

# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Friars Minor Conventual

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**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.

St. Michael's Old Church at Chapel Lane in Baulkham Hills is offering a **St Michael's Christmas Brunch** for those without family (whether single, couple, or a family). The Brunch begins at 11 am Tuesday, Christmas Day. Transport can be arranged. Just let them know when you RSVP if you would like a pick up or to be dropped off. Contact David at 0421 051 029 or via email at [david@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au](mailto:david@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au)

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** from 24 December and will re-open on 2 January 2019. Our OLOR Staff thank you for a good year and wish you and yours a Christmas and New Year filled with blessings.

**PATIENCE IN OUR CAR PARK** It's especially important as our church celebrates these holy days and our Masses are extra packed that we park in designated spaces. In addition, please be aware that during the week, construction crews and equipment may need to take some of the spaces as they begin work on our massive school renovation. May the Lord reward your patience.

**CHRIST'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY** will take a break and will resume Wednesday, 23rd January, 2019.

**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.

**PIETY STORE LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS GIFTS** are available for sale. DVDs, Christmas CDs (including "Christmas Soul Sounds Wrapped With Love"), books, rosaries, medals and many other items. Small and precious makes perfect stocking stuffers! **GOD'S WORD 2019** is available from the piety store for \$16 each. The diary with daily Mass readings makes a lovely stocking stuffer for those who have everything!

**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.

**MOTHERS' CARE GROUP** is now lead by Sarah Kent and will be held on Mondays in future from 9am until 10.30am in the parish hall. They will also be meeting during the school holidays in December/January. Contact Sarah on 0405 334 163 for more information.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL 2018 CHRISTMAS APPEAL** You did it again! Thank you for the whopping \$7,734.90 collected for our annual Christmas appeal. Through your generosity, we can continue to provide help to those most in need. Blessings to all in 2019!

OLOR Parish Office open 9am-4pm Monday - Friday  
8 Diana Ave (PO Box 21) Kellyville NSW 2155  
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**For emergencies: 9629-2595 and press 3. (Leave a message and a priest will return the call.)**

## 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 (BOXING DAY)**  
**MASS IN THE SHRINE ONLY**  
**AT 8AM**

**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

## The Annual Mass of the Holy Innocents

is on Wednesday 28 December 2018 at 11am

In our Parish Church followed by a Rosary procession to the Shrine of the Holy Innocents. Lunch available. Please bring a plate to share. Everyone is welcome to pray for the protection of all human life (especially the unborn) from conception to natural death.

Please call the parish office for any details.

**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, 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 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, Joelle Fameli, Nancy Margaret Courtney

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**"BLESSED ARE YOU WHO BELIEVED** that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."—Lk 1:45 In Luke's Gospel today, we hear how Mary is blessed because she "believed." She trusted that God is *that* good and *that* great! And with that trust *anything* and *everything* is possible. Yet ultimately she trusts that whatever happens is what God wants to happen, even if an event turns out differently than she'd hoped. What about you? What in your life needs God's attention? Family? Yourself? The world? Australia? Place trust in God's goodness and greatness that whatever happens happens because of God. Trust in the Lord's goodness and greatness and then try to do God's will in your own way. Like Mary, allow yourself to be God's holy instrument.

### 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**

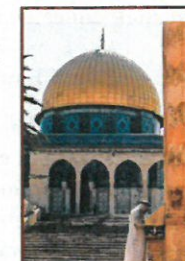
Confessions 9.45-10.15am and again 5pm to 5.45pm

5.50pm Angelus

**6pm Vigil Mass**

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

**"HOLY LAND JOURNEY"**  
**Still room for more!** Come on pilgrimage where Christ was born. A perfect Christmas gift! Fr. Alejandro and Fr. Gerard will accompany the tour. The final deadline has been extended but don't delay.



Thank you for last week's collection of \$2,664.05

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### MASS & MINISTRIES - 22-23 DECEMBER

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte: John Ryan Lectors: Hani Reario and Josephine Calangi 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 & MINISTRIES - 29/30 DECEMBER

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte: Alex Cecilia Lectors: Glenice Lui and Leonard Pinto EM: Jerry Lui and Volunteer
Sun. 7am	Acolyte: John Sorbello Lectors: Walter Bradstock and Nancy Comito EM: Grace Trzcinski
9am	Acolyte: Michael Tan Lectors: Carol Caswell and Sally Sianghio EM: Norma Evans and Margaret Samuels
11am	Acolyte: Ed Cecilia Lectors: Evelyn Zaballero and Tracy Capdor EM: Felicia Borgona and Evelyn Romero
6pm	Acolyte: Ferdinand Villanueva Lectors: Mary Friend and Jane Lapidario EM: Rebecca Neyland and Joyce Weinman
Counters:	Chris, Lorraine, Amanda and David
Church Vacuum:	Sid Karam

### MASS INTENTIONS 22-29 DECEMBER 2018

<b>Sat. 22</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Luigi and Caterina Sellaro
	<b>6pm</b>	Leopoldo Zaballero, Carmelo and Eliza Jamias
<b>Sun. 23</b>	<b>7 am</b>	Joseph, Martha & Joe Mizzi
	<b>9 am</b>	Vincenzina Papandrea
	<b>11am</b>	Intention of donor
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
<b>Mon. 24</b>	<b>All Masses for Intentions of Celebrants</b>	
<b>Tues. 25</b>	<b>All Masses for Intentions of Celebrants</b>	
	<b>11am</b>	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
<b>Wed. 26</b>	No Mass in the Parish Church	
	<b>8am</b>	Mass in the Shrine of the Holy Inn.
<b>Thur. 27</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	Charles & Grace Vella, Joseph Scicluna
<b>Fri. 28</b>	<b>11am</b>	Mass of the Holy Innocents
<b>Sat. 29</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Pino Bosco
	<b>6pm</b>	Joseph Mizzi

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Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

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. May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 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 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: 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 Isa 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
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, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED

Today's Gospel brings us to the threshold of Jesus' birth. Presuming our knowledge of the Annunciation to Mary, it describes the meeting between Mary and her cousin, Elizabeth. In this 'Visitation' story, the two women share their remarkable experience, and faith overflows in new insight, knowledge and celebration.

Mary has surrendered in faith to the extraordinary role that Gabriel has announced to her. In faith, too, she has obeyed the angel's additional command to go and seek out the 'sign' consisting in the pregnancy of her elderly cousin. Biblical faith does not presuppose signs already given; it acts, goes on its journey, and then discovers confirmatory signs. This is how Elizabeth's pregnancy functions for Mary. The lesser wonder brought about by God's power (the conception of a child to parents of advanced years) confirms her faith in the far greater marvel: that with God's Spirit taking the role of male parent she is to become the mother of her people's Messiah.

As soon as she hears Mary's greeting, Elizabeth experiences within her womb the infant John leaping with joy. Already he is beginning his role of pointing to the Messiah. Hence Elizabeth confirms what Mary has hitherto simply believed: that she is indeed pregnant with the Messiah whose role and destiny Gabriel had announced.

Elizabeth insists that Mary is 'blessed', not simply because she is 'the mother of my Lord', but in her believing ('Blessed is she who believed'). As supremely in her case, faith is the channel through which God's power flows into the world.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

23 DECEMBER 2018

BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED. From Bethlehem, the least of the clans of Judah, and from a peasant girl, Mary, one of the least of the Jewish people, God prepared a body for Jesus, the saviour of the world. As we rejoice in the saviour who has come to visit us, we also join Elizabeth in praising Mary for her faith, her love and her obedience.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 45:8  
Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

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. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.  
R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.  
R. Christ, have mercy.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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.

The Gloria is not said during Advent

COLLECT

P. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. 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 Mic 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah.  
Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,

the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old.  
The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.  
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel.  
He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God.  
They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land.  
He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. R. v. 4

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.  
1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, / shine forth from your cherubim throne. / O Lord, rouse up your might, / O Lord, come to our help. R.  
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, / look down from heaven and see. / Visit this vine and protect it, / the vine your right hand has planted. R.  
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, / the man you have given your strength. / And we shall never forsake you again: / give us life that we may call upon your name. R.

SECOND READING Heb 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.  
I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me.  
You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'



Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 1:39-44

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.

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted