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A **live-stream of our Sunday Masses is available at 11am** (Sydney time) on Sunday mornings. Visit www.facebook.com/OLOR.Parish.Kellyville. (You *don't* have to have a Facebook account; just click on the "not now" button when it asks if you want to sign in or sign up for an account.) The video of the Mass will also be posted so you can view it afterwards should you be unable to watch it "live" at 11am. Be sure to tell your friends about it. Even my parents are able to watch from the US! It truly is a remarkable gift from God that we are able to do this together!

Daily Masses are also available by visiting the diocesan website at www.parracatholic.org/covid19/ Scroll down the page to the section called "Mass Resources." Click on the box for "Daily Mass."

Our **Divine Mercy Statue** will continue to stand at the foyer of Our Lady of the Rosary Church from where the Image of Our Lord's Divine Mercy is easily visible from the main doors. Drive up and take time to pray with our Lord from the safety of your car or bike. Also, though the building doors are locked, the Blessed Sacrament remains in Church.

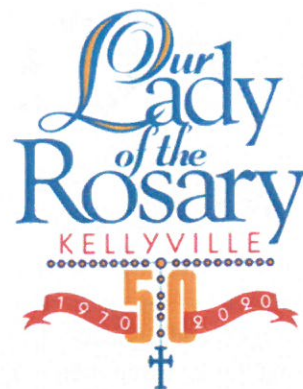
Parish Facebook Page Please be sure to check out our new parish Facebook page. We will offer posts each week and timely information about sacraments at www.facebook.com/OLOR.Parish.Kellyville.

Youth Group Virtual meetings are happening virtually each Sunday night during this lockdown between 7pm and 8.30pm. For more info, contact youthgroupolor@gmail.com

Are you in need? Know of someone who cannot get out? Are you that person? Call the parish during office hours or leave a message. Someone will return your call as soon as possible. If it is an emergency, see below.

**For emergencies only call 9629-2595 and press 3.
(Leave a message and a priest
will return the call immediately.)**

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Any Mass on the Second Sunday of Easter fulfils the obligation for the Divine Mercy indulgence. As for the obligation for sacramental confession, make an act of contrition at the Mass with the intention of celebrating the sacrament at the next available opportunity. Our Lord understands that we are dealing with difficult times and His Divine Mercy continues to shine upon us all without fail! "Jesus, I trust in Thee!"

forgiveness and prayers, "for it is in pardoning that we are pardoned" and we promise to continue to make amends, both personally and in the Priestly Office with which God has gifted us, for I am human, a sinful human, and I know I have scars.

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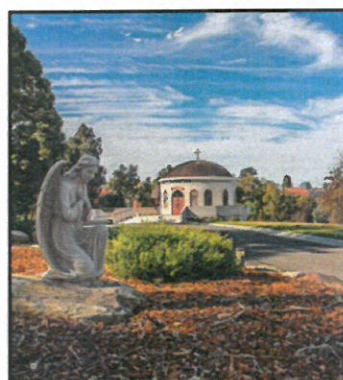
A message from Fr. Leonard Testa for our 50th Anniversary Celebration on 8 March 2020 I am very grateful to Fr. Alejandro for his kindness in inviting me to the memorable and historic occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish of which I was a Parish Priest. ▶ To celebrate is to make present, not only the achievements of all those friars and parishioners who have worked hard in these 50 years, to achieve today such a faith in people building up the Church, the Body of Christ, but also to look forward in faith in God and in our present parishioners, to maintain and continue to grow in the love and charity of Christ. ▶ As parishioners you have extended this charity and love to the people of God in the diocese of Parramatta, spreading the devotion to Our Lady with the Garden of The Immaculate, in the spirit of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe, the Shrine of the unborn and the two schools and other shrines within its boundaries; all reflecting today a living sign of a living faith today in Kellyville parishioners and friars at Mount. St. Francis. ▶ For all this and more we are offering our thanksgiving to Almighty God and our gratitude to all parishioners who have carried us Franciscans on their shoulders, through their generosity, sacrifices and friendship. ▶ As I look back with the eyes of faith, I recall those early days and the pioneers, some of whom are still with us, others I'm confident the Lord has rewarded with the blessedness of Heaven in virtue of Jesus' promises whatever you did to the least of my brethren you did it to me. I renew my gratitude today to one and all, to those who are here, their children and grandchildren and to all the newcomers who have continued to carry on the light of Christ, the torch of faith we received by passing it on. We could have done better, but one has to make allowances for our imperfect human nature, limited and sinful. In this we let God's greatness shine and not simply our temporal achievements. ▶ In the people we may have wronged, we ask forgiveness; I know I have defects, the same one finds in the people with whom we share our lives and our faith. ▶ We ask for your

