

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Friars Minor Conventual

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LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY (Ash Wednesday), 26 February which is a day of fast and abstinence. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.

Masses on Ash Wednesday are 6.45am at the Shrine, 9.15am and 7pm at the Parish church. Please note that the 9.15am Mass will include the whole OLOR school so please give yourself extra time to find parking and a pew at this crowded Mass.

DURING LENT we will also offer a 7pm Mass followed by Exposition, Stations of the Cross and Benediction on Lenten Fridays. Confessions will be heard during Stations. The Shrine offers Stations of the Cross at 10.15am each Lenten Friday.

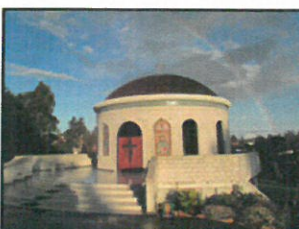
LENTEN "LITTLE BLACK BOOKS" are available after all the Masses this weekend. Please take one per family and use the reflections during this holy season in which we grow closer to the Lord.

PROJECT COMPASSION boxes and envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church. Please be sure to take one and unite yourself to the poor Christ in our midst.

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.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO PRAY AND SPEND AN HOUR OR MORE IN ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament at the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents on **Friday 28 February**. The night begins with a Maximilian Kolbe Novena Mass at 7pm, followed by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8pm until 10am on **Saturday, 29 February**. Come and visit Jesus who awaits you there! Devotional prayers for pro-life are said before the 11am Mass. We offer a light lunch following the 11am Mass with your help: please bring a plate to share!

SHRINE LENTEN RE-COMMITMENT DAYS Join Fr. David on three Wednesdays (4 and 18 March; and 1 April) at 7pm for a "Renewal of Christian Commitment"



FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Fr. David Blowey, OFM Conv., Rector
6.45am Weekday Mass followed by Confession.
Open daily 6am to 6pm.

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Office
Open 9am-4pm Monday - Friday
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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!

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!

WELCOME HOME FR. TONY FOX, OFM Conv. We wish heart felt thanks to God for our brother who will reside at our friary. Though he is looking for outside ministry, you may see him at one of our Shrine or Parish Masses. Be sure to welcome him anew, as he was a former parish priest here!

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. This **Sunday, 23 February 2020**, our pilgrims are invited to a **reunion party in the Parish Office** after the 11am 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!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR, Michele Newman! Michele has been a member of our parish for over 20 years and brings a wealth of experience to the job as all of her kids have come through OLOR school and our sacramental programs!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020 DATES: Please sign up for our Parent Information Session on either Wednesday, 4 March at 10am or Thursday, 5 March at 7pm via the link on our parish website at olorparish-kellyville.org.au

TO AVOID SPREADING ILLNESS AT MASS the Sign of Peace is "touch free" until further notice; EMs of Communion should disinfect hands with the antiseptic at the Credence Table (by the Ambo) prior to (and following) distribution of Communion.

GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP will meet again! Join Fr. Alejandro on Lenten Tuesdays (beginning **3 March**) from 10-11am in the parish office to pray with the following week's Gospel. All are welcome!

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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



PARISH AFTERNOON MOVIE

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!)

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

OUR JOURNEY TO EASTER

LENT begins on 26 February

Ash Wednesday Mass Times
6.45am Mass at the Shrine
9.15am Mass at the Parish
7pm Mass at the Parish

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

10.15am Stations of the Cross at the Shrine

7pm Mass in Parish Church followed by Confessions and Stations of the Cross of Bl. Pope Paul VI

EASTER SCHEDULE

Sacred Triduum
Holy Thursday, 9 April, 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper in Parish Church.
Adoration in the old hall until 10pm

Good Friday, 10 April, 10am Youth Group Stations of the Cross at the Shrine
3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion in the Parish Church

Holy Saturday, 11 April
No Confessions

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 Ibarra, Saja Derbas, Nigel Napoli, Denise, Antonietta 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, Marie Milligan, Scarlett Lizano, Daniella Gualarte, 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, 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 - 22/23 FEB. 2020

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

MASS & MINISTRIES - 29 FEB.-1 MAR.

