

# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Friars Minor Conventual

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**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY** All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers. We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; may they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy. We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; may they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways. We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; may they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away. We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love; Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. On behalf of the friars and staff at our Lady of the Rosary Parish, a blessed and happy Mother's Day!



Thanks to Judith Grace Vella, photographer.

This week, **THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION** is launching its May Appeal which will focus on our collective works of Faith. A donation to The Catholic Foundation is a gift that supports our growing number of diocesan seminarians and also supports the good works they do in the community – including feeding the hungry, visiting the housebound and sick, and conducting catechises in state schools. Your donation will be a gift that keeps on giving. Envelopes will be available for you to take home to consider becoming an "Ambassador of Faith" by committing to a \$7 monthly donation—that's less than \$2 per week. Visit [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au) to donate online.

## ANNULMENTS WITHIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The evening is open to anyone interested. The next seminar takes place on **Wednesday, 16 May** from 7 to 9 pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, No.1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Registration is essential through Rita on 8843 2575 or visit [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

## COME CELEBRATE OUR BIRTHDAY AS THE CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY 20 May, Pentecost Sunday!

Our annual feast will start with 11am Mass and move onto a multi-cultural lunch. Please bring a plate to share. All are invited to dress in traditional clothing of your home country or in red, the colour of Holy Spirit Fire. Unfortunately, the updated renovation presentation from our architect has been postponed. (Watch the bulletin for a future presentation date.) Joe Apap will still entertain us in the new hall. **Please sign the clipboard in the foyer of the Church if you are able to bring a plate to share on this special day.**



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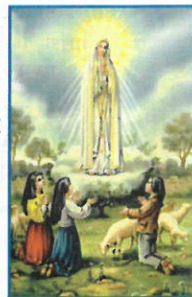
**SACRAMENTAL NEWS** Our First Holy Communions will take place on **19 and 26 May**, at special **4pm Saturday Masses** and on **20 and 27 May** at the **Sunday 11am Masses**. Please continue to pray for our First Communicants and their families. If you plan to attend the 11am Sunday Masses on those dates, be aware that it might be extra full and you may need additional time to park and get a seat. Also note: **there will be no Saturday afternoon confessions on the 19 and 26 May.**

**PARISH MOVIE NIGHT** Join us on **Friday, 8 June**, at 6.45 pm at Castle Hill Event Cinemas when we'll be watching **Solo: A Star Wars Movie**.

The parish movie night starts without previews! Profits help support the church renovations. (See Fr. Alejandro to purchase a ticket! They are selling fast - don't wait!) Consider donating a ticket for a needy family if you cannot attend. (If you are a needy family, please see Fr. Alejandro for a donated ticket; we want everyone who wants to attend to be able to go, so don't be shy!)

**WORKERS WANTED** We are looking for people in construction and other trades who could help us out with the renovations of our church. Are you able to do this (or do you know anyone who might be interested)? Please contact Angela in the parish office at 9629 2595, leaving information about your business and how you might help. We're putting together a list of those who would like to tender. Thanks and blessings in advance for anything you might donate to help keep our costs down.

You are cordially invited on **Saturday 26 May** to the **23RD BNP FATIMA DEVOTION ANNIVERSARY OF THE HILLS DISTRICT** at OLOR Parish. Rosary begins at 5.30pm, with Mass at 6pm. Following the Mass, there will be a short procession with a statue of Our Lady of Fatima to the old hall where we offer flowers and share a light supper. Please join us and other parishioners



**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 Ibarra, 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, 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, Marie Milligan, Scarlett Lizano, Daniella Gualarte, Monty Roughe, Gary Robinson, Felicia, Ona Hobs, Monica Zachulski, Margaret Loscialpo, Enza Sanders

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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**

Sacrament is from 8pm until Devotions at 10am, followed by 11am Mass. All are welcome to pray in reparation for the sin of abortion and other offences to human life. **Please sign up on the clipboard in the Church foyer if you are available to adore Our Lord.**

Thank you for last week's collection of **\$2,882.60**

**COME CELEBRATE 25 YEARS!** Please join me at the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents for the 25th Anniversary of the Garden of the Immaculate. In 1995, I wrote to Mother Teresa asking her for help to build our shrine. She replied that if it is God's will the Shrine would be built. The Saint proved prophetic as it is God's will that the Shrine is here! The original letter, signed by Mother Teresa will be on display after the Anniversary Mass for veneration. The Anniversary Mass is next **Saturday 19 May** at 11am in the original timber chapel, followed by a procession to the new shrine chapel with veneration of the Mother Teresa letter. I hope to see you there—Br. Dominic



THE FRIARS CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO  
**THE FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS FOR THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE GARDEN OF THE IMMACULATE**  
**SATURDAY, 19 MAY 2018**  
**MASS 11.00AM**  
FOLLOWED BY GARDEN TOURS AND LUNCH IN THE OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CONFERENCE ROOM, LOCATED UNDER THE SHRINE  
8 GREYFRIAR PLACE, KELLYVILLE, NSW 2155

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**AN URGENT CALL** The NSW Parliament will soon debate a bill on the value of human life. Should the bill succeed, those who pray or talk to women about alternatives to terminating the life of an unborn child (within 150 metres of an abortion clinic) will be jailed. We will be having a letter writing initiative in the Undercroft of the Shrine of the Holy Innocents (8 Greyfriar Place), this Sunday. Mother's Day, **13 May**. Come between 3-5 pm for more information or to assist with letter writing (all materials will be provided). Please come celebrate your Mum and help prevent any law that undermines the value of human life, particularly the most vulnerable.

## LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

will be held at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents on Friday, **25 May** beginning with Maximilian Kolbe Novena Mass at 7pm. Exposition of the Blessed

## MASS & MINISTRIES - 12/13 MAY 2018

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Allen Fernandez Josephine Calangi and Francis Patag David Cremona and Sonny Huang
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Greg Boland Walter Bradstock and Theresa Dodd Tracy Hoey
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Allen Fernandez Minal Menezes and Michael Finucane Tracey Thomson and Grace Trzcinski
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Richard Barlow Volunteer and Evelyn Zaballero Ponciana Pastorfide & Felicia Borgona
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Lorence Tan Jane Lapidario and Susan Debrincat Danielle Smith and Annette Tan
Counters:		Eddy Purnomo and Cecilia Wijanto
Church Vacuum:		Community of the Risen Lord

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Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Michael Tan Leona Alphonso and Frank Adoranti Sonny Huang and Jerry Lui
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Sorbello Tom Crowley and Nancy Comito Christine Figuero
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ed Cecilia Mark de Vries and Ann Maddy Joyce Weinman and Josephine Apap
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Rodolfo Susi Vivian Lam and Evelyn Zaballero Tracy Capdor and Arlene Pineda
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ferdinand Villanueva Jennifer Lumapas and Rowena Villanueva Prasanna Gunawardena and Salena Artap
Counters:		Peggy Dalgliesh and Mary Zahra
Church Vacuum:		Sid Karam

## MASS INTENTIONS : 12 - 19 APRIL 2018

<b>Sat. 12</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Intention of donor
	<b>6pm</b>	Paterno Yap
<b>Sun. 13</b>	<b>7 am</b>	John, Martha and Joe Mizzi
	<b>9 am</b>	Giovanni La Rosa
	<b>11am</b>	<b>pro populo</b>
	<b>6pm</b>	Mariantonia Pisano
<b>Mon. 14</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	Vocations to Religious Life
<b>Tues. 15</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	Andy Zahra and Wayne Holland
<b>Wed. 16</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Vocations to Religious Life
<b>Thur. 17</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	Maximino Calangi
<b>Fri. 18</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Rocco Gatellaro
<b>Sat. 19</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	James and Angela Slevin
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>pro populo</b>

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 28: 19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 16: 15-20

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.

*The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.*

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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 offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. 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 THE ASCENSION 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 Mt 28: 20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant,

we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you. 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

### ASCENDED BUT NOT DEPARTED

The account of the Lord's Ascension in today's First Reading does not mean that Jesus, at the end of his earthly career, literally ascended as described. The clear parallels with the description of the prophet Elijah's ascent into heaven (2 Kings 2:1-18) suggest that Luke is using that episode as a model to indicate the closure of Jesus' personal ministry on earth and its continuation from heaven. Having escaped the clutches of his enemies by rising from the dead, Jesus now makes an Elijah-like ascent to heaven.

Just before he departs, the disciples voice a strong sense of "unfinished business": "Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" Jesus does not give a direct answer. The time of the Kingdom's full arrival and the completion of the messianic program remains shrouded in mystery. What the disciples must understand is that, empowered by the same Spirit that energised his mission, they are to become instruments of its realisation in the new era—that of the Church—that lies ahead. Through their hands and feet and mouth Jesus will continue his messianic work until the end of time.

Taken from a late addition to the Gospel of Mark (16:15-20), today's Gospel has Jesus' commissioning his disciples before being carried up to heaven. The "signs" that are mentioned as accompanying believers (including snake-handling!) are best explained as expressions of the risen Lord's triumph over evil, and the hope for a renewed and harmonious world which that victory holds out.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / B

13 MAY 2018

TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN. The feast of the Ascension assures us that the risen Jesus, who was taken up to heaven, is still very close to us. We are called to recognise the signs of his presence in the goodness, love and forgiveness of the community, in the healing of souls and bodies and in the great and small miracles of life. The ascended Jesus is not an absent Jesus.

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Acts 1: 11  
Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

#### GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
R. Amen.  
P. The Lord be with you.  
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 are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.  
R. Lord, have mercy.  
P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.  
R. Christ, have mercy.  
P. You are the head of the body, the Church: 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. Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,

for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. 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

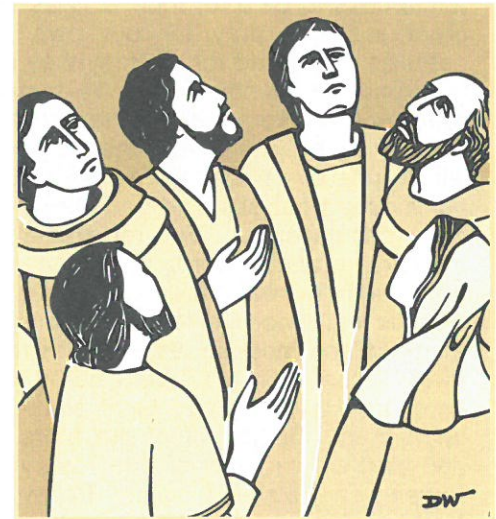
FIRST READING Acts 1: 1-11  
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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



RESP PS Ps 46: 2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6  
R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (or Alleluia!)

1. All peoples, clap your hands, / cry to God with shouts of joy! / For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, / great king over all the earth. R.  
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; / the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. / Sing praise for God, sing praise, / sing praise to our king, sing praise. R.  
3. God is king of all the earth. / Sing praise with all your skill. / God is king over the nations; / God reigns on his holy throne. R.

SECOND READING Eph 1: 17-23  
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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