What I know is that Holy Mother Church, as every mother does, asks for forgiveness for the sins of her children. ▶ I am also continually aware that the one who knows me best is the one who loves me most. During these 50 years I have been compelled, urged as the apostle Paul was, by the love of Christ. Let us then in our thanksgiving prayer today continue in the service of the love of Christ and His Church, the pillar and foundation of truth. ▶ I love the Church, the people of God in Kellyville and wherever I have been posted, my confreres who for over 50 years have continued, like the apostle Paul, to work together for our salvation with fear and trepidation. We know that it is God's gift that has been working in us all these years. We celebrate these achievements today. God love and bless you all, Fr. Leonard M Testa OFM Conv.

Condolences to the family of Stanislaus Maria Iwan Effendy whose funeral was last week. Please pray for him and his family at this time. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in Peace.

To make an online donation please visit the parish website at olorparishkellyville.org.au. Find the red "donate" button on the top right of the screen. Click and scroll down to "online giving." Click parish support and a drop down box will appear. There you can choose to donate to the general parish fund (to help pay our bills and the staff salaries), the Franciscan friars (to help pay our friary bills, including food, water and electric), the parish church renovation fund, the Shrine of the Holy Innocents or "other." Thanks and blessings to all this Easter—Fr. Alejandro

Young Adults will meet virtually each Friday night between 8pm-9pm. For more info contact youngadultsolor@gmail.com



The Gardens of the Immaculate of the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents are open. We will continue to leave some Prayer Cards in the Chapel of St Anthony (also known as the Timber Chapel). There is also a donation box for Mass intentions and for votive candles (which the Friars will lite for you in the Shrine Chapel). Information is posted in the Timber Chapel.

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, 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, onica Zachulski, Margaret Loscialpo, Christopher Dean, Mark de Vries, Susan, 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 Rajjanayagam, Christopher Youl, Clement, Joseph Vella, Tony Weinman, Phil Nickols, Angela Vasta, Lesley McEnelly, Roy Fimmano, Rose Carroll, William and Lesley McEnally

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Please accept my monthly / once-off donation to the parish as follows:

1st Collection (Church) \$_____ per month
2nd Collection (Friary) \$_____ per month

Card Number:.....

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If you would like to support the parish and/or friary, please scan this form to the parish office at admin@olorparishkellyville.org.au. An alternative is to mail it to us or simply leave a message with your details on our office answering machine and we will return your call.

Thank you for last week's parish donations of \$1,635.

Please note that anyone may use the black mail boxes (1) by the church doors (on the fence of the fishpond) or (2) the one by the parish office door, to drop off donations.

**You can also make online donations (see article at left for instructions).
Thank you in advance.**

Mass Intentions: 11 - 18 April 2020

Sat. 18	9.15am	(1) Lonappan Devassy (2) Nikko and Marivic Navera (3) PRO POPULO
Sun. 19	All	(1) Salvatore Sorbello (2) Salvatore, Giovanna Maria Frasca & Teresa Crucitti (3) Angelo, Angela, Joyce & Mary Cutajar (4) Holy Souls
Mon. 20	7pm	Deceased friars and their families
Tues. 21	7pm	Andy Zahra and Wayne Holland
Wed. 22	9.15am	Carmelo Jamias
Thur. 23	9.15am	Sam Bugeja
Fri. 24	9.15am	Intention of donor (Caruana family)
Sat. 25	All	(1) Corazon Palacio (2) PRO POPULO

The above Mass Intentions will be honoured by our friars when they celebrate Holy Mass daily at the Friary.

If you would like Masses to be offered for a loved one who is still alive or family and friends who are deceased, please call the office or send us an email.

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them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him;

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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, / Aorn 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, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. 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 EASTER

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

cf. Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. 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, alleluia, alleluia!

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

STILL BEARING THE WOUNDS OF LOVE

Thomas is one of the most clearly defined characters in the Gospels. Born loser, realist, pessimist, he has missed out on the Easter night appearance of Jesus. He won't believe that Jesus has been raised simply on the other disciples' claim: 'We have seen the Lord'. He insists on seeing, touching, hearing for himself.

Eight days later, with divine 'courtesy', Jesus meets Thomas' conditions exactly. But, at the sight of his risen Lord, Thomas abandons these conditions. He, the late-comer, the obtuse one, goes on to make the most exalted act of faith contained in the gospel: 'My Lord and my God!' It is Thomas, the hesitant, the doubter, who brings out the full identity of Jesus.

Moreover, Thomas' demand to see and touch the wounds shows that the risen Lord continues to bear these badges of vulnerable love. Presumably that is why Pope John Paul II chose this Second Sunday after Easter as 'Divine Mercy' Sunday: Jesus is someone to whom we can go and find understanding and mercy in a divine degree.

Jesus adds a comment that brings us into the picture too: 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe'. Succeeding generations of believers will not have the privilege of seeing the risen Lord. We have to believe simply the testimony handed down in the Church: 'We have seen the Lord'. We are not at a disadvantage. We are in fact 'blessed' because from us a faith greater than that of Thomas' will be drawn. And it is faith that lets God's power into the world.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY / A

19 APRIL 2020

I AM SENDING YOU. When we gather for Eucharist each Sunday the risen Christ comes among us and offers us his gift of peace. Our celebration gives us joy and strengthens our faith. But we cannot stay inside the church with its doors locked. At the end of Mass we are sent out, commissioned to bring the love and mercy of Christ to all who continue to bear in their bodies the wounds of crucifixion.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

1 Pet 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

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. Your 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

Glorify 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. God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood

they have been redeemed. 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

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (or Alleluia!)

1. Let the sons of Israel say: / 'His love has no end.' / Let the sons of Aaron say: / 'His love has no end.' / Let those who fear the Lord say: / 'His love has no end.' **R.**

2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling / but the Lord was my helper. / The Lord is my strength and my song; / he was my saviour. / There are shouts of joy and victory / in the tents of the just. **R.**

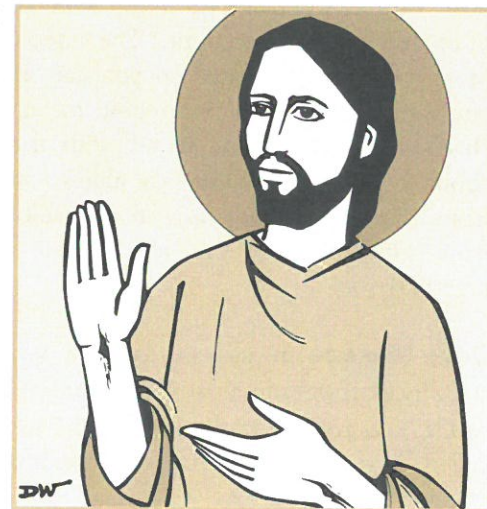
3. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the corner stone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. / This day was made by the Lord; / we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Pet 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.



Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! / You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; / happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-31

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to