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	John Sorbello Leonard Pinto and Volunteer Paul Lam and Jerry Lui
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	John Huber Nancy Comito and Tom Crowley Sandra Huber
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	John Caswell Vincent Knight and Indri Dharma Ruth Hyland and Grace Trzcinski
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ed Cecilia Maryse Emmanuel and George Castline Arlene Pineda and Tracy Capdor
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ferdinand Villanueva Jennifer Lumapas and Mary Friend Joseph Lumapas and Ana Mustafa
Counters:		Susan, Jan and Tessie
Church Vacuum:		Sid Karam

MASS INTENTIONS 22 - 29 Feb. 2020

Sat. 22	9.15am	Joanna Barry
	6pm	PRO POPULO
Sun. 23	7am	Sam Bugeja
	9am	Salvatore Egiziano
	11am	Giovanni Federici
	6pm	Pamela Nair
Mon. 24	7pm	Margaret and William Hince
Tues. 25	7pm	Andy Zahra and Wayne Holland
Wed. 26	9.15am	Pino Bosco
Thur. 27	9.15am	Caruana family
Fri. 28	9.15am	Deceased friars and their families
Sat. 29	9.15am	Johnny Lee Davenport
	6pm	Joseph and Louise Bonello

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him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

‘You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.’

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. As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord, with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honour of your majesty may profit us for salvation. 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: 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 9:2-3

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may experience the effects of the salvation which is pledged to us by these mysteries. 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

‘BE PERFECT AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS PERFECT’

Jesus’ reinterpretation of the Jewish law (Torah) in today’s Gospel focuses upon retaliation and love of enemies.

In the tribal situation of early Israel, where institutions of justice were barely established, the law of strict reciprocity in regard to injury (‘an eye for an eye’, etc.) sought to contain and limit the spiral of violence—to bring ‘pay back’ to a closure that all parties would recognise as fair.

Jesus, however, commends a readiness to disarm violence by being prepared to accept double what the perpetrator requires. This may be unrealistic on the level of society as a whole where evil and evildoers must be resisted and restrained. If, in the face of injury and unreasonable demand, disciples of Jesus, on an individual or small group level (as, for example, in Christian non-violent protest), do adopt such a stance, their freedom to do so will stem from consciousness of the far greater generosity they have themselves received from God.

Likewise, Jesus resists the general human tendency to hate one’s enemies in the name of the disposition and action of God, whose ‘children’ his disciples know themselves to be. They will truly show themselves God’s children if they reflect the divine action in this radical way.

In conclusion, Jesus offers a definition of what it means to be ‘perfect’: ‘You must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.’ The stress here falls upon the little word ‘as’: perfection means acting towards others, including one’s enemies, as the Creator acts towards all, good and bad alike.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

23 FEBRUARY 2020

BE HOLY! The word ‘holy’ can conjure up the image of someone who is always praying and, perhaps, cut off from everyday earthly realities. Today’s readings, however, remind us that holiness is not measured by the calluses on our knees but by our love for others. Most essentially, holiness is God’s gift. We are a holy people because God loves us and dwells among us making us the temple of God.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 12:6
O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

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. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is 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 Lev 19:1-2, 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus
You must love your neighbour as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: ‘Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: “Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.”’

“You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.”’

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v. 8

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

2. It is the Lord who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

3. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow to anger and rich in mercy. / He does not treat us according to our sins / nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

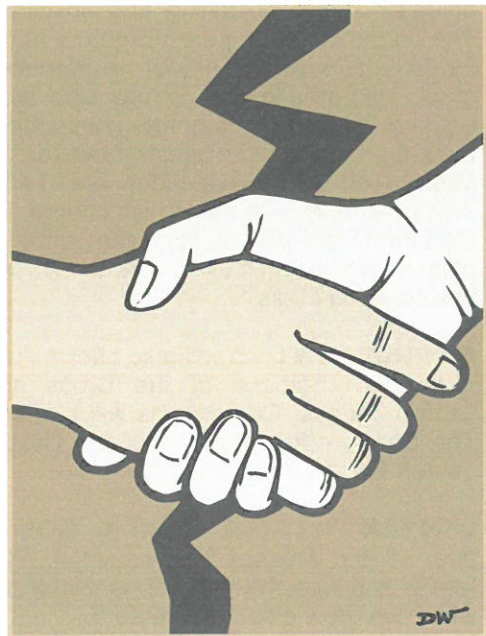
4. As far as the east is from the west / so far does he remove our sins. / As a father has compassion on his sons, / the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 3:16-23

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn’t you realise that you were God’s temple and that the Spirit of God was living



among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men’s thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 5:38-48

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.

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer