Fr. Alejandro Lopez, OFM Conv., Parish Priest Fr. Leonides Mateo, OFM Conv., Associate Priest

"Church Catch Up and Check Up" with Fr. Alejandro takes place this Monday, 23 August, at 6.30pm. We will gather virtually to pray, discuss the parish and check in to see how our members are negotiating life in lockdown. If you need help learning how to use Zoom, contact the parish office at 9629 2595. For those who know how to connect directly on the night, follow the Zoom link Meeting ID: 850 4213 8341

Passcode: 468622

Warning: you may see someone stealing our plants

Please note that our gardener will begin transplanting some of our bushes and trees to their new home at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents. The gardens are needing to be taken up as construction will be beginning in early September and these plants would have died. New gardens will be put in once the work is completed. If you would like to sponsor a garden or plant, please contact the offices by clicking <u>here</u>.

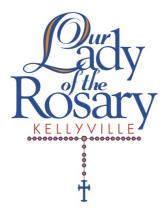


Join St. Vincent de Paul for a Virtual Community sleepout this Friday, 27 Aug, starting at 6! By choosing to sleep

out at home, in your car, backyard or on your couch, you can continue to help raise crucial funds for Vinnies and connect online with some of the realities faced by those experiencing homelessness and disadvantage. To make a donation click here. To virtually join others in the parish and diocese, click here.

clicking here. **Vinnies Support Centres are still** available to those in need St Vincent de Paul Support

Centres across Greater Sydney are still available and taking calls to arrange for food vouchers or other items to be provided to those in need. If you need assistance, call the Support Centres in Blacktown on (02) 8861 9777, Harris Park on (02) 8861 9757 and Penrith on (02) 8861 9770. To find out more about what support is available, visit here.



Under the Pastoral Care of the Conventual Franciscans

RCIA (Rite of Christian

Initiation for Adults) will begin

virtually in September. This

process is for unbaptized adults,

helping them discover what it

means to be Catholic. The first

period is called "Inquiry" and is

for answering questions. RCIA

also prepares adults baptized in

other Christian denominations

or those baptised Catholic who

seek to complete their

Sacraments of Initiation (that is:

Confirmation or First

Communion). If you are

interested in finding out more,

or know someone who is, please

send contact details asap by

Fr. David Blowey, OFM Conv., Rector of the Shrine Fr. Tony Fox, OFM Conv., Priest in residence

Fan the Flame Towards the Plenary Council first assembly: "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they **are life."** John 6:60-69 "Through appropriate faith formation, God can shape us into deepening our spirituality within the life of the Church, engaging with scripture, encountering God in worship and prayerfully developing our living relationship with Jesus Christ." (Prayerful and Eucharistic - Discernment Paper p. 5) Visit here for more.

Social Justice Sunday on **29 August** The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. For more info, click here or call 6201 9845.

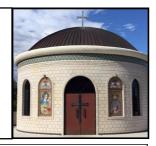
Bishop's Father's Day Appeal will be postponed to a date when Churches will once again be open. Parramatta Catholic Foundation is assisting with a mail and online appeal at the beginning of September. Your thoughtful gift to the will mean so much to our retired priests who have put the care of others before themselves. For more information on the Clergy Support Foundation's work or to make a kind donation today, please visit here.

Condolences to the families of Elisabeth Van Mullekom whose funeral was held in Castlebrook on Friday and Joseph Attard whose funeral will be on Wednesday. May they and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace.

FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Fr. David Blowey, OFM Conv., Rector

Come visit and pray in quiet beauty. Although we cannot open the Chapel, the beautiful grounds are open to all.



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Office Tel.: 9629-2595 Open 9am-4pm, Tuesday - Friday

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Donate to Caritas' Emergency **Response Appeal for Haiti!** Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti, devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earth-quake. Over 1,400 have died, and thousands more left injured. There is immediate and urgent need for food, water,

shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground. Donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal by visiting here or by calling 1800 024 413 toll-free.

Divine Retreat Centre Daily Silent Adoration Livestream

happens daily from 8.45am to 8.45pm on their 'Divine Healing & Retreat Centre Sydney Australia' YouTube Channel. Feel free to send prayer requests at any time during the adoration. To do so, click here.

Natural fertility awareness week 23-29 August Tracking Fertility: Tracking Health. Would you like to discover a way of tracking your cycles and understand a method of family planning in which both members of the couple share this awesome responsibility? This knowledge is something every woman should have and every man can learn! The Billings Ovulation Method® is based on sound science and has been proven an effective method to postpone or achieve a pregnancy and to monitor reproductive health. More info can be found on our website here. Contact our Billings Area Administrator NSW Maria 0408 402 059. An information session about the Billings Ovulation Method® will be held on Monday 23rd August @ 7.30pm - 8.30pm AEST. To register please go here. Further information about natural fertility awareness can be found at the Billings LIFE website here.

Mitchell Electorate Church Leaders Afghanistan Briefing If you are interested in joining this action, please join the zoom session, tonight Friday 20 August, at 7pm with Tim Costello and Refuge Council of Australia here.

Livestreaming of Masses A full list of Masses that are livestreamed in the Diocese of Parramatta can be found here.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK Maureen Hinton, Cath Dalgliesh, Andrew John Foley, Tracy Capdor, Giuseppina Rossi, 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, Chris Ransom, Avelina Iberra, Saja Derbas, Nigel Napoli, 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, Doreen and Dudley Fernando, Rita Terese Keogh, Wieslawa Kielich, Cosimo, Mary Arrowsmith, Sarah-Iane Baillon, Io Fuller, Peter Crocker, Angelique Vanjour, Michelle Climpson, Therese Sergi, Matthew Francis Crowley, Miguel Cayari, Julie Windle, Marie Milligan, Scarlett Lizano, Daniella Gularte, Monty Roughe, Garry Robinson, Felicia, Ona Hobs, Monica Zachulski, Christopher Dean, Charlene Lucre, Janae Winpe, Joelle Fameli, Nancy Margaret Courtney, Janis Murphy, Eunice Ally, Paul Karam, Marie Adolphe, Iolanda Giannetta, Brian, Lucy Farrugia, Marie Rajanayagam, Clement, Joseph Vella, Angela Vasta, Roy Fimmano, Rose Carroll, William and Lesley McEnally, Jacky Charles, Paula Frances Grobbelaar, Nelson Yupangco, John Killelea, Marija Jukic

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Thank you for last week's donations to the parish

Donations may be made in either of the black mail boxes near the old fishpond or the parish office door.

Online donations are accepted through our parish website at *olorparishkellvville.org.au*.

(Click the red "donate" button at the top-right, select "online giving." Choose the type of donation you wish to make from drop down list at "Parish Support" A choice to donate to the parish (to help pay our bills and the staff salaries), the Franciscan friars (to help pay our Friary bills, including food, water, electricy), the Church renovations, or the Shrine of the Holy Innocents.)

Our \$10 "TAP-AS-YOU-GO" card devices at doors of the Church can also be used.

Mass Intentions: 21 - 28 August, 2021

Sat. 21 9.30am Garnett Saw Jason Nursoo 6pm Sun.22 7am Vincenzo & Carmela Bombardiere 9am Maria Aiossa 11am Christino Giordmaina PRO POPULO 6pm Mon. 23 6.45am Garnett Saw John Frewen Tues. 24 6.45am Intention of donor Jorge Albarracin Oneto Wed. 25 6.45am Franciscan friars & families 9.30am Pino Bosco, Mariangela & Antonio Thur. 26 6.45am Those enrolled in FMA 9.30am Maher Nursoo Fri. 27 6.45am Horace Palacio 9.30am Charles, Grace Vella & Joseph 9.30am Bartel Wielstra

All Mass intentions requested will be offered by our Friars privately during this time of COVID restrictions.

Intention of donor

For emergencies only, call 9629-2595, select 3 to leave a message and a priest will return your call.

Shrine of the Holy Innocents Tel: 0429 441 955

8 Greyfriar Place, (PO Box 21), Kellyville, NSW 2155 kellyvilleshrine@yahoo.com.au GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Jn 6:63, 68 Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

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.

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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. O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

THE FUCHARISTIC 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

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 Iesus Christ, who said . . .

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 103:13-15 The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. Through Christ our Lord.

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

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

MAKING DECISIONS

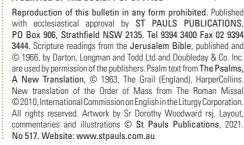
In the lives of us all there are moments when we have to make decisions decisions which will radically shape our future. When Joshua gathered all the people of Israel to the shrine of Shechem it was a moment of decision. Having finally taken possession of their own land, the risk was that they would be assimilated into the religious culture of the people that surrounded them. An even greater danger was that of forgetting the God who had made all this possible. Joshua saw that the time had come for the people of Israel to choose.

In a similar fashion, as Jesus concludes the bread of life discourse, his disciples and his contemporaries are challenged to decide where their allegiance lies. While Jesus' words are a scandal for even some of the disciples, the Twelve, through Peter, decide that Jesus' message is truly life-giving and that it comes from God.

The decision which is envisaged in the second reading is that married couples decide to model their relationship on the love that Jesus has shown in giving up his life for us all. The regulation of relationships in households found here is clearly coloured by its first century context and its language of submission can give the modern reader a jolt. Despite this there are reciprocal demands made on both spouses to model their love on that of Jesus who gave his life for us all.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

THE HOLY ONE OF GOD. It was very difficult for the Jewish people to accept Jesus' teaching that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood if they are to have life. The Twelve accepted his teaching, not because they understood it but because they believed in him. Having seen his signs they believed that he was the Holy One of God. May Christ heal our unbelief that we too may accept his saving words even

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Ps 85:1-3 Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

when we do not understand them fully.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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. 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.

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 cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Josh 24:1-2, 15-18 FIRST READING A reading from the book of Joshua.

We will serve the Lord God, because he is

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

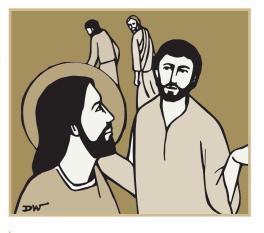
The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

hear and be glad. R.

RESP PSALM Ps 33:2-3, 16-23, R. v. 9 R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked / to destroy their remembrance from the earth. / The Lord turns his eyes to the just / and his ears to their appeal. R.



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- 3. They call and the Lord hears / and rescues them in all their distress. / The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; / those whose spirit is crushed he will save. R.
- 4. Many are the trials of the just man / but from them all the Lord will rescue him. / He will keep guard over all his bones, / not one of his bones shall be broken. R.
- 5. Evil brings death to the wicked; / those who hate the good are doomed. / The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. / Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. R.

SECOND READING Eph 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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