

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Friars Minor Conventual

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) is a process to prepare for the Initiation Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion. The first period of RCIA merely shares information about what it means to be Catholic. Classes will begin at OLOR on Tuesday 11 September after the 7 pm Mass. Do you know of anyone who might be interested? Are you interested? Contact the parish office if you or someone you know would like to learn about the Catholic Church through this wonderful experience.

CONGRATULATIONS YOUTH GROUP! And thank you parish community for supporting the **Lamington Drive** last weekend. Our youth made a profit of \$2,375 which will help us in our ministry and may also support those who might want to go to World Youth Day 2019. Your generosity is most appreciated.

SLEEP IN AT OUR SLEEPOUT! OLOR Parish Vinnies Conference invites you to join the **Vinnies Western Sydney Community Sleepout on Thursday, 30 August** from 6pm at Western Sydney University Parramatta South Campus. A no frills affair as participants are given no more than a beanie, a sheet of cardboard and a cup of soup before sleeping out all night on the grass at the university's campus. The events raises awareness and funds raised will continue the growth of St Vincent De Paul's programs and services providing emergency relief and financial assistance to so many of our area's disadvantaged. Want to sleep out? Or maybe volunteer for a few hours that night or the following morning with setting up and distributing food/supplies, contact participant Faith Lam at faithlam22@gmail.com Hope to see you there!

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY will take place next weekend, the 1st and 2nd of September. Special envelopes will be made available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. The Clergy Support Foundation hopes to raise \$200,000 each year. Please see our noticeboard for further information.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE Join other men to explore strategies for: What is Courage? How do we build authentic relationships? **Saturday, 1 September** at Dooleys Catholic Club, Lidcombe Registration: \$60. Contact Norm Reavell on 0438 5515 441.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 You are invited to take part in the preparation of our parish for the Australian Plenary Council 2020. A plenary council is a meeting of laity and clergy, where the faithful are heard, and laws and guidelines are made for the local Church. Our society has changed significantly in values, and the exposure of sexual abuse crisis has brought suffering, calling us to a time of *humble listening to what God is asking of us in Australia at this time*. During this period of preparation for the Council you are invited to pray, listen and discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to you, our parish and our Church today. There are resource materials available at the main entrance of the church. For more information visit plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

OLOR Parish Office open 9am-4pm Monday - Friday
8 Diana Ave (PO Box 21) Kellyville NSW 2155
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New Website: olorparishkellyville.org.au

For emergencies: 9629-2595 and press 3. (Leave a message and a priest will return the call.)

OUR CONDOLENCES to the family of Antonia Zachulski, a parishioner since the beginning of our parish, whose funeral will be at **11 am on Tuesday, 28 August**, after the Holy Rosary at 10.30am. Also to the family of Maria Aiossa, cousin of another long time parishioner, who passed away last weekend. May Antonia, Maria and all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God rest in peace.



FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Br. Bernard Mary Fonkalsrud OFM Conv.

6.45am Weekday Mass followed by Reconciliation.

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

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS Families and youth (aged 18-35) are invited to join the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for a Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations from 7-8 pm on Thursday, 6 September, followed by a pizza supper. The Good Shepherd Church, 130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton. RSVP Sr. Paula by email at vocationscsfn@gmail.com or mobile on 0449 656 406,

THE BODY OF CHRIST IN NEED Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion or Catholics trained for home visitation of the sick are needed to take Holy Communion to the sick at Westmead Hospital on Sunday mornings between 9am and 11am, on a roster basis—only once every eight weeks! This is not a difficult ministry, but a very important and rewarding one. Training will be given to volunteers before visiting patients. For further details contact Deacon Tan on 0407 270 782 or via nwht@yahoo.co.uk

THE CHILDREN IN OUR TWO STATE SCHOOLS NEED YOUR HELP If you have FAITH to share, you have SKILLS to share, you have LOVE to share, you have YOURSELF to share, WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Share your faith with children who attend State schools. At our Kellyville Parish approximately 367 Catholic children attend Kellyville and Sherwood Ridge Public Schools. To meet these demands, we need more SREs (Special Religious Educators), either as teachers or helpers. Currently, all of our SREs are taking either 2 or 3 classes each, therefore when someone is sick or on leave there is no one to replace that teacher. Next term there will be 3 kindergarten classes without a teacher. If you would like to know more contact the parish office on 9629 2595.

