

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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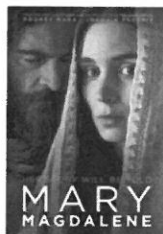
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TWO FILMS, ONLY A FEW TICKETS LEFT! (Both shown at Event Cinemas, Castle Hill.)

On **Thursday, 5 April** at 6.30 pm join us for **Peter Rabbit!** Great fun for the whole family! A week later, on **Friday, 13 April**, at 6.45 pm, come see **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 present 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 tickets 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 only a few tickets remain!**

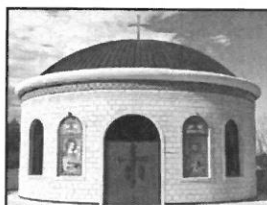


WHY ARE THE STATUES IN THE CHURCH COVERED? The custom began in Northern Europe to highlight the meditation on the Passion of Our Lord during the Season of Lent. In some churches images of Our Lord suffering and Our Lady of Sorrows are made prominent for the devotion of the faithful. It also shows the penitential nature of the Season as we gaze upon our Crucified Saviour in union with Our Sorrowful Mother. Before the Easter Vigil as the Church celebrates Christ's Resurrection, the statues and images are unveiled to highlight the joy in the celebration of the Resurrection. **PLEASE NOTE: No candles are to be lit around statues that are covered.**

WORKING BEE this **Saturday 24 March** from 10 am until lunch time to help ready the Church and the surroundings for Holy Week and Easter. We need you! To those who cannot attend, please bring lunch for the workers. Contact the parish office for information.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT happens this Sunday, **18 March**, and each **THIRD** Sunday of the month 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 ...may our adoration never cease."**—Pope John Paul II

Thank you for last week's parish donation of \$3,358.65



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 takes place this 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!

Youth Group 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 a morning practice on Good Friday morning** before the Stations at 10am and have attended **at least two other practices**. The remaining practices are at 6pm: **Friday 23 and Monday 26 March**. For more info, contact: youthgroupolor@gmail.com **Parishioners are asked to park at the Church and walk next door to the Shrine for the Stations of the Cross.**

OLOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY on **8 April** begins at 1pm. Confessions will be heard then until the start of Mass at 3 pm. (Please note for the indulgence, you may go to confession on another day, within eight days of Divine Mercy Sunday, with the intention of fulfilling the requirement. As priests are limited, please consider going another day.) The programme for the day is as follows: **Procession with the Blessed Sacrament, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Novena, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction, Holy Mass begins at 3pm.**

A COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE will take place on Tuesday, **27 March** beginning at 7pm. Come join us for the communal liturgy of the Word with individual confessions to follow. Extra priests from the deanery will be available to hear confessions this night. Our regularly scheduled Mass will follow, at **8 pm**, after the confessions.



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, 40 Buckleys Rd, 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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SOME THOUGHTS I don't really understand the thinking behind waiting until the last minute to go to confession. As adults, we need to set good examples for children, even adult ones! It's important that we take responsibility for our actions, especially those that hurt others and our relationship with God. Don't wait to confess sins thinking that you want to be sure to be immaculate for our Lord at Easter. Better to go now, or even better, go to our communal reconciliation service (details at left), where we'll have lots of priests available for the private celebration of the Sacrament. (Note that we'll offer **no confessions at all on Holy Saturday, 31 March** as priests are preparing homilies and the church for Easter.)

We are still in the planning stages for our church renovation. At the moment, we are preparing for the approval of Council. Part of our requirements is getting documentation from specialists for this approval. We still hope to start some time in the next few months. I will keep you informed once I have more definitive news.

Until then, if you have any questions with regards to the building projects of the parish (or OLOR School), consult our website. (I'm told we've posted the latest plans there.) You may also come see me, your parish priest. Some parishioners are sharing information that is **incorrect** (such as that all the stained glass windows are being taken out of the church). I suggest that before anyone shares a bit of news, please ask: 1. Is it true?; 2. Is it necessary that I share this?; 3. Is it good that this information be shared? If the answer to any of these is no, please refrain.—Fr. Alejandro

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, 2018** to ensure a seat for you.

