

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Friars Minor Conventual

Parish Priest: Fr. Alejandro López, OFM Conv.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! On behalf of the friars and Staff of Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville and the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, we wish you and your family a happy, holy and safe Christmas. May the Lord who comes to us through the Christ Child be with you in a special way!

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE 12 Noon on Tuesday, 24 December 2019 and re-open 9am Thursday, 2 January 2020.

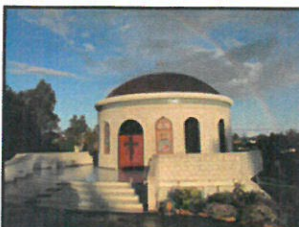
PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Evening Mass at OLOR on Christmas Day, no 9.15am Mass on Boxing Day and no 9.15am Mass on Saturday 28th December 2019. See the schedule at right.

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

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

The Annual Mass of The Holy Innocents

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. Lunch will be in the Shrine Undercroft. Please bring a plate to share.



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
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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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 6PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY)

BOXING DAY, THURSDAY, 26 DECEMBER

8am Mass at the Shrine
(THERE IS NO MASS AT OLOR ON BOXING DAY)

MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Saturday, 28 December 2019

11am in the Parish church

Please bring a plate to share afterwards.

(THERE IS NO 9.15AM MASS AT OLOR 28 DECEMBER)

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

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2ND DEANERY ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION will take place 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?

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

HELP WITH CHRISTMAS FLOWERS? The Poinsettias in the Church for Christmas will cost about \$2,150.23. Contact the parish office if you would like to cover some of that cost so that it doesn't make a dent in our renovation fund. May God bless your generosity!

SPEAKING OF RENOVATIONS If you missed the presentation a couple Sundays back, our latest plans are on our website at: olorparishkellyville.org.au Visit the site and see the exciting new plans for our parish in 2020!

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CATHOLIC FOUNDATION THANK YOU for the recent sum of \$4,557.80. The Bishop's quota for our parish is \$11,126. Please help us reach this target through the third collection *this* weekend or by credit card or cheque, with sincere thanks.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE TO LAST WEEK'S ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL The amount of \$5,987.05 was collected for those in need. May the Lord bless you for your great generosity. I understand that at some Masses we missed taking up a third collection due to some confusion. If you would like to give, please call the office or give the money to a priest after Mass. Thank you on behalf of your parish priest.

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES The Office for Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held again next year, commencing early February 2020. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship at anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org or phone at 8838 3456.

TO THE GOOD SAMARITAN WATERING THE FISHPOND: please do not fill the fishpond. The water simply overflows so adding water is wasteful. We have a system (and a caretaker) already in place who checks the pond weekly to care for it and the fish in there. Thanks anyway for your ecological kindness!

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

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSPAPER is always available from the foyer of the church at just \$2. Buy one for the family and one for a friend. There's always something for everyone!

HAVE A CUPPA' WITH US! Join us for a Parish Morning Tea after 9am Mass on the **first Sunday of the Month**, (next one is on **5 January**), at the main entrance to the church. Come say hello, meet other parishioners and grab a biscuit for the kiddies! Volunteers needed for future cuppa's...can you help? Contact Beth Aguilera at 0402 304 451

Thank you for last week's parish collection of \$2,915

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 Iberra, Saja Derbas, Nigel Napoli, Denise, Antoinetta Cigolini, Amelia Williams, Kim Kenna, Leonie Hite, Arnel Galeng, David McHenry, Andrea Bioco, Lily Eyles, Doddy 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 Gularte, Monty Roughe, Gary Robinson, Felicia, Ona Hobs, Monica Zachulski, Margaret Loscialpo, Christopher Dean, Mark de Vries, Susan, Waliamma 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 Rajjanayagam, Christopher Youl, Clement, Joseph Vella, Tony Weinman, Phil Nickols, Angela Vasta

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MASS & MINISTRIES - 21/22 Dec.

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

MASS & MINISTRIES - 28/29 Dec.

