for us to set aside the old wineskins of triumphalism, elitism, rigidity, status seeking and maintenance. This Lenten season is an opportunity for the whole Church and especially her leaders to have the courage to die to the old ways of being church that no longer convey effectively the message of the Gospel to the culture in which we live. It is a time for radical criticism and dismantling of attitudes that are not aligned with God's alternative vision for the people. We need to put the powerlessness and the divine pathos that the humble servant, Jesus, front and centre. As a Church, we cannot move forward until we have fully embraced his radical call to abandon the culture of privilege, self-interest and security in favour of wholesome relational discipleship. So dear friends, let us not be afraid of living the call to divest and empty ourselves of all the things that prevent us from being a more authentic sign of the Kingdom. Let us reclaim the Church as a refuge for the poor, an oasis for the weary and a hospital for the wounded. May we, through the discipline of prayer, fasting and almsgiving acquire a new heart and a new spirit. Then, like the people of the covenant, we too shall emerge revitalised and become the sacrament of God's compassion and care for the least and the last. May we be nurtured by the love of God and persevere in our journey from death to life.

—Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv

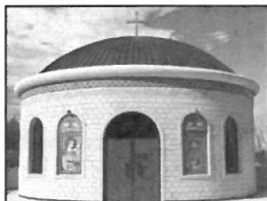
GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP will meet with Fr. Alejandro every Lenten Tuesday at 10am. We pray with the Gospel for the following Sunday. Our first Lenten meeting is on **Tues, 20 Feb.** in the parish office. Newcomers welcome!

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WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD) 2019 INFO EVENINGS WYD provides an opportunity for young people (aged 16-35) to be immersed in the beauty, intensity and adventure of our Catholic faith as we unite with the youth of the world in the presence of Pope Francis. Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people of our Diocese on a journey to the host city of Panama, Central America, during January 2019. Visit www.parrawyd.org and join them for the last information evening to learn more, from 7-8:30pm on the 20 February at **Our Lady of the Rosary, St Mary's.**

SOME LENTEN IDEAS Include fasting and abstaining from meat on Lenten Wednesdays and Fridays; come to Mass an extra time during the week (there's an extra parish Mass on Fridays at 7pm); pray with our Lenten "Little Black Books;" adore the Blessed Sacrament (see below); pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 10.15am at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents and 7.30 pm in the parish; celebrate our communal penance service (see below); pray for our Elect and candidates preparing for sacraments at Easter (see right); pray for our children preparing for Confirmation and First Holy Communion.



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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT on 18 February and each **THIRD Sunday** of the month from 2pm to 4pm in the Shrine of the Holy Innocents. **"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

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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YOUTH GROUP MEETS THIS SUNDAY! Join us for 6 pm Mass, then we take on Lent in true Youth Group fashion! Don't miss out on Faith, fun, pizza, and friendships (at the new hall after Mass)!

PLEASE PRAY For our Elect, Pamela Ursino (who will be baptised, confirmed and receive her First Communion at the Easter Vigil) and our Candidates for full communion with the Catholic Church, Fok Juez "FJ" Wong and Katherine Murdocca (who will be confirmed and receive her First Communion at the Easter Vigil). There are cards in the baskets at the entrance to church with their names on them and further instructions. Also pray for our children who are preparing for Confirmation and First Communion in the Easter Season.

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION (formerly the Diocesan Works Fund or DWF) supports the Holy Spirit Seminary, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, CatholicCare, The Ephpheta Centre and other diocesan organizations that assist the needy. Our required parish quota is \$9,044 per appeal; we are just shy of our goal by \$3,000. Whatever is not collected is paid by the parish. Whatever you can donate to help us reach our quota is most appreciated. Thank you.

LENTEN JOURNEY ON YOUR MOBILE The Xt3 Lent Calendar App 2018 is available for download for Apple and Android. The Lent calendar runs from Ash Wednesday to Divine Mercy Sunday. Each day unlocks new entry to help you prayerfully journey through Lent. (Search for Xt3 Lent and can be viewed at their website: www.xt3.com/lent.)

Please take home a **PROJECT COMPASSION** box either individually or for the family. The boxes should be returned between Palm Sunday (25 March) and Holy Thursday (29 March).