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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 Gonzales, Caleb Peter Newland, Maria Glinka, Doreen and Dudley Fernando, Rita Terese Keogh, Wieslawa Kielich, Cosimo, Mary Arrowsmith, Sarah-Jane Bailon, Jo Fuller, Peter Crocker, Concordia Llave, Angelique Vanjour, Michelle Climpson, Therese Sergi, Matthew Francis Crowley, Miguel Cayari, Julie Windle, Marie Milligan, 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 - 17/18 MARCH 2018

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Michael Tan Glenice Lui and Hani Reario and children 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:	Ferdinand Villanueva Rowena Villanueva and Jennifer Lumapas Volunteer and Annette Tan
Counters:		Peggy Dalglish and Mary Zahra
Church Vacuum:		Sid Karam

MASS & MINISTRIES - 24/25 MARCH 2018

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

MASS INTENTIONS - 17-25 MAR. 2018

Sat. 17	9.15am	Jacinto & Felicidad Cereza
	6pm	Raylene MacNamarra
Sun. 18	7 am	Vincenzo & Carmela Bombardiere
	9 am	Salvatore, Giovanna Maria Frasca & Teresa Frasca Crucitti
	11am	Antoinette & John Camilleri & Ted Ballard
	6pm	pro populo
Mon. 19	7 pm	Joseph Saliba & family
Tues. 20	7 pm	George Torane
Wed. 21	9.15am	Intention of Donor
Thur. 22	9.15 am	Joseph & Breda Dempsey
Fri. 23	9.15am	Charles & Grace Vella & Joseph Scicluna
	7pm	Rita Franceschina
Sat. 24	9.15am	John Mizzi
	6pm	Joseph Mizzi

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will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’
A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all to myself.’ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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. Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. 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 OR 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: 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 Jn 12: 24

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

THE SEED THAT DIES TO GIVE LIFE

Today's Gospel features a momentary shrinking from death on the part of Jesus ('Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour?" ' [v. 27]. This exclamation in the Fourth Gospel echoes the plea of Jesus to the Father during his agony in the garden of Gethsemane as described in the other three Gospels.

What triggers this reaction in Jesus is the arrival on the scene of 'some Greeks'. The reason that he reacts in this way to the arrival of these pilgrims from afar becomes clear at the end of the passage when he says, 'And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself'; and the Evangelist comments, 'He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die' (vv. 32-33). The 'Greeks' are the forerunners of all those people, principally from the non-Jewish or Gentile world whom the love of Jesus, demonstrated supremely upon the cross, will draw to the Father and so to the gift of eternal life.

Thus the arrival of these Greeks and their desire to 'see Jesus' indicates that the 'hour' of his death is at hand. Their presence shows that his dying, like a single grain falling upon the earth, will produce a 'rich harvest', the drawing of all to eternal life.

In this way the cross will overthrow the death-dealing grip of the 'prince of this world' (Satan) upon human beings, reclaiming them for a share in God's 'eternal life'.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / B

18 MARCH 2018

THE HOUR HAS COME. Jesus was greatly troubled as the hour of his suffering and death approached. He was tempted to ask the Father to save him from this hour. But he knew that his death would be a source of new life for all. Today's liturgy invites us to share in Jesus' self-sacrificing love. For ourselves, as for Jesus, the grain of wheat must die in order to produce a rich harvest.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 42: 1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

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. P. Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all people to yourself: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You shouldered the cross, to bear our suffering and sinfulness: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You open for your people the way from death into life: 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. By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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

Jer 31: 31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant

with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 50: 3-4, 12-15. R. v. 12

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. R.

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R.

3. Give me again the joy of your help; / with a spirit of fervour sustain me, / that I may teach transgressors your ways / and sinners may return to you. R.

SECOND READING

Heb 5: 7-9

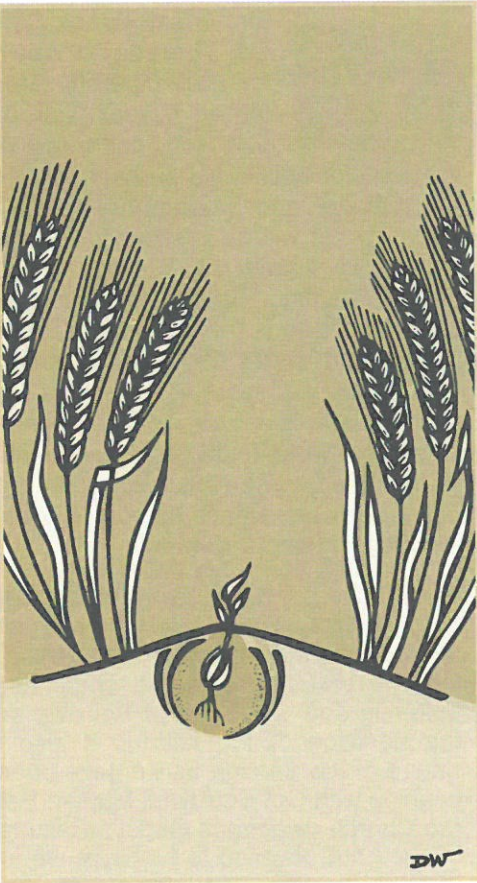
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 12: 26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! / If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; / and where I am, my servant will also be. / Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Jn 12: 20-30

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.

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus'. Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant