

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Friars Minor Conventual

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DAVID'S PLACE will have their Christmas appeal today. David's Place is a center for prayer and fellowship for marginalized people living in the inner city. This appeal will enable them to celebrate Christmas and give individual presents to approximately 175 people! This is their only appeal and they rely totally on our generosity. Please help them make Christmas special for these special people. The wrapping of Christmas gifts for David's Place will take place after 9.15am Mass on **Friday, 7 December**, in the parish office. If you are available, please come for the Christmas wrapping party!



MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is next **Saturday 8 December** at 9.15am at our parish church. Please join us in honouring our Blessed Mother.

CHRISTMAS AT THE SHRINE is next Saturday 8 December from 1 pm concluding with a procession to the church and 6pm Mass. Everyone is invited with food and fun with a jumping castle and other activities for kids. And carols, too!

Can you help? Hamper products can be dropped off at the parish office. Bakers and chefs are needed to make home made shortbread, Christmas foods, cakes, decorations, and puddings to be delivered to the parish office by **Friday 7 December**. Bakery boxes may be found in the tables at the exits of OLOR church. If you would like to take part in preparing for Christmas at the Shrine, please call the parish office. See the church notice board for more details.

Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend to support **CHRISTMAS AT THE SHRINE**. The prizes include a \$700 voucher from Emily Rose, Versace sunglasses and a hamper valued at \$600; 6 hampers of food and fruit. Tickets are just \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Take a chance—you have to be in it to win it!

There will be a meeting on Monday (**3 December**) immediately after 6.45am Mass to discuss Christmas at the Shrine. If you would like to help, please join us.

CHRISTMAS AT THE SHRINE
8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville
Date: Sat 8 Dec 18,
Time: 1pm - 5.30pm

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 LADY OF THE ROSARY
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Deanery Advent Communal Penance
Service with Individual Confession
7.30 pm on Wednesday, 19 December,
at St. Michael's Parish, Baulkham Hills**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Monday, 24 December, Vigil Masses:
6pm Mass
(Children are invited to dress up as nativity figures and process in with Fr. Alejandro.)
8pm Mass
11pm Christmas Carols sung by Choir
Midnight Mass begins at 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY, 25 DECEMBER
7am, 9am and 11am Masses
**(PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO EVENING MASS
ON CHRISTMAS DAY and NO MASS IN THE
PARISH ON BOXING DAY - WED. 26 DECEMBER)**

MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS
11am on Friday, 28 December 2018
Bring a plate to share lunch after Mass

MARY MOTHER OF GOD, MASS SCHEDULE:
7pm Vigil Mass Monday, 31 December
7pm Mass Tuesday, 1 January

CANTOR / MUSICIAN NEEDED FOR 7AM SUNDAY MASS Tom Barber has faithfully served our parish for many years and is now retiring from his service to OLOR. If you are a musician or cantor who could serve in his place, please call the parish office and offer your talents.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK Giuseppina Rossi, Tracy Capdor, Stephanie, Christopher Anthony, Niko Juanengo, Margaret, 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, Dodoy 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 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 Gualarte, Monty Roughe, Gary Robinson, Felicia, Ona Hobs, Monica Zachulski, Margaret Loscialpo, Felix Weinman, Christopher Dean, Mark de Vries, Susan, Waliamma Naidu, Bev Schnelle, Charlene Lucre, Marshall Charles, Janae Winpe, Cavan Sheahan

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS 2018 APPEAL - 15/16 DECEMBER 2018 Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. We look forward to spending time with loved ones, special food and presents. Yet in our community there are many people who dread Christmas. Struggling to make ends meet every week, for them Christmas is no different from any other day when they are forced to make the choice between food on the table or paying the rent. As Catholics and followers of Christ please help the most vulnerable in our community. Give as generously as you can to our Christmas appeal.

2020 PLENARY COUNCIL PARISH DISCUSSIONS will take place in the Undercroft of the Shrine of the Holy Innocents at 7pm on consecutive Wednesdays (**5 and 12 December**), to reflect and discuss "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time." Your input will be gathered and presented to the Australian Bishops at the 2020 Plenary Council sessions. To find out more visit parracatholic.org/haveyoursay

THANK YOU to everyone who donated towards the food vouchers for the Aboriginal communities in Central New South Wales. We collected \$1,050. The vouchers were received with great joy and gratitude by the communities last week.

ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT TO JOIN FR. ALEJANDRO & FR. GERARD ON PILGRIMAGE as they retrace the footsteps of our Lord Jesus from His Nativity in Bethlehem to His Passion on Calvary. **PILGRIMS NEED TO SIGN UP BY 15 DECEMBER 2018!** Be inspired as the Gospels come to life on a journey into the very heart of Christ, and build lasting friendships with fellow pilgrims as you share in these soul-enriching experiences. The 15 day Holy Land pilgrimage departs **Sydney 5 February, 2019** and returns to Sydney on **17 February, 2019**. An *optional* two day extension is also planned to visit the pyramids in Cairo. Please contact the parish office to reserve your spot. Check out the brochures and inserts on the pilgrimage and extension, in the back of church. Contact Harvest Journeys at info@harvest.com or call 1800 819 156 for more information and 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 5.45pm
5.50pm Angelus
6pm Vigil Mass
Sun. 7am, 9am, 11am Masses, 5.50pm Angelus, 6pm Mass

ST. VINNIES has requested that their blue boxes be used for clothing donations only and not as places to donate furniture or other items. Please respect their wishes. If you have furniture or other goods to donate which do not fit into their blue metal boxes, please take the items to a local St. Vinnies store. By leaving items outside the box, it makes our parking area look messy and drives Fr. Alejandro crazy.

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF at the end of Mass. It would be helpful if you could put away the bulletins if any are left out and sort them neatly in the trays at the doors of the church.

Thank you for last week's collection of \$2,613.85

Thank you for supporting the Bishop's appeal last weekend; we collected \$2,601.10.

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MASS & MINISTRIES - 1-2 DECEMBER

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte: Josephine Calangi and Jane Lapidario Lectors: Mary Noonan and Rebecca Neylan EM:
Sun. 7am	Acolyte: John Huber Lectors: Walter Bradstock and Nancy Comito EM: Sandra Huber
9am	Acolyte: John Caswell Lectors: Carol Caswell and Minal Menezes EM: Norma Evans and Grace Trzcinski
11am	Acolyte: Ed Cecilia Lectors: George Castline and Carolyn Manio EM: Arlene Pineda and Trace Capdor
6pm	Acolyte: Vino Rodrigues Lectors: Susan Debrincat and Jennifer Lumapas EM: Joseph Lumapas & Prasanna Gunawardena
Counters:	Susan, Jan and Tessie
Church Vacuum:	Couples for Christ

MASS & MINISTRIES - 8-9 DECEMBER

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte: Michael Tan Lectors: Ashley and Danielle Cremona EM: Sonny Huang and David Cremona
Sun. 7am	Acolyte: Greg Boland Lectors: Karla Barnes and Nancy Comito EM: Tracy Hoey
9am	Acolyte: Allen Fernandez Lectors: Maria Remiendo and Catherine Lai EM: Kate Warburton and Mylene Sarmiento
11am	Acolyte: Alex Cecilia Lectors: Vivian Lam and Maryse Emmanuel EM: Ponciana Pastorfide and Dolores Estabaya
6pm	Acolyte: Lorence Tan Lectors: Rowena Villanueva and Mary Zahra EM: Danielle Smith and Tracey Thomson
Counters:	Eddy Purnomo and Cecilia Wijanto
Church Vacuum:	Community of the Risen Lord

MASS INTENTIONS 1-8 DECEMBER 2018

Sat. 1	9.15am	Intention of donor
	6pm	Maria Rosaria, Louis Saliba and Anthony Mascari
Sun. 2	7 am	Nerida Bombardiere
	9 am	Ernesto, Maria Rosa & Jeannette Murdocca
	11am	Andy Zahra
	6pm	pro populo
Mon. 3	7 pm	Andy Zahra and Wayne Holland
Tues. 4	7 pm	Vincenzo Mesiti
Wed. 5	9.15am	Joseph and Breda Dempsey
Thur. 6	9.15 am	Loretta Falcao
Fri. 7	9.15am	Rita Franceschina
Sat. 8	9.15am	John and Angelina Ferreira
	6pm	Joseph Mizzi

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'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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. Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. 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 OF ADVENT

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 Ps 84: 13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. 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

STAY AWAKE, PRAYING AT ALL TIMES

Today's Gospel, taken from Jesus' long instruction on the future (Luke 21:5-38), focuses on his second coming. It is full of the kind of apocalyptic descriptions and portents that have always excited the fundamentalist religious imagination. We need not dwell on these. The important thing to focus on is the basic intent of such instruction, which is to address the sense of dismay and the challenge to hope that calamities of various kinds present. While God may appear to be silent or absent, somehow all these things are held within the divine purpose, which will ultimately win through.

While the basic message, then, is one of comfort, the second part of the Gospel adopts a more admonitory tone. The time of waiting requires attentiveness and a sharp spiritual sense. Believers must be like people who expect visitors but are unsure when exactly they will arrive. Anything that dulls the spirit (debauchery and drunkenness) or causes it to be distracted (absorption in the cares of life) must be avoided, and commitment to prayer intensified.

Advent is a time for examination in such areas. It is also a time for exploring our deepest longings and desires and allowing them to surface. They can ride up, so to speak, on the Scripture texts that the Church puts before us at this time.

God's only wish in our regard is to communicate to us the life and love for which we long. Each Advent should expand both our longing and our capacity to receive the gift of God.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

02 DECEMBER 2018

YOUR LIBERATION IS NEAR! The early Christians expected the Lord's return in glory to be very soon. St Paul explained to them that the Lord was delaying in coming for a good purpose, to give them the opportunity to grow in love and make progress in the kind of life they were meant to live. May we also make good use of the present time to deepen our love for one another that we may be ready on the day Christ comes to set us free.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, (striking the breast) through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria is not said during Advent.

COLLECT

P. Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom. 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 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14. R. v. 1

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord, teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour. R.

2. The Lord is good and upright. / He shows the path to those who stray, / he guides the humble in the right path; / he teaches his way to the poor. R.

3. His ways are faithfulness and love / for those who keep his covenant and will. / The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; / to them he reveals his covenant. R.

SECOND READING 1 Thess 3:12-4:2

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our



God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'