

# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Friars Minor Conventual

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR** On behalf of the friars and staff at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish and Shrine of the Holy Innocents, we wish you and yours a most blessed and joyous 2019! May the Lord continue to help us to grow in holiness throughout the gift of this year!

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN ON WEDNESDAY 2 JANUARY, 2019.**

**WHEN DO WE TAKE DOWN OUR CHRISTMAS TREES?** As the Season of Christmas doesn't officially end until the Baptism of the Lord (see article below), we will keep our Christmas decorations up and sing Carols until the last Mass on Sunday, **13 January, 2019**. Let's show the world the meaning of Christmas by how we keep it in our church, home and hearts!

## CATHOLIC CHURCH LITURGICAL YEAR 2018-2019

Have you ever wondered when Ordinary Time or Lent or Advent starts or ends? Listed below is the entire 2018-2019 Liturgical Calendar of seasons. As defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Liturgical Year is "The celebration throughout the year of the mysteries of the Lord's birth, life, death, and Resurrection in such a way that the entire year becomes a 'year of the Lord's grace.'"

The Season of Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas (Sunday, 2 December, 2018) and ends after the mid-afternoon prayer on Christmas Eve (Monday, 24 December, 2018). The Christmas Season begins with Evening Prayer on Christmas Eve (Monday, 24 December, 2018) and ends with Evening Prayer on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Sunday, 13 January, 2019). Ordinary Time begins after Evening Prayer on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Sunday, 13 January, 2019) until Ash Wednesday (6 March, 2019). The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (6 March, 2019) and ends with the

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we begin 2019, we give thanks to God for the many blessings and graces given to us throughout 2018. Come and join us as we celebrate the New Year of Grace:

### MARY MOTHER OF GOD, MASS SCHEDULE:

**Monday, 31 December, 2018**

**7pm Vigil Mass** followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Divine Mercy Chaplet Ending with Benediction at 8pm

**Tuesday, 1 January, 2019**

**8 am Mass** at The Shrine of the Holy Innocents  
(No 6.45 am Mass on January 1)

**7 pm Mass** at the Parish Church

### THANK YOU TO THOSE

who helped make decorating the trees and "decking the halls" so wonderful and easy this year. From steaming the altar cloths to hanging strings of beads, you made hard work fun and joyful. Special thanks to John Vella (for put together the manger again), and to all who helped make our church sparkle with a Christmas glow! Thanks also to the acolytes and ministers at all the special Masses at odd hours during the Holy Day. And very special thanks to all our Choirs (who had extra practices). We especially

thank the Nickols Family Choir who assisted at two Masses! You all made our liturgies prayerful and uplifting! And thanks to all of you! The Christmas celebrations would not have been as lovely without you and your families!

**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 Gualarte, 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

### 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.**



**"HOLY LAND JOURNEY"** There is still room for more! Come join our pilgrimage where Christ was born. A perfect opportunity! Fr. Alejandro and Fr. Gerard will accompany the tour. The final deadline has been extended but don't delay.

**YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT GROUPS** will resume in February. Be sure to sign up at [anastasiaboulos@yahoo.com](mailto:anastasiaboulos@yahoo.com) for updates of future events!

**CHRIST'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY** will resume on Wednesday, 23 January, 2019.

**KNITTING GROUP** resumes on **6 February 2019** which is the first Wednesday in February. Join us between 10am and Noon each Wednesday in the parish office to knit squares to create blankets for the poor. Easy and fun and a great way to learn!

**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.

### 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**

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES** are now open for all those interested in becoming Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying, Adult Altar Servers and Acolytes. Courses (4 weeks of Mondays from 7pm-8.30pm) are free. Simply call the parish office for a compulsory form to enrol.

Last week's collection and Christmas collection not available at press time and will be printed in next week's bulletin. Thank you for your patience!

### 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 & MINISTRIES - 5/6 JANUARY 2019

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte: Allen Fernandez Lectors: Jane Lapidario and Francis Patag EM: Mary Noonan and Rhodora Manlolo
Sun. 7am	Acolyte: John Huber Lectors: Tom Crowley and Nancy Comito EM: Sandra Huber
9am	Acolyte: John Caswell Lectors: Carolyn Maddy and Errol Samuels EM: Margaret Samuels and Grace Trzcinski
11am	Acolyte: Ed Cecilia Lectors: Doreen Francis and Vincenza Sanders EM: Evelyn Romero and Salena Artap
6pm	Acolyte: Vito Rodrigues Lectors: Jennifer Lumapas and Margaret Rodriguez EM: Joseph Lumapas and Ana Mustafa
Counters:	Susan, Jan and Tessie
Church Vacuum:	Youth for Christ

### MASS INTENTIONS 29 DEC. - 5 JAN. 2019

Sat. 29	9.15am Pino Bosco 6pm Joseph Mizzi
Sun. 30	7 am PRO POPULO 9 am Rocco Gattellaro 11am Imocolata and Giovanni Galluzzo 6pm Bala Nair
Mon. 31	7pm Ernesto Murdocca
Tues. 1	7pm Intention of donor
Wed. 2	9.15am George Papallo
Thur. 3	9.15 am Intention of donor
Fri. 4	9.15am Intention of donor
Sat. 5	9.15am Holy Souls 6pm John and Angelina Ferreira

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*His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men listening to them.*

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

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 you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. 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, II OR III OF THE NATIVITY 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

Bar 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate

constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. 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

### MY FATHER'S BUSINESS

Luke's story of the loss and finding of Jesus in the Temple brings out very strongly the element of misunderstanding between him and his parents. When his Mother complains, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been looking for you', Jesus' response seems to reflect adolescent impatience: 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?'

On Mary's lips, 'father' refers to her husband, Joseph. But Jesus is speaking of his Father in heaven. Into their tranquil family life has burst a sharp reminder of his true status as unique Son of God and of the destiny ('My Father's business') to which they are going to have to surrender him.

It would be trite simply to say that here we see that the Holy Family was not immune to the trials of children going through adolescence—though, of course, some comfort can be drawn from that. The Gospel is bringing out the uniqueness of Jesus as well as his identification with the ordinary human condition. 'His Father's business' is to draw the entire human family into a 'family' relationship with God.

The family life of Jesus underwrites the dignity of all family life. But growing into Christian adulthood is no easier than growing into human adulthood and no less immune to the trials that all growth entails. Each of us is called to discover and 'be about' our Father's business in our own unique way—often involving pain and misunderstanding for those who love us most.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH / C

30 DECEMBER 2018

GOD, BLESS OUR HOME. A house is made of materials that are replaceable. But a home is founded on relationships, love, memories, joys and pains, births and deaths. No material compensation can ever be made for the loss of these. On this feast of the Holy Family we pray, 'God, bless our home', whatever its shape may be.

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

##### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Lk 2:16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

##### 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. O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in

practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### FIRST READING

1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

*For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.*

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my Lord. As you live, my Lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

##### RESP PSALM

Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10. R. v. 5

R. How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, / Lord, God of hosts. / My soul is longing and yearning, / is yearning for the courts of the Lord. / My heart and my soul ring out their joy / to God, the living God. R.

2. They are happy, who dwell in your house, / for ever singing your praise. / They are happy, whose strength is in you; / they walk with ever growing strength. R.



3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, / give ear, O God of Jacob. / Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, / look on the face of your anointed. R.

##### SECOND READING

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first letter of St John.

*He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

##### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

##### GOSPEL

Lk 2:41-52

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.