

# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Friars Minor Conventual

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**50 YEARS AS A PARISH!** 2020 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of our parish. We're readying for more fun' raising in the coming anniversary year. Want to be part of the fun? Our next meeting takes place in **April** in the parish office. Watch this space. Anyone with ideas and enthusiasm is invited!

**READY TO RENOVATE?** Visit updated plans on our website at [olorparishkellyville.org.au](http://olorparishkellyville.org.au)...and then be sure to tell a friend so that they can catch the renovation fever, too!

**FROM THE CHANCERY REGARDING CORONA-VIRUS** NSW and Australian Department of Health suggest that the best protection is to: maintain good hand hygiene by frequent hand washing; have safe food practices; avoid touching your face or mouth until you have washed your hands; avoid contact with someone who is showing signs of a respiratory illness. Please refer to following links for more information: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/novel-coronavirus.aspx>

**HEALING AFTER ABORTION RETREAT:** Rachel's Vineyard Ministries, Sydney offers retreats for those who've suffered from an abortion (men or women). The next retreat is held from **1 to 3 May**, and offers a sanctuary to renew, rebuild and redeem broken hearts in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. Call us on our confidential line at 0400 092 555 or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au)

**LENT** begins with **Ash Wednesday** on **26 February**. What will you be doing in preparation for the Lord's Resurrection? Have you asked Him for suggestions? Now is a good time to take some time and reflect with the Spirit about what God is asking of each of us. How can you be an instrument of God's love and healing?

**HAVE YOU CHANGED ADDRESS LATELY?** Please let us have your new details to update our parish records.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** meets each fortnight 7.30pm in the parish office. If you would like to find out what they do for the poor, please contact Rocco Bombardiere on 0409 461 109.

**AN INTRODUCTION TO SACRED SCRIPTURE** continues, comprising two 45 minute presentations (with a tea break in between) will be given at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents starting around 10am (after the usual Saturday morning Parish Mass). A breakfast buffet will be available prior to the start each day. The next two sessions will be on **22 February** and **7 March**. Donations accepted.



## 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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS (AND PLAN TO HELP ON SUNDAY, 8 MARCH)** as Bishop Vincent will be celebrating the 11am Mass to lead us in prayer and rejoicing! Officially, we'll begin our 50th Anniversary celebrations as the diocese created Our Lady of the Rosary parish on **8 March, 1970!** Those who attend will be given special commemorative mugs at the light lunch that will be offered in the old hall, following the Mass. Please come and celebrate with us and bring a plate to share with the bishop and fellow parishioners!

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 2019 PILGRIMS TO THE HOLY LAND!** The year anniversary of our trip to the Holy Land was 7 February, concluding when we returned to Sydney on 22 February. **Next Sunday, 23 February 2020, our pilgrims are invited to a reunion party in the Parish Office** after the 11 am Mass. Attend Mass or simply come around noon for celebrating and reminiscing. Bring a plate to share. We will also be giving a special first look of a new pilgrimage planned for 2021. Don't miss the fun, fellowship and plans for future travel with the friars!

**CONDOLENCES** to the family of Anthony Sharah, the father of Catherine Bareham, our financial controller. His funeral will be held on **Tuesday 18 February at 10.30am at Sacred Heart Chapel, Rookwood Cemetery, Barnet Avenue Rookwood NSW**. Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May Anthony and all the Faithful Departed rest in Peace.

**MEN'S PRAYER WEEKEND RETREAT** at St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, NSW, is hosting a men's prayer weekend from **27 to 29 March**. Paul White and Fr Thang Nguyen, MSC, will reflect on scripture and modern writers regarding the interaction between trust and discernment in times of transition in our lives. RSVP (02) 4630 0233, visit [www.towersretreat.org.au](http://www.towersretreat.org.au).

**TO AVOID SPREADING ILLNESS AT MASS, PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING:** The Sign of Peace is touch free until further notice (try bowing, smiling and waving hands to one another with a smile); Extraordinary Ministers of Communion should disinfect hands with the antiseptic at the Credence Table (by the Ambo) prior to distributing Communion; the Precious Blood will only be consumed by the Celebrant on behalf of the congregation.

**THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY** newspaper is available in the foyer of the Church for just \$2. There is something in it for everyone in each edition. Make sure you get a copy.

**FIND A COPY OF OUR PARISH BULLETIN (PAST AND PRESENT) AND REGULAR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE** at [olorparishkellyville.org.au](http://olorparishkellyville.org.au)

**ARE YOU AWARE** each Friday after 9.15am Mass until 12pm there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our parish church? Everyone is most welcome.

**Parish Website:** [olorparishkellyville.org.au](http://olorparishkellyville.org.au)  
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## 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**

**YOUTH GROUP** happens this Sunday, **16 February**. Join the Youth Choir for practice at 4.30pm, or simply come to Mass at 6pm. Those in Year 7-12 can also rock up to the old hall at around 7 pm. Come for the fun, fellowship, Faith and pizza! (Bring a friend for extra brownie points!)

## PARISH MOVIE AFTERNOON

We'll be celebrating the Chinese New Year of the Rat with this *new* live-action movie of the Disney classic **Mulan** on **Sunday 29 March at 2 pm**. (Note: *no* previews will be shown and so the movie starts immediately at 2 pm.) As always tickets are \$20 each and limited. See Fr. Alejandro and don't miss out (as this event will *also* be held on your parish priest's birthday weekend—

Naturally, some cake will be provided!) If you would like to attend but cannot afford it, please see Fr. Alejandro for



complimentary tickets (donated by other parishioners). If *you* would like to donate tickets, please see Fr. Alejandro! (We thank you in advance for your kind generosity!)

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC FAMILIES NATIONAL CONFERENCE** is hosting their annual conference **3-5 April** at the Collaroy Centre, NSW. It will be an opportunity for Catholic families to come together for mutual spiritual, moral and social support in a fun holiday environment. This year's speakers include our own Br. Bernard Mary Fonkalsrud OFM Conv. Book today at [www.trybooking.com/BHPPT](http://www.trybooking.com/BHPPT), closes **13 March**.

**THEMES OF FAITH** 10 Monday evening sessions at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St. Blacktown. The programme begins on **2 March**. See our Church noticeboard for more information. Call 0417 441 177 or write to [paul.roberts@ifm.org.au](mailto:paul.roberts@ifm.org.au) for more.

Thank you for last week's parish collection of \$2,421

**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, 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, Daniela Gulara, 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, Marie Adolphe, Felix Weinman, Iolanda Giannetta, Brian, Lucy Farrugia, Marie Rajanayagam, Christopher Youl, Clement, Joseph Vella, Tony Weinman, Phil Nickols, Angela Vasta, Lesley McEnelly, Roy Fimmano

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## MASS & MINISTRIES - 15/16 FEB. 2020

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	John Sorbello Volunteer and Hani Reario Jerry Lui and Sonny Huang
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	John Sorbello Nancy Comito and Karla Barnes Christine Figuero
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Sorbello Carol Caswell and Ann Maddy Princy Benny and Margaret Samuels
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Rodolfo Susi Evelyn Zaballero and Doreen Francis Felicia Borgona and Tony Monteiro
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ferdinand Villanueva Jennifer Lumapas and Maria Remiendo Danielle Smith & Prasanna Gunawardena
Counters:		Judie and Bob Gardiner
Church Vacuum:		Sid Karam

## MASS & MINISTRIES - 22/23 FEB. 2020

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	John Sorbello Leona Alphonso & Yehan Withanage Nathaniel Manlolo & Rebecca Neylan
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	John Huber Walter Bradstock & Gillian Pacheco Sandra Huber
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Steve Boland St. Angela's school families Margaret Samuels & Erlinda Rendon
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Alex Cecilia Adrian Francis and Vivian Lam Tracy Capdor & Elvira Tandingan
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Arul Arulthasan Susan Debrincat & Margaret Rodriguez David Warren & Annette Tan
Counters:		Rhodora Manlolo and Karla Barnes
Church Vacuum:		Paul and Racelle Fameron

## MASS INTENTIONS 15 - 22 Feb. 2020

<b>Sat. 15</b>	9.15am	Alexander Alba
	6pm	Wayne Holland and Andy Zahra
<b>Sun. 16</b>	7am	Nola Sorbello
	9am	Salvatore, Giovanna, Maria Frasca & Teresa Crucitti
	11am	Antoinette Camilleri,
	6pm	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
<b>Mon. 17</b>	7pm	Andy Zahra & Wayne Holland
<b>Tues. 18</b>	7pm	Andy Zahra & Wayne Holland
<b>Wed. 19</b>	9.15am	Those enrolled in FMA
<b>Thur. 20</b>	9.15am	Carlene Charlton
<b>Fri. 21</b>	9.15am	Charles, Grace Vella & Joseph Scicluna
<b>Sat. 22</b>	9.15am	Joanna Barry
	6pm	<b>PRO POPULO</b>

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GOSPEL Mt 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34

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.**  
*Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

‘You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court;

‘You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

‘Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.’

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**  
*Longer form 5:17-37*

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 this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. 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-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

*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** cf. Ps 77:29-30  
**They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

**OR** Jn 3:16  
**God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always

long for that food by which we truly live. 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 and announce the Gospel of the Lord.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

PLANTING THE LAW IN THE HEART

In today's Gospel Jesus reinterprets the Law of Moses in a way that, without sweeping aside the values the law sought to protect, prioritises values such as justice, mercy, and faith in human relationships (cf. Matt 23:23).

Over against the law's stark prohibitions ('You shall not ...') his pronouncements seek to go beyond mere external restraint to plant the value enshrined in the prohibition deep within the human heart. So over against 'You shall not kill ...,' Jesus addresses the anger in the heart that might lead someone to kill. Deal with that and the prohibition simply doesn't arise.

Likewise in the matter of adultery, to a man's fundamental attitude to a woman. Is she an object for sexual exploitation (lust) or a fellow human being demanding equality and respect? Get the attitude right and all else will fall into place. Where the old dispensation looked at divorce entirely from the male perspective and set in place what is basically a "harm minimisation" process, Jesus' exclusion of it stems from a holistic view of marriage as a lifelong union of equals in mutual fidelity and companionship.

Likewise, such trust and faithfulness should prevail in the community of the Kingdom that, to have their word taken seriously, its members should not have to have recourse to oaths—fraught, as such assertions are, with the danger of taking God's holy name in vain.

Looking back, what draws all these pronouncements of Jesus together is an essentially relational sense of human life, flourishing where respect, faithfulness, and consideration of the other prevail.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A 16 FEBRUARY 2020

FOLLOW GOD'S LAW. The vast wisdom of God is revealed in the law God has given to us, a law designed to lead us to the fullness of life and happiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that law is not only about external behaviour. Our inner attitudes are also important. It is from within, from the attitudes of our hearts, that good or evil actions flow.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 30:3-4  
**Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

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, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, 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.**

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 teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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

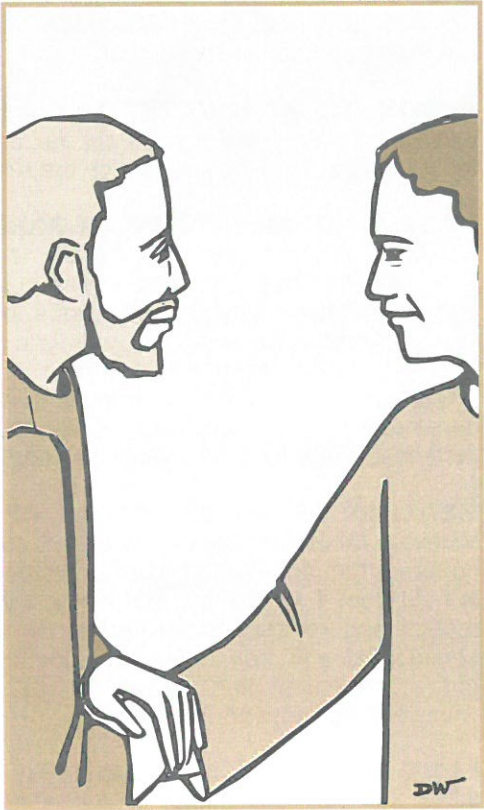
**FIRST READING** Sir 15:15-20  
**A reading from the book of Sirach**  
*He never commanded anyone to be godless.*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

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

**RESP PS** Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. R. v. 1  
**R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, / who follow God's law! / They are happy those who do his will, / seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**
2. You have laid down your precepts / to be obeyed with care. / May my footsteps be firm / to obey your statutes. **R.**
3. Bless your servant and I shall live / and obey your word. / Open my eyes that I may consider / the wonders of your law. **R.**
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes / and I will keep them to the end. / Train me to observe your law, / to keep it with my heart. **R.**



**SECOND READING** 1 Cor 2:6-10  
**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**  
*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** cf. Mt 11:25  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;**  
**you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.**  
**Alleluia!**