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte	Ferdinand Villanueva
	Lectors:	Glenice Lui and Carol Caswell
	EM:	Jerry Lui and Felicia Borgona
Sun. 7am	Acolyte	Joh Sorbello
	Lectors:	Volunteers
	EM:	Grace Trzcinski
9am	Acolyte	Volunteer
	Lectors:	Indri Dharma and Vincent Knight
	EM:	Ruth Hyland and Princy Benny
11am	Acolyte	Ed Cecilia
	Lectors:	Donna Solis and George Castline
	EM:	Evelyn Romero and Tracy Capdor
6pm	Acolyte	Ferdinand Villanueva
	Lectors:	Jane Lapidario and Mary Friend
	EM:	Salena Artap and Volunteer
Counters:		Erikson and Gennusa families
Church Vacuum:		Sid Karam

MASS INTENTIONS 21 - 28 Dec 2019

Sat. 21	9.15am	Joseph Mizzi
	6pm	Maria Giuseppina Panetta
Sun. 22	7am	Joseph, Martha & Joe Mizzi
	9am	PRO POPULO
	11am	Those enrolled in the FMA
	6pm	Deceased friars and families
Mon. 23	7pm	Andy Zahra & Wayne Holland
Tues. 24	7pm	Christmas Eve
Wed. 25	9.15am	Christmas Day
Thur. 26	9.15am	Mass at the Shrine at 11am
Fri. 27	9.15am	Keith Kerr
Sat. 28	11am	Holy Innocents
	6pm	Pino Bosco

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publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son

and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

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

GOD WITH US

A note of foreboding attends the circumstances of Jesus' birth as told by St Matthew. We, the readers of the Gospel, know that Mary's pregnancy has come about 'through the Holy Spirit' (Matt 1:18). But no other actor in the drama, including Joseph, knows that at the time. In Jewish culture betrothal required the same fidelity as marriage. Mary's situation is therefore precarious: she is liable to the severe penalties laid down by the Law of Moses for adultery. Joseph knows that obedience to the Law requires him to divorce Mary. But, being a 'righteous person', he wants to do so in a way that will spare her public shame and the full rigour of the Law. In this he 'models' keeping the Law in the way in which Jesus, with supreme authority, will interpret it—where what he calls the 'weightier matters of the Law' (justice, mercy and faith [23:23]) have priority.

The angel's announcement turns everything around. Mary's pregnancy has not come about through infidelity but through the agency of the Holy Spirit. Her child will carry the name of Israel's former saviour Josue, but his 'saving' role will have to do primarily with reconciliation with God ('save the people from their sins').

It will also involve a new sense of God's presence, reflected in a second name: 'Emmanuel – God with Us'.

In the person of Jesus, people will experience the divine saving presence. And after his resurrection, he will continue to be 'with' his Church in its communal life and worldwide mission to the end of time (Mt 28:19-20).

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

22 DECEMBER 2019

A MAN OF HONOUR. Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on Joseph, the husband of Mary, who played such an important role in God's plan of salvation. Joseph was a man of honour who combined respect for the law with compassion for Mary. He was open to hear God's word to him. He is an example for us all.

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

Isa 7:10–14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The virgin will conceive.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself

coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 23:1–6. R. cf. vv. 7, 10

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. R.

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. R.

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. R.

SECOND READING

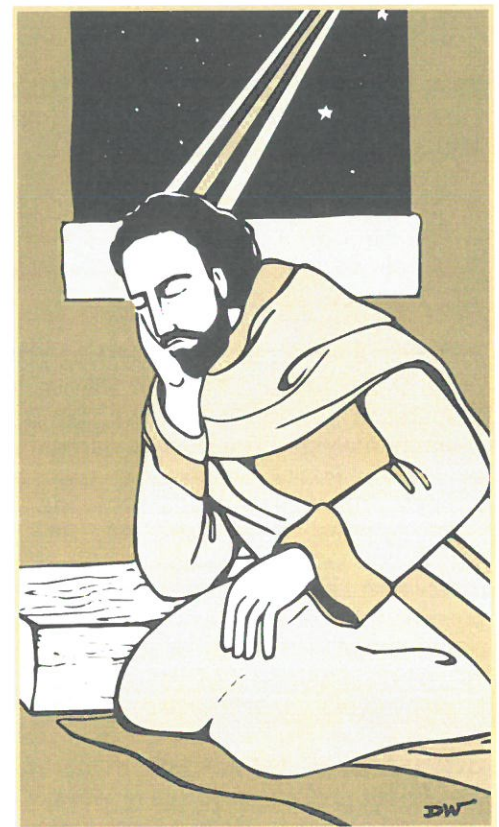
Rom 1:1–7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace



and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 1:18–24

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.

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her