

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Friars Minor Conventual

Parish Priest: Fr. Alejandro López, OFM Conv.

DAVID'S PLACE CHRISTMAS APPEAL will take place **this weekend**. David's Place is a center for prayer and fellowship for marginalized people living in the inner city. This appeal will help David's Place to celebrate Christmas and give individual gifts to approximately 175 people! This is their only appeal, relying totally on our generosity. Please help them make Christmas special for those most in need. (EFTPOS is available for donations.)

Note: The wrapping of Christmas gifts for David's Place will take place after 9.15am Mass on **Friday 13 December** in the parish office. If you are available, feel free to come by and help with the wrapping!

NOVENA TO HONOUR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION takes place from **Saturday 30 November** until **Sunday 8 December**, as the special day is shifted from the Sunday which takes precedence to the following **Monday, 9 December**. The Novena will be recited at the conclusion of Mass each day in the Shrine and in the parish church. The Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is on **Monday, 9 December** at 7pm at OLOR Parish Church. Please join us in honouring Mary!

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL will begin next weekend with a special third collection. "Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare to connect people with support and services to build a strong foundation for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures."—Bishop Vincent Long, OFM Conv.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BISHOP! Bishop Vincent will celebrate his birthday this Tuesday, 3 December. If you would like to send a card, the address is: Bishop Vincent Long, OFM Conv., Level 2, 12 Victoria Road, Parramatta, NSW 2150. Please keep him and all our bishops in your prayers as we journey to Plenary Council 2020.

FATHER ALEJANDRO'S FATHER UPDATE: Please continue to keep my father in your prayers as he recovers from a broken femur. Currently, the 81 year-old is in a rehab-facility in Miami. The Physios have every confidence that he will walk anew in about a fortnight. Thank you for your prayers for him and my mother!

ABBALANCHE WAS AN AVALANCHE! Thanks to the hard work of our Fun' Raising committee we made a profit of \$11,699.40. This money will be put in our account for the Parish renovations! Well done!



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 quiet beauty.

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Office
Open 9am-4pm Monday - Friday
8 Diana Ave
(PO Box 21) Kellyville, NSW 2155
Tel: 9629-2595

YOUTH GROUP THIS SUNDAY If you are in high school (Year 7-12) and sing or play an instrument, join us for Youth Band practice at 4pm. Or just come to the 6 pm Mass. Or join the Youth Group after Mass at the Old Hall (7-8.30pm) for Faith, fun & fellowship. (Pizza included!)

YOUNG ADULT FRIDAY If you are 18 or older, come this Friday to the First Friday, 7pm Mass (followed by Exposition, Adoration and Benediction) or just join the Young Adults Group for dinner with the friars at 8pm followed by a Faith discussion.

WE FORGOT A SPECIAL THANKS to Jose Tidon and Kristen Barker of Krispy Kreme who donated 10 dozen donuts for the parish, sold after the morning masses on 17 Nov. So thoughtful and kind!

A NEW CHOIR / MUSICIAN FOR 7AM MASS ON SUNDAYS Are you available to play the music on a regular basis at 7am Sunday Masses? Know your help will be most appreciated.

COUNTRY CARE LINK VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED Open Support, a not-for profit, community service organisation is in need of volunteer drivers to help regional NSW families, couples and individuals to make it to medical appointments and hospital stays. information or to receive a volunteer information pack, call 02 8382 6437 or email volunteer@opensupport.org.au

CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM: 5-9 OR 13-17 JAN 2020 Those aged between 16 to 20 are encouraged to attend a program from either set of

dates at the Toongabbie campus. Program is free. Contact Christine Vella on 9896 9303 for information or email study@campion.edu.au or www.campion.edu.au/summer-program

VISIT OUR PIETY STORE for religious Christmas gifts. We have new statues, Christmas cards, medals, Bibles, Missals etc. What you cannot find in the store can be ordered for you so please contact the parish office to find out if we can help.

Thank you for last week's collection of \$2,882.60.

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WE PRAY FOR THE SICK Allan Drew, Giuseppina Rossi, Tracy Capdor, Stephanie, Christopher Anthony, Niko Juanengo, 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 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, Daniela Gualarte, Monty Roughe, Gary Robinson, Felicia, Ona Hobs, Monica Zachulski, Margaret Loscialpo, Christopher Dean, Mark de Vries, Susan, Waiamma Naidu, Bev Schnellen, Charlene Lucre, Marshall Charles, Janae Winpe, Joelle Fameli, Nancy Margaret Courtney, Janis Murphy, Eunice Ally, Andrew John Foley, Paul Karam, Charlene Charlston, Marie Adolphe, Felix Weinman, Iolanda Giannetta, Brian, Lucy Farrugia, Marie Rajanayagam, Christopher Youl, Clement, Joseph Vella, Tony Weinman, Phil Nickols, Kath Harding, Angela Vasta

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHRISTMAS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

(All dates are for the month of December)

7.30PM, 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION
THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER
Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville

7.30PM, 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION
MONDAY 23 DECEMBER
St. Michael's Parish, Baulkham Hills

CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY, 24 DECEMBER
6pm Vigil Mass
(Children are invited to dress up as Nativity figures and process in with Fr. Alejandro.)
8pm Mass
(11pm Christmas Carols sung by Choir)
11.30pm "Midnight" Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 25 DECEMBER
7am, 9am and 11am Masses
(THERE IS NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY)

BOXING DAY, THURSDAY, 26 DECEMBER
11 am Mass at the Shrine
(THERE IS NO MASS AT OLOR TODAY)

MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS
SATURDAY, 28 DECEMBER 2018
11am in the Parish church
Bring a plate to share afterwards.
(THERE IS NO 9.15AM MASS AT OLOR TODAY)

MARY MOTHER OF GOD
TUESDAY, 31 DECEMBER
7pm Vigil Mass in the Parish Church

WEDNESDAY, 1 JANUARY
8am Shrine Mass and 9.15am Parish Mass

ON CHRISTMAS MORNING, if you are a single person, a couple, or a family, you are warmly invited to share a Christmas Brunch. People from everywhere are welcome. Equally, if you know anyone who even *might* be spending Christmas by themselves, bring them along, and we'll celebrate together. A delicious brunch will be served at 11am on Christmas Day, Wednesday, 25th December, in the St. Michael's Old Church at Chapel Lane Baulkham Hills. (And even better: at no cost!). Transport can be arranged, just let us know when you RSVP to David Dowling 0421 051 029 or via email at david.dowling@raywhite.com

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS 2019 APPEAL will take place on the weekend of **14/15 December**. Christmas is a time when we look forward to spending time with loved ones, special food and presents. Yet many dread Christmas, struggling to make ends meet. Please help the most vulnerable in our community. And give generously to this appeal.

SCRUB DADDY SUCCESS! Through generous and thrifty parish shoppers, we were able to make a profit of \$472 on the sponges sold last weekend! Way to clean!!!

EVANGELISATION SUMMER SCHOOL: 13 - 19 JANUARY
The Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community is running a week-long summer camp retreat for Catholics (16 to 35) at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. The retreat includes presentations and lectures, seminars, opportunity for communal and personal prayer and Mass. To register or enquire visit <http://summerschool.org.au/>

No 6pm Mass at OLOR on Christmas Day, no 9.15am Mass on Boxing Day and no 9.15am Mass on Saturday 28th December 2019.

MASS & MINISTRIES - 30 NOV-1 DEC

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Alex Cecilia Leona Alphonso and Frank Adoranti Sonny Huang and Rebecca Neylan
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	John Huber Walter Bradstock & Karla Barnes Sandra Huber
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	John Caswell Carol Caswell & Indri Dhama Grace Trzcinski & Margaret Samuels
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ed Cecilia George Castline & Tracy Capdor Evelyn Romero & Felicia Borgona
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ferdinand Villanueva Mary Friend & Jennifer Lumapas Joseph Lumapas & Ana Mustafa
Counters:		Susan, Jan and Tessie
Church Vacuum:		Sid Karam

MASS & MINISTRIES - 1 - 8 Dec.

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ramon Rendon Leona Alphonso and Josephine Calangi Paul Lam and Sonny Huang
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Greg Boland Tom Crowley and Walter Bradstock Tracy Hoey
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Allen Fernandez Penelope Sladen and Michael Finucane Kate Warburton and Ponciana Pastorfide
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Alex Cecilia Maryse Emmanuel and Jane Lapidario Volunteer and Dolores Estabaya
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Lorence Tan Rowena Villanueva and Stefan Arulthasan Danielle Smith and Prasanna Gunawardena
Counters:		Eddy Purnomo and Cecilia Wijanto
Church Vacuum:		Community of the Risen Lord

MASS INTENTIONS 30 Nov.- 7 Dec. 2019

Sat. 30	9.15am	Holy Souls
	6pm	Pro Populo
Sun. 1	7am	Nerida Bombardiere
	9am	Ernesto, Maria Rosa and Jeanette Murdocca
	11am	Sammut & Giordmiaina families and Sr V Deguara and Sr A Sammut
	6pm	Sam Bugeja
Mon. 2	7pm	Andy Zara and Wayne Holland
Tues. 3	7pm	Lawrence Fernandes
Wed. 4	9.15am	Mariantonia Pisano
Thur. 5	9.15am	Giuseppe & Rosa Marino
Fri. 6	9.15am	Loretta Facao
	7pm	Sam Bugeja
Sat. 7	9.15am	Joseph Mizzi
	6pm	Vincenzina Papandrea

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Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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

READINESS FOR THE LORD

Advent is the time when the Church longs for the coming of the Lord. We believe, of course, that the Messiah has already come in the person of Jesus, born at Bethlehem. But the state of our world makes us acutely conscious of just how 'unfinished' the business of salvation is. So, with the early believers who keenly awaited Jesus' second coming, we can still identify with the expressions of hope for salvation expressed by the people of the Old Testament. In today's First Reading the prophet Isaiah gives us a vision of peace based on nations setting aside their desire to wage war.

Paul urges the Christians in Rome to live like people expecting an important visitor. Though it is still 'dark'—in the sense that salvation is not complete—they rise early, to have all ready for him when he comes.

Jesus develops this theme of readiness in the Gospel, employing a favourite image: the prudent householder. Jesus does not want to suggest that God deliberately waits to catch us out. The image makes the simple point that, since one never knows when a burglar will strike, prudent householders do not allow themselves to be distracted by all kinds of activities. They keep a sharp ear and a keen eye for anything unusual. Christian life similarly involves keeping a sharp ear and a keen eye for the coming of the Lord—and not just for his coming at the end of time but for all the various ways and guises in which he comes into our lives every day.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

01 DECEMBER 2019

WALK IN GOD'S LIGHT. We do not know when Christ will come again in glory. Nor do we know the day of our death. This should not worry us. What is important is to live this day well by being respectful and loving towards each other and seeking to walk in God's light. If we do this, we will be ready whenever God calls us to eternal life.

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 Isa 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

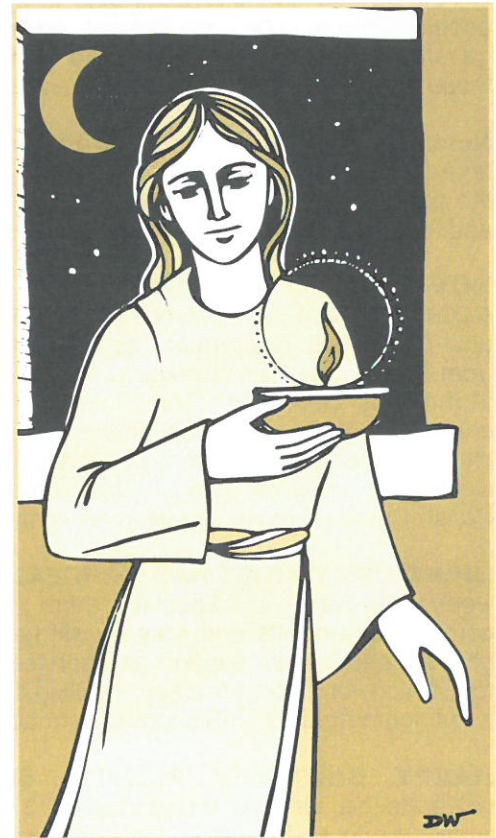
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into
ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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

RESP PSALM Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. cf. v. 1
R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: / Let us go to God's house. / And now our feet are standing / within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**
2. It is there that the tribes go up, / the tribes of the Lord. / For Israel's law it is, / there to praise the Lord's name. / There were set the thrones of judgement / of the house of David. **R.**
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: / Peace be to your homes! / May peace reign in your walls, / in your palaces, peace! **R.**
4. For love of my brethren and friends / I say: 'Peace upon you!' / For love of the house of the Lord / I will ask for your good. **R.**



SECOND READING Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Ps 84:8

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

GOSPEL Mt 24:37-44

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
Stay awake, you must be ready.