FIRST RECONCILIATION DATES FOR 2018

Ceremonies will be at 7pm on

Wednesday 29 August

OR Thursday 30 August

Please pray for our children preparing for the sacrament.

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PILGRIMAGE TO BERRIMA ON THURSDAY, 13 SEPT. Only 8 seats remain on the luxury bus booked to Berrima. We'll leave the parish at 7.30am sharp and returning at 5.30pm. The cost is \$25 per seat. Please call the parish office if you would like to join other pilgrims on a trip to mark the apparitions of Our Blessed Mother in Fatima.

\$10,000 IS STILL UP FOR GRABS! At just \$5 each, take a book of tickets for yourself and one for friends and family! Tickets may be bought from the parish office Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm. Or ask a priest after any weekend Mass. Or simply call to order and we can scan you your stubs!



Sydney Seafood School, Hills Kebab, and Patricio Jewellers. Please see the noticeboard for a full list of sponsors.

NEXT GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP IN THE PARISH takes place this Tuesday, 28 August. We will begin at 9.30am in the parish office (due to an 11 am funeral). Come join Fr. Alejandro and others as they pray with the following Sunday's Gospel.

Thank you for last week's collection of \$ 2,974.95

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, Nigel Napoli, Denise, Antoinetta Cigolini, Amelia Williams, Kim Kenna; Leonie Hite, Arnel Galeng, David McHenry, Andrea Bioco, Lily Eyles, Doydoy Calisura, Guida Lambropoulos, Vitaliana Terrado, Antonino Pull, Winston Nickols, Betty Muldoon, Bev Swann, Carmelo M Ortea, Liam Newland, Elvie Anderson, 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 Gularte, Monty Roughe, Gary Robinson, Felicia, Ona Hobs, Monica Zachulski, Margaret Loscialpo, Felix Weinman, Christopher Dean, Mark de Vries, Waliamma Naidu, Bev Schnellen

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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 5.45pm

5.50pm Angelus

6pm Vigil Mass

Sun. 7am, 9am, 11am Masses, 5.50pm Angelus, 6pm Mass

Thank you to our generous Fete sponsors: David Choy from McGrath Real Estate, Fernwood Fitness Castle Hill, Il Lago Restaurant, Oatlands Golf Club, Tracy Capdor, Castlebrook Memorial Park, Monique Dao, Chianti's Italian Restaurant, Ed's Café Costi's Fish Market, Paul Fameron, Pasquelini Café, Pina Frasca, Sydney Seafood School, Hills Kebab, and Patricio Jewellers. Please see the noticeboard for a full list of sponsors.

MASS & MINISTRIES - 25 AND 26 AUGUST

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Ryan Hani Reario and Josephine Calangi Eileen Manlolo and Rhodora Manlolo
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Huber Karla Barnes and Tom Crowley Sandra Huber
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Steve Boland Catherine Lai and Errol Samuels Margaret Samuels and Kate Warburton
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Alex Cecilia Maryse Emmanuel and Adrian Francis Tony Monteiro and Elvira Tandingan
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Arul Arulthasan Stephanie Arulthasan and Susan Debrincat Selena Artap and Meaghan Staples
Counters: Church Vacuum:		Teresa Dempsey, Marie Secondis & Tessie Paul and Racelle Fameron

MASS & MINISTRIES: 1 AND 2 SEPTEMBER

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Michael Tan Frank Adoranti and Jane Lapidario Mary Noonan and Tracey Thomson
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Huber Nancy Comito and Walter Bradstock Sandra Huber
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Caswell Volunteer and Carol Caswell Norma Evans and Margaret Samuels
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Ed Cecilia Donna Solis and Tracy Capdor Arlene Pineda and Evelyn Romero
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Vino Rodrigues Jennifer Lumapas and Mary Zahra Joseph Lumapas and Rebecca Neylan
Counters: Church Vacuum:		Susan Bird, Jan Buist & Tessie Laugesen Couples for Christ

MASS INTENTIONS : 25 AUG. - 2 SEPT. 2018

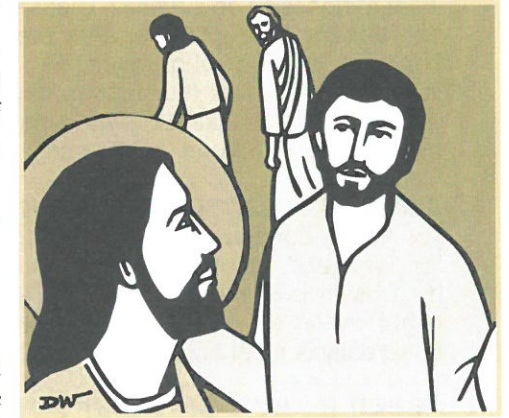
Sat. 25	9.15am	John Saliba
	6pm	Beatrice da Silva Ratnasekera
Sun. 26	7 am	<i>pro populo</i>
	9 am	Rocco Gattellaro
	11am	Romeo De Guzman
	6pm	<i>pro populo</i>
Mon. 27	7 pm	Deceased friars and their families
Tues. 28	7 pm	Andy Zahra and Wayne Holland
Wed. 29	9.15am	Saliba and Spiteri families
Thur. 30	9.15 am	Maximo and Caridad Bables
Fri. 31	9.15am	Charles and Grace Vella, Joseph Scicluna
Sat. 1	9.15am	Marguerite Van Cuylenberg
	6pm	Teresa Williams

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

26 AUGUST 2018

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 6:63, 68
Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 6:60-69
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.**

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. **Blessed be God for ever.**
P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. 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-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.
All: **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .
All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .
R. **Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
R. **And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.
All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 103:13-15
The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please 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 in peace.
R. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

GOD IS LOVE

Today's Gospel describes the mixed reaction Jesus' instruction on the Bread of Life receives. Many of his hearers, including some disciples, describe it as "intolerable" and leave him.

But what precisely is the "hard teaching" that they find impossible to accept (v. 60)? At first sight it might seem to be Jesus' claim that his flesh is real food and his blood real drink. Yet his response, "What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?" (v. 62) suggests that, beyond the Eucharistic reference, the problem is his more fundamental claim to be the "Bread of Life *come down from heaven*", a new "Manna" superior in life-giving power to the Law of Moses.

Many of his audience, it would seem, felt more comfortable with precepts to live by such as the Mosaic Law. God would remain in heaven, they would keep the laws, and all would be well. Jesus' response (v. 62) implies, "If you have difficulty with this idea of a divine descent from heaven to live "among us" (1:14), how will you cope when the same Son of Man returns to where he has come from via a cross!"—the ultimate revelation that "God is love" (1 John 4:8).

The negative reaction of the crowd reflects their inability, without the Spirit, to accept the image of God revealed by Jesus.

Peter, however, gets it right. Apart from Jesus, where else would one turn to find life and love? His response has comforted many down the ages.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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THE HOLY ONE OF GOD. It was very difficult for the Jewish people to accept Jesus' teaching that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood if they are to have life. The Twelve accepted his teaching, not because they understood it but because they believed in him. Having seen his signs they believed that he was the Holy One of God. May Christ heal our unbelief that we too may accept his saving words even when we do not understand them fully.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 85:1-3
Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

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.
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.**

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 cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 Josh 24:1-2, 15-18
A reading from the book of Joshua.
We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. R. v. 9
R. **Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be glad. R.
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked / to destroy their remembrance from the earth. / The Lord turns his eyes to the just / and his ears to their appeal. R.

3. They call and the Lord hears / and rescues them in all their distress. / The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; / those whose spirit is crushed he will save. R.
4. Many are the trials of the just man / but from them all the Lord will rescue him. / He will keep guard over all his bones, / not one of his bones shall be broken. R.
5. Evil brings death to the wicked; / those who hate the good are doomed. / The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. / Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. R.

SECOND READING Eph 5:21-32
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.
This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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