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**

Thank you for last week's parish donation of \$3,115.55

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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MASS & MINISTRIES - 17/18 FEB. 2018

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Ferdinand Villanueva Glenice Lui and Leona Alphonso Jerry Lui and Sonny Huang
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Sorbello Tom Crowley and Walter Bradstock Christine Figuero
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	John Caswell Minal Menezes and volunteer Josephine Apap and Joyce Weinman
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Rodolpho Susi Doreen Francis and Adrian Francis Arlene Pineda and Tracy Capdor
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ferdinand Villanueva Jane Lapidario and Rowena Villanueva Danielle Smith and Prasanna Gunawardena
Counters:		Bob and Judie Gardiner
Church Vacuum:		Ava Maria Choir

MASS & MINISTRIES - 24/25 FEB. 2018

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Ryan Catherine Lai & Leonard Pinto Rhodora Manlolo & Eileen Manlolo
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Huber Tom Crowley & Karla Barnes Sandra Huber
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Steve Boland Volunteer & Michael Finucane Norma Evans & Rachel Calisura
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Leevon Abuan Doreen and Adrian Francis Tracy Capdor & Felicia Borgona
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ferdinand Villanueva Volunteer & Rowena Villanueva Rita George & Danielle Smith
Counters:		Karla, Rhodora & Doris
Church Vacuum:		Paul & Racelle Fameron

MASS INTENTIONS 17 - 24 FEB. 2018

Sat. 17	9.15am	Elvira Bellissimo
	6pm	pro populo
Sun. 18	7 am	Vincenzo & Carmelo Bombardiere
	9 am	Salvatore, Giovanna Maria Frasca & Teresa Frasca Crucitti
	11am	Antoinette & John Camilleri & Ted Ballard
	6pm	Those enrolled in the FMA
Mon. 19	7 pm	Herman & Evelyn Cabana Snr
Tues. 20	7 pm	Netta Joseph Galea, Elizabeth & Sam Caruana & Holy Souls
Wed. 21	9.15am	Nene Matias
Thur. 22	9.15 am	Joanna & Pat Barry
Fri. 23	9.15am	Frank Tracy
Sat. 24	9.15am	Grace Paridiso
	6pm	Pamela Nair

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GOSPEL

Mk 1: 12-15

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.*He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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,
*(All bow during these two lines)***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. Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. 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 OF THE 1ST SUNDAY 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: 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** Mt 4: 4**One does not live by bread alone, but**
by every word that comes forth from the
mouth of God.**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth.

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.**REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL****CONFRONTING EVIL**

In Lent the Church invites us to confront and bring before God's mercy all those aspects of our lives that separate us from God and stunt our growth in the ways of the Spirit. To encourage us in this task the Church sets before us on the opening Sunday of Lent each year Jesus' personal confrontation with the forces of evil. He has gone before us on this Lenten journey; he will remain our companion on the way. Mark's sparse account of the Temptation actually contains a very great deal. Jesus has emerged from his baptism clad with the Spirit, the power of God's love, that is to energise his mission. Now that same Spirit begins this role by 'driving' him into the wilderness, the habitat of wild animals ('the beasts') as well as evil spirits. In this dangerous situation, bereft of human comfort and resources, Jesus personally exposes himself to the onslaught of Satan, before taking up his mission to reclaim human beings from demonic control, that is, not only from the relatively rare cases of actual demonic possession but from all the captivities of body and soul that alienate us from God and our own true humanity.

Jesus is not alone in the struggle. Divine care surrounds him in the shape of the ministering angels.

Emerging victorious from his personal conflict with evil, Jesus announces the 'good news' of the imminent displacement of Satan's rule by the rule or 'kingdom' of God.

Each Lent summons us to a new alignment with this reality through deeper conversion ('Repent!') and faith.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / B

18 FEBRUARY 2018

DRIVEN INTO THE WILDERNESS. The Spirit of God, who descended on Jesus at his baptism, drove him into the wilderness. In the Jewish Scriptures the wilderness is both the place where Israel meets God and the place where it is tempted to worship idols made of stone. The season of Lent is a good time to examine whether we are responding to the Spirit of God in our lives or succumbing to the allurements of false idols.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 90: 15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory, I
will grant him length of days.**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, (striking the
breast) through my fault, through my
fault, 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 Lent.***COLLECT**

P. Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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

Gen 9: 8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will recall the covenant between myself and
you ... the waters shall never again become a
flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 24: 4-9. R. cf. v. 10

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord,
teach me your paths. / Make me walk in
your truth, and teach me: / for you are God
my saviour. **R.**2. Remember your mercy, Lord, / and the
love you have shown from of old. / In your
love remember me, / because of your
goodness, O Lord. **R.**3. The Lord is good and upright. / He shows
the path to those who stray, / he guides the
humble in the right path; / he teaches his
way to the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Pet 3: 18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism
which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4: 4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!**No one lives on bread alone,****but on every word that comes from the**
mouth of God.**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of**
endless glory!