

# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Friars Minor Conventual

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**SACRAMENTAL NEWS** for families of children making their **First Communion** this year: Please take a letter from the foyer of the church providing information for the first meeting on 15 February, 2018 related to this Sacrament. For any other information please contact Erin Kennedy, our sacramental co-ordinator at sacraments@olorparishkellyville.org.au

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES** are now open for all those interested in becoming Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying, Adult Altar Servers and Acolytes. Courses are free. Call the parish office for a compulsory form to enrol.

**PROFESSIONAL INDIVIDUAL COUNSELLING IN OUR PARISH OFFICE** is available for addictions (alcohol, drug and gambling), grief and loss, and also couple counselling. Please call the parish office to enquire or to make an appointment.

**UPDATE ON 2017 NUMBERS:** *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* brought in \$1,387! We also forgot to mention the profits made by the sale of our unique and beautiful rosary bracelets! Thanks to a generous parishioner, who donated time, talent and treasure for this worthy cause, the profits from these prayers beads amounted to \$3,135! (For those interested, our *next* movie night will be just after Easter and is a kid's movie, fun for adults: *Peter Rabbit*. More information will follow when details are finalized!

**CHRIST'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RESUMES ON WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY!** The group meets weekly at 7pm in the old hall. Everyone is welcome to join for fellowship, Scripture, rosary, praise and worship.

**WOOL WANTED FOR WEDNESDAY MORNING KNITTERS** who create blankets for the poor! Have any left over balls at home? Money burning a hole in your pocket? Bring donations to the parish office weekdays, 9 am to 4 pm.

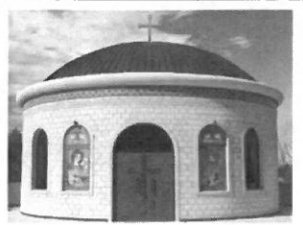


**GOD'S WORD 2018** daily reflections books are on sale, just \$12 each! These diaries contain the Sunday and weekday Mass readings for the year and make lovely gifts for family and friends. **Only ten left!**

**THANK YOU** for last week's parish collection amounting to \$3,320.85

## FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Br. Jerry Payne OFM Conv.  
6.45am Weekday Mass followed by Reconciliation.  
Open daily from 6am to 6pm.  
Come visit and pray in this place of quiet beauty.



**YOUTH NEWS** please note that our Youth Group will not be meeting during the month of January. The group usually meets on the first and third Sundays monthly. The next meeting will take place on 4 February, 2018. If you are a high schooler (year 7-12) please join us for the 6 pm Mass and then stay for the fun and pizza from 7-8.30! Shy? Bring a friend as all are welcome!

**MASSES FOR 2018** Some times people may be disappointed when a date is not available for a special Mass during the year. If you would like to arrange a Mass for a deceased loved one, or for a living relative or friend, please contact the parish office as soon as you can. Don't wait, as your date may already be reserved.

**HAVE YOU RECENTLY MOVED?** Please let the parish office know so that we can update your details.

## 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**

## NEW? WELCOME!

Please complete a "new parishioners" envelope from the foyer of the church and turn it in to a priest after Mass or to the parish office.

**THANK YOU** A big thank you to those who donated for the new friary dishwasher. Your generosity helped defray almost all of the costs. The friars thank you very much!

## VOLUNTEERS FOR THE HOMELESS

The Order of Malta requires volunteer drivers, nurses and paramedics for the home-less "hot spots" in Parramatta. For more info, email us at: [info@smom.org.au](mailto:info@smom.org.au)

## SERVERS NEEDED

Would you like to volunteer at our parish as a lector, Altar server, Extraordinary Minister or usher in 2018? Please contact the parish office to find out how.

**FATHER LOVES IT WHEN** you clean up the spaces around you after Mass. Pick up the bulletins left behind, turn the hymnals so that the binding faces out and is right side up! (He's a bit particular, but it sure makes a difference to the appearance of the church for the next Mass. Thanks!

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**SANTO NIÑO CELEBRATION** Come join our bishop, Most Rev. Vincent Long Van Nguyen, OFM Conv., and our Filipino brothers and sisters as they celebrate the traditional *Fiesta Sinulog* (*Santo Niño*) in honour of the Christ Child. Mass begins at 2.30 pm on Sunday 21, January at Good Shepherd Catholic Church (130 Hyatt Road, Plumpton) followed by a procession. All devotees are invited to bring your *Santo Niño* Statue for a blessing. Afterwards there is the beating of the drums by the Aklan Ati-Atihan group, an entertainment program, dinner and sharing and raffle (please bring something to eat or drink to share). For more information, call Mila Alforque on 0478 707 516).

**WHAT IS ORDINARY TIME?** Because the term *ordinary* in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting. **Why is Ordinary Time called ordinary?** Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle—the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana. Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that! **Why is green the color of Ordinary Time?** Likewise, the normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time—for those days when there is no special feast—is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit, began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.—Richert, Scott P. For the full article see: "What Does Ordinary Time Mean in the Catholic Church?" ThoughtCo, Aug. 9, 2017, [thoughtco.com/ordinary-time-in-the-catholic-church-542442](http://thoughtco.com/ordinary-time-in-the-catholic-church-542442).

**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 Liave, 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

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## MASS & MINISTRIES - 6/7 JAN. 2018

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Michael Tan Glenice Lui and Hani Reario Tony Monteiro and Rhodora Manlolo
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Huber Volunteers Sandra Huber
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Caswell Minal Menezes and Errol Samuels Margaret Samuels and Joyce Weiman
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Ed Cecilia Donna Solis and Marciano Gaddi Evelyn Romero and Arlene Pineda
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Vino Rodrigues Jane Lapidario and Jennifer Lumapas Joseph Lumapas and Ana Mustafa
Counters:		Susan Bird, Jan Buist & Tessie L
Church Vacuum:		Couples for Christ

## MASS & MINISTRIES - 13/14 JAN.

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Ryan Danielle Cremona and Francis Patag David Cremona and Sonny Huang
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Greg Boland Karla Barnes and Volunteer Tracy Hoey
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Allen Fernandez George Castline and Carolyn Maddy Mylene Sarmiento and Kate Warburton
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Rodolfo Susi Marciano Gaddi and Vivian Lam Dolores Estabaya and Paul Lam
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Michael Tan Maria Remiendo and Rowena Villanueva Annette Tan and Danielle Smith
Counters:		Eddy Purnomo & Cecilia Wijanto
Church Vacuum:		Community of the Risen Lord

## MASS INTENTIONS 6 - 13 JAN, 2018

<b>Sat. 6</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	John and Angelina Ferreira
	<b>6pm</b>	Ana Gloria Lopez
<b>Sun. 7</b>	<b>7 am</b>	<b>Pro populo</b>
	<b>9 am</b>	Ernesto, Maria Rosa & Jeannette Murdocca
	<b>11am</b>	John, Antoinette Camilleri & Edward Ballard
	<b>6pm</b>	Alberto Lopez
<b>Mon. 8</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	Intention of donor
<b>Tues. 9</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	Andy Zahra
<b>Wed. 10</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	Intention of donor
<b>Thur. 11</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	Frank Viset
<b>Fri. 12</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Rocco Gattellaro
<b>Sat. 13</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Holy Souls
	<b>6pm</b>	Josephine Cremona

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

7 JANUARY 2018

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.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

#### A JOURNEY AND EXCHANGE OF GIFTS

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the fact that Israel's Messiah is also the Saviour of the entire world. We may take this for granted. For the earliest Christians of non-Jewish origin, it was a source of immense wonder and gratitude.

People in the ancient world believed that unusual appearances of stars and other heavenly bodies signalled the birth of future great leaders. These wise ones (*magi*) interpreted the new star as heralding the birth of a Jewish king who will have significance for all peoples on earth.

They follow the star to Jerusalem but they need the scribal wisdom of Israel to locate more precisely the One whose birth it announces. The natural wisdom (astronomy) of their culture and scriptural revelation come together to lead them to the Saviour at Bethlehem.

When they find the infant Lord, they fall down in worship and offer the rich gifts of their culture. In this they fulfil the vision so splendidly evoked in the First Reading: the nations of the world bringing their wealth to Jerusalem in exchange for spiritual riches.

Their journey is one of danger as well as faith. The treacherous figure of Herod looms over all, foreshadowing the Passion that is to come. But the riches of God's salvation will go to the nations nonetheless.

We walk in the footsteps of these wise ones, sharing their faith and the joy of their discovery. We worship the Lord, bringing our gifts, knowing that they, and those of every nation and culture on earth, are precious in his sight.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / B

THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS. For eastern-rite 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, one 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. 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. '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