

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Friars Minor Conventual

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THIS IS IT FOR OUR PILGRIMAGE Fr. Alejandro and Fr. Gerard are leading pilgrims as we trace the footsteps of our Lord Jesus. **PILGRIMS HAVE UNTIL MONDAY 17 DECEMBER TO SIGN UP!** The 15 day Holy Land pilgrimage departs **Sydney 5 February, 2019** and returns on **17 February** to Sydney. An optional two day extension is also planned to visit the pyramids in Cairo. Please contact the parish office to reserve your spot today. Check out brochures and inserts about the pilgrimage and extension in the back of church. Contact Harvest Journeys at 1800 819 156 or info@harvest.com for more information and details.

WHERE ARE THE TREES, FATHER? Many around us have already had their Christmas trees out for weeks. Even the Franciscans have a couple of large Christmas trees in our friary! This is wonderful and appropriate as we ready our homes for the birth of Christ. But our worship space is different. Holy Mother Church asks us to wait to celebrate with a holy season called Advent. It is called a time of "expectant delight." The colours of Advent are purple and (on this Third Week of Advent) rose. In this time, we're meant to ready for the Lord in quieter ways: through praying and reflecting with Scripture; celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation; contemplating and other ways of making our way straight and levelling mountains that keep us from seeing the Lord. So don't rush too quickly to Christmas. If we reach the 25th sick of carols and all the parties then we haven't really celebrated Advent well. In our parish, the trees will come out, and the special hymns will be sung, and Christmas will be celebrated, when the Season liturgically begins on the evening of the 24th. And then we'll have a whole season of celebrating the great Solemnity of the Lord's Birth that lasts until mid January! Until then, keep up your holy longing and enter more deeply into wonderful Advent!

GOD'S WORD 2019 is available through the generosity of one of our parishioners. The books go fast as they offer the Mass readings for each day of 2019. Books may be purchased in the piety store for \$16 each and make a lovely stocking stuffer for those who have everything!

Join us for the **SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS** on **Friday 28 December** with Mass in our Parish Church at 11am followed by a procession to the Shrine. Please bring a plate to share lunch in the Shrine Undercroft.



FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Fr. David Blowey, OFM Conv., Rector

6.45am Weekday Mass followed by Confession.

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

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY 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)

WED. 26 DECEMBER

MASS IN THE SHRINE ONLY AT 8AM ON BOXING DAY

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

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK Allan Drew, 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 Ibarra, Saja Derbas, Nigel Napoli, Denise, Antoinetta Cigolini, Amelia Williams, Kim Kenna, Leonie Hite, Arnel Galeng, David McHenry, Andrea Bioco, Lily Eyles, Dodo 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 Gliinka, 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 Gularde, Monty Roughe, Gary Robinson, Felicia, Ona Hobs, Monica Zachulski, Margaret Loscialpo, Felix Weinman, Christopher Dean, Mark de Vries, Susan, Waiamma Naidu, Bev Schnellen, Charlene Lucre, Marshall Charles, Janae Winpe, Cavan Sheahan

OTHER MASS AND RECONCILIATION TIMES across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains can be found by visiting www.parracatholic.org and on our parish website at olorparishkellyville.org.au

THE DEANERY ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION will take place this **Wednesday, 19 December** at 7.30 pm at St. Michael's Parish, Baulkham Hills. Come join the friars and other priests of the deanery to ready for the coming of the Lord. What is keeping you from experiencing the love and mercy of God?

ST VINCENT DE PAUL 2018 CHRISTMAS APPEAL will take place *this* weekend. Many in our community dread the holy day of Christmas. Would you rather put food on the table for your family or pay the rent? As followers of Christ, please help our community's most vulnerable. What a wonderful way of celebrating our Lord's birth by giving a gift that can change a person's life from St. Vincent de Paul at this holy time of the year. Give as generously as you can to our 2019 Christmas appeal.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE 2020 PLENARY COUNCIL PARISH DISCUSSION 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

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY will take place today (Sunday)! Join us for the 6pm Mass and after for Christmas fun and cheer. This will be our last gathering of 2018. Consider how best to contribute to our Youth Christmas Appeal. Donate a children's DVD from your own collection? Buy a new one to donate? Or perhaps make a donation so OLOR Youth Group can send DVD's to the Youth in Uganda? Join us again some time late January and early February 2019! Sign up for updates at anastasiaboulus@yahoo.com.au so you don't miss it! Thank you to all the wonderful Youth who helped spread Christmas cheer at the Nursing Home on Saturday 15 December.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-35 year old) are welcome to join us for "Friday at the Friars" on **21 December** for Christmas. Beginning at 7:30pm, this will be the last young adults gathering before the new year. Want to know more about this Young Adults event? Email youngadultsolor@gmail.com to subscribe to the email.

PIETY STORE Christmas gifts and Baby Jesus statues are available for sale. There are also DVDs, Christmas CDs (including "Christmas Soul Sounds wrapped with love"), books, Rosaries, medals and many other items. Perfect stocking stuffers!

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

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

PLEASE REMEMBER: There is no Evening Mass on Christmas Day and also no Mass in the Parish Church on Boxing Day. However, there will be Mass at 8am on Boxing Day in the Shrine of the Holy Innocents.

KNITTING GROUP resumes on **6 February 2019** which is the first Wednesday in February. Join us between 10am and 12 Noon each Wednesday morning in the parish office when we knit squares to create blankets for the poor.

Thank you for last week's collection of \$2,977

MASS & MINISTRIES - 15-16 DECEMBER

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte: Michael Tan Lectors: Hani Reario and Frank Adoranti EM: Rebecca Neylan and Jerry Lui
Sun. 7am	Acolyte: John Sorbello Lectors: Walter Bradstock and Tom Crowley EM: Christine Figuero
9am	Acolyte: Ed Cecilia Lectors: Michael Finucane and Ann Maddy EM: Josephine Apap and Margaret Samuels
11am	Acolyte: Rodolfo Susi Lectors: Tracy Capdor and Vincenza Sanders EM: Majella Cendana and Tony Monteiro
6pm	Acolyte: Ferdinand Villanueva Lectors: Margaret Rodriguez and Susan Debrincat EM: Annette Tan and Salena Artap
Counters:	Bob and Judie Gardiner
Church Vacuum:	Sid Karam

MASS & MINISTRIES - 22/23 DECEMBER

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte: John Ryan Lectors: Hani Reario and Volunteer EM: Eileen and Rhodora Manlolo
Sun. 7am	Acolyte: John Huber Lectors: Karla Barnes and Nancy Comito EM: Sandra Huber
9am	Acolyte: Steve Boland Lectors: Maria Remiendo and Minal Menezes EM: Joyce Weinman and Kate Warburton
11am	Acolyte: Alex Cecilia Lectors: George Castline and Jane Lapidario EM: Elvira Tandingan and Felicia Borgona
6pm	Acolyte: Arul Arulthasan Lectors: Mary Zahra and Stephanie Arulthasan EM: Rita George and Meaghan Staples
Counters:	Marie Secondis and Tessie Laugesen
Church Vacuum:	Paul and Racelle Fameron

MASS INTENTIONS 15-22 DECEMBER 2018

Sat. 15	9.15am	Vocations to religious life
	6pm	Intention of donor
Sun. 16	7 am	pro populo
	9 am	Salvatore, Giovanna Maria Frasca and Teresa Frasca Crucitti
	11am	Mary Cutajar
	6pm	Maximino Calangi
Mon. 17	7 pm	Rocky Polito
Tues. 18	7 pm	Those enrolled in the Franciscan Mission Association
Wed. 19	9.15am	John Saliba
Thur. 20	9.15 am	Krivacic family
Fri. 21	9.15am	Those enrolled in the Franciscan Mission Association
Sat. 22	9.15am	Leopoldo Zaballero, Carmelo and Eliza Jamias

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A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.
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 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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. Isa 35:4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts.
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

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE

Today's Gospel continues to let us hear the preaching of John the Baptist. His message comes in two rather different parts.
In response to the people's query about how conversion of heart might work itself out in practice, John first offers some concrete suggestions, addressed to three distinct groups: the crowds, tax collectors and soldiers. Beneath the advice in each case is a central Lukan concern: nothing so hinders our relationship to God, dehumanises human beings, and ruins life in community, as attachment to wealth and possessions.
In each case John urges generosity. The tax collectors and the soldiers were both in a position to extort money from ordinary people. John urges the former to exact no more than is just and the latter, who performed a role more like that of police today, not to augment their pay by violence and extortion. The acid test of conversion of heart is always social justice.
The second part of John's message returns more directly to his role as precursor of Christ. Deflecting speculation that he himself might be the Messiah, he points to the distinction between his role and that of the One who is to come: while he baptises with water—a simple ritual of repentance—the Messiah will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire. Such a 'baptism' may sound a bit threatening. But 'fire' refers to the fire of God's love communicated by the Spirit. Jesus' ministry will extend to us his own experience of the Father's love following his baptism at the hands of John (Luke 3:22).

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT/C

16 DECEMBER 2018

REJOICE IN THE LORD! A theme of joy always runs through the liturgy of the Third Sunday of Advent. The joy of this day springs from our anticipation and excitement that the Lord's coming is very near. We ask the Lord to remove any sadness from our hearts that may hinder us from embracing the peace and hope which his presence will bestow on us this Christmas.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Phil 4: 4-5
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

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. Have mercy on us, O Lord.
R. For we have sinned against you.
P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
R. And grant us your salvation.
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. O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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 Zeph 3:14-18
A reading from the prophet Zephaniah. With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you. Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Isa 12:2-6. R. v. 6
R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly, God is my salvation, / I trust, I shall not fear. / For the Lord is my strength, my song, / he became my saviour. / With joy you will draw water / from the wells of salvation. R.
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! / Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! / Declare the greatness of his name. R.
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord / for he has done glorious deeds, / make them known to all the earth! / People of Zion, sing and shout for joy / for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. R.

SECOND READING Phil 4:4-7
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians. The Lord is near.
I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to



worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Isa 61:1; Lk 4:18
Alleluia, alleluia!
The spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 3:10-18
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.
What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'