

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Friars Minor Conventual

..... Parish Priest: Fr. Alejandro López, OFM Conv.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL will take place this weekend, **14/15 December**. Please help the most vulnerable and those affected by fire and drought by giving generously to this appeal.

OUR DEANERY ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION will take place in our parish this week on Thursday **19 December** at 7.30pm and again at St. Michael's Parish, Baulkham Hills on **Monday 23 December** at 7.30pm. Come join the friars and other priests of the deanery and ready for the coming of the Lord. What is keeping you from experiencing God's love and mercy in Advent?

PARKING SPACES WILL BE CLOSED near the school offices as the next phase of construction begins. Please be patient as we build a new school; come to Mass early and prepare for the Lord!

CHURCH RENOVATIONS If you missed the presentation this past Sunday, our latest plans are on our website at: olorparishkellyville.org.au

A SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR is needed for Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville to facilitate with the preparation of children and their families for each of three Sacraments/year. The position is paid and offers 15 hours per week. Hours are flexible except when sacraments happen. The parish needs someone who can present to large groups (both children and parents), exudes confidence and knowledge of the Faith, can work with computers, is organized and a self starter, and has a positive attitude and flexibility to support our families. The Sacramental Program commences April 2020. Please submit an expression of interest to our office administrator at admin@olorparishkellyville.org.au

THE PARISH KNITTING GROUP resumes on **5 February 2020** which is the first Wednesday in February. Anyone is welcome to join the group without notice, between 10am and 12 Noon on Wednesday mornings in the parish office.

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

FOR ALL MASS AND RECONCILIATION TIMES across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains visit <https://catholicoutlook.org/christmasmasstimes2019/>



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
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PLEASE NOTE: There will be 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. See the schedule on the right.

A CHOIR/MUSICIAN FOR 7AM SUNDAY MASS IS NEEDED! Are you available to play music on a regular basis? Contact the parish office.

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, 25 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 email at david.dowling@raywhite.com

VISIT OUR PIETY STORE for religious Christmas gifts, Baby Jesus statues, Christmas cards, medals, Bibles, Missals, Rosaries etc. Check out the wonderful new porcelain Holy Family light that makes a great gift at only \$30!

FATHER ALEJANDRO'S FATHER UPDATE: Thanks to your prayers, my 81 year-old father is home and has been given permission to drive and will be able to also fly with my mum to visit my older brother for Christmas. Thanks so much!

OUR CONDOLENCES to the family of Josefina Cecilia, sister of Eddy, Alex and Mario Cecilia, who passed away on Thursday. Please pray for her and the whole family at this time. May she and all the Faithful Departed rest in God's Peace.

Buy a **CATHOLIC WEEKLY** newspaper on the way out of the Church. There is something in it for everyone.

Thank you for last week's collection of \$2,549.80

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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

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY (THE LAST OF 2019) for students in high school (and also those who've just graduated from year 6) is today after the 6 pm Mass. Come join us for Ho Ho Ho's and hap' hap' happy times as we celebrate Christ's coming. Faith, fun and pizza with a holiday centred theme! (Come and find out what happened at ACYF 2019!)

YOUNG ADULTS (ALSO THE LAST OF 2019) will meet this Friday at 7.30 pm in the friary. Meet up with other young adults (18 year olds and up) to eat dinner with the friars, share about our faith and celebrate the coming of Christ in Bethlehem!

WHERE ARE THE TREES, FATHER? Many around us have already had our 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 have not 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.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION THANK YOU for last week's collection of \$4,501. The Bishop's quota for our parish is \$11,126. Please help us reach this target either by credit card, cheque or cash with sincere thanks.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK 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 Ibbra, 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 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 Gulate, 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

MASS & MINISTRIES - 14/15 Dec.

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Allen Fernandez Glenice Lui & Leonard Pinto Jerry Lui and Rebecca Neylan
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	John Sorbello Walter Bradstock & Nancy Comito Christine Figuero
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ramon Rendon Vincent Knight & Minal Menezes Josephine Apap & Grace Trzcinski
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Rodolfo Susi Jane Lapidario & Evelyn Zaballero Tracy Capdor & Majella Cendana
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ferdinand Villanueva Margaret Rodrigues & Susan Debrincat David Warren & Annette Tan
Counters:		Judie and Bob Gardiner
Church Vacuum:		Sid Karam

MASS & MINISTRIES - 21/22 Dec.

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	John Sorbello Hani Reario and Jane Lapidario Nathaniel Manlolo and Eileen Manlolo
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	John Huber Tom Crowley and Karla Barnes Sandra Huber
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Steve Boland Ann Maddy and Penelope Joyce Weinman and Norma Evans
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Alex Cecilia Jane Lapidario and Doreen Francis Ben Poulouse and Elvira Tandingan
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Arul Arulthasan Mary Friend and Stephanie Arulthasan Rita George and Annette Tan
Counters:		Karla, Rhodora and Marie
Church Vacuum:		Paul and Racelle Fameron

MASS INTENTIONS 14 - 21 Dec 2019

Sat. 14	9.15am	Intention of Donor
	6pm	PRO POPULO
Sun. 15	7am	Vincenzo and Carmelo Bombardiere
	9am	Salvatore & Giovanna Maria Frasca, Teresa Frasca Crucitti
	11am	Mary Cutajar
	6pm	Maria Giuseppina Panetta
Mon. 16	7pm	Maximino Calangi
Tues. 17	7pm	Andy Zahra and Wayne Holland
Wed. 18	9.15am	Intention of donor
Thur. 19	9.15am	Domenico Rossi
Fri. 20	9.15am	Charlie & Grace Vella, Joseph Scicluna
Sat. 21	9.15am	Joseph Mizzi
	6pm	Maria Giuseppina Panetta

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GOSPEL
Mt 11:2-11
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.
Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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 KINGDOM OF GOD: 'ALREADY, BUT NOT YET'

In response to the question put to him by John the Baptist's disciples, Jesus points to a great variety of miraculous deeds that he has performed. From this they—and John—should be able to conclude that he was the long-awaited Messiah, performing the deeds that Isaiah foretold.
We may well think that this was all very good for the few thousands of afflicted people who accessed Jesus' healing power during his lifetime. But where does that leave the vast mass of the afflicted down the centuries to our own day?

Some kind of answer may lie in the 'already-not yet' aspect of the Kingdom of God proclaimed by Jesus. It has dawned in his first coming but is by no means fully arrived. That must await his second coming. We proclaim this in our Creed, expressing the hope that God's sovereignty in the universe will one day be complete.

In the meantime, the miracles remain a 'beachhead' of the kingdom to give us hope. They teach us to see the afflicted not as punished by God (an all too prevalent error) but as people particularly apt to receive and become instruments of God's power.

The same goes for the poor: the Good News that is 'preached' to them is of a piece with the first Beatitude proclaimed by Jesus at the beginning of his great Sermon (Matthew 5-7). The poor are 'blessed', not precisely in their poverty, but because God has adopted their cause and one day will see that it prevails.

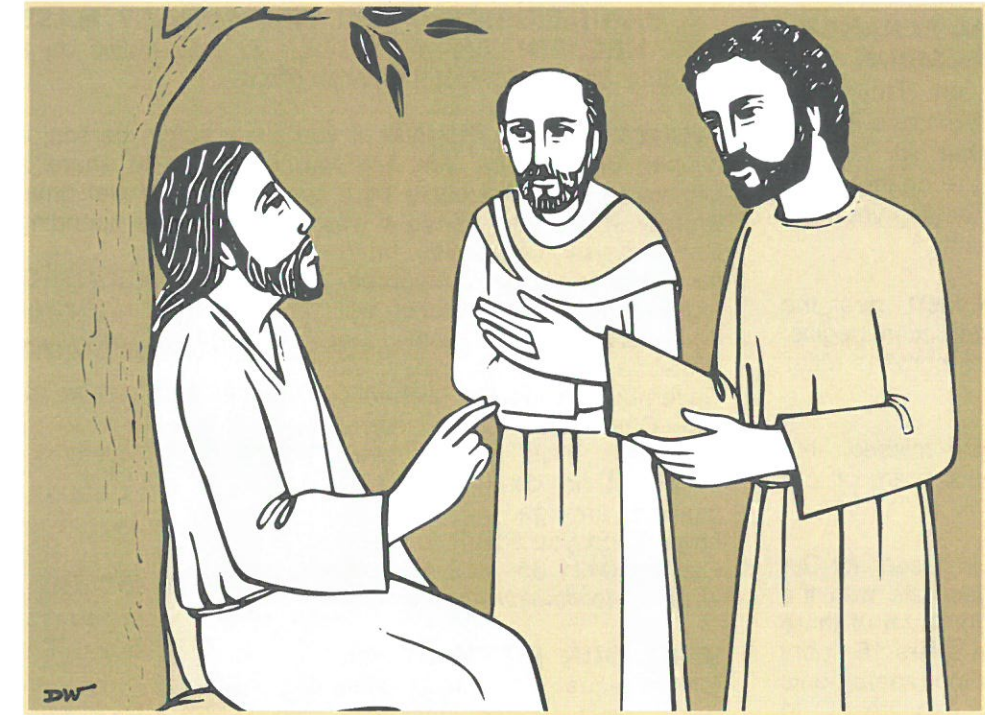
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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

15 DECEMBER 2019



THE BLIND SEE AGAIN. Many of the Jewish people did not expect a Messiah like Jesus. Many wondered: 'Are you the one who is to come?' Jesus came not to exercise sovereignty and power over the people but to bring blessing to the poor and needy. Let us celebrate his birth this Christmas by being good news for the poor.

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

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 Isa 35:1-6, 10
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
God himself will come and save us.

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees

and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy in their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

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

RESP PSALM Ps 145:6-10. R. cf. Isa 35:4

R. Lord, come and save us. (or Alleluia!)

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, / who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, / who raises up those who are bowed down, / the Lord, who protects the stranger / and upholds the widow and orphan. R.
3. It is the Lord who loves the just / but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to age. R.

SECOND READING James 5:7-10

A reading from the letter of St James
You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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!