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**Renovation progress report**  
Renovation continues at a slow but steady pace. Manager Michael Spudic assures that he is “making ready” which means, shutting off the electric and power so that when builders arrive the work may proceed. Currently we continue to remove furniture and statues from the site. Some will be sent off to repair damage, others will move to storage and others still will be in the hall. Pews are about 3/4 moved into the hall. The work should be completed this week. We plan to re-use the existing pews, refinishing them to look like the new ones needed. However, it’s not in the current budget as the cost of everything has gone up 30-50% higher due to Covid. If you would like to help cover the costs of renovating the pews (estimated at \$300,000) please make your donations via our website and click [here](#). Thank you for your generosity. Every little bit helps.

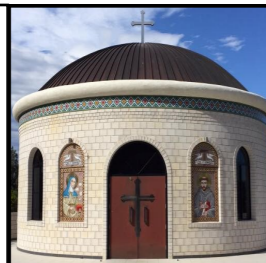


**Please note the Blessed Sacrament is now reserved in the school hall during renovations.**

**Fan the Flame – Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021** *‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.’ Mark 8:27-35* There can be no shortcuts, no bypassing the cross or the tomb, to encounter the resurrection. For new life and new hope to emerge, we need to acknowledge that we are a broken, hurt and traumatised Church... by standing in solidarity and compassion with each other, particularly the wounded, the poor and the traumatised. (*Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper pp. 12 and 18*). To learn the latest about the Plenary Council, click [here](#).

**FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

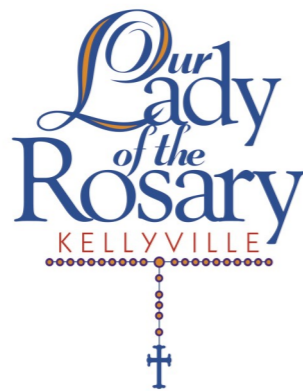
Fr. David Blowey, OFM Conv., Rector  
Come visit and pray in quiet beauty. Although we cannot open the Chapel, the beautiful grounds are open to all.



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**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK** Maureen Hinton, Cath Dalglish, 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 Ibarra, 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 Gor, 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, Angelique Vanjour, Michelle Climpson, Therese Sergi, Matthew Francis Crowley, Miguel Cayari, Julie Windle, Marie Milligan, Scarlett Lizano, Daniella Gualarte, Monty Roughe, Garry Robinson, Felicia, Ona Hobs, Monica Zachulski, Christopher Dean, Charlene Lucre, Janae Winpe, Joelle Farnelli, 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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Under the Pastoral Care of the Conventual Franciscans

**WHAT DOES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SAY ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINES?**  
Given the current debate on COVID-19 vaccines, the Diocese of Parramatta will be sharing information from the Catholic Church on this topic. This information is from the Holy Father, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, and leading Australian bishops. Vaccines have been shown to lessen the impact of COVID-19 on the wider community. Taking the vaccine is not only for yourself, but for the sake of others. Any decision regarding vaccines is yours and should only be made in consultation with your doctor and health professional. **“I believe that morally everyone must take the vaccine. It is the moral choice because it is about your life but also about the lives of others.—Pope Francis**

**Office for Safeguarding is offering online training to keep our parishes safe.** The training provides an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring safe parishes that are welcoming places for all. The team is currently offering accompanied online training courses throughout September and October. If you are interested or have any questions click [here](#) or email the parish office.



**Sacrament News** Any parents who wish to register their child for First Reconciliation, please email Michele Newman, Sacramental Co-ordinator by clicking [here](#). Children must be in Year 2 or above and have already been Baptised. If you need to have a child baptised, please email the parish office by clicking [here](#).

**News on the Crisis in Afghanistan** *“The impacts of COVID-19, prolonged conflict and drought means that hundreds of thousands of people are now facing an uncertain future, where they may not have access to shelter, food, clean water, health care or sanitation for a prolonged period of time.”—Kirsty Robertson, CEO of Caritas Australia.* To learn more about the crisis, including how you can donate to Caritas to help, click [here](#).

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

**Pastoral letter to the young people of Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains** “I am with you always” Matthew 28:20 My dear young people of Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, I write to you today from my own small apartment in Harris Park, in one of countless LGAs of concern across Sydney. COVID cases are frighteningly high in suburbs surrounding me. Like you, I have been locked down for almost 12 weeks and my balcony, with its small makeshift garden has become an intimate place of respite from the concrete walls of my building. I want to let you know that I have been thinking deeply about the situation we share. There is no doubt that the restrictions and subsequent impact on your life, family, and friends is being felt just as strongly by you. **It’s OK to feel angry, emotional, overly dependent or withdrawn.** I imagine, too, that you’re overhearing the stress that your parents, guardians, or roommates are under with home schooling, working from home, loss of income, relationship strain, loneliness or even too many people living too closely together. I can’t imagine what the loss of important milestones in your life might feel like at this time, but **I do know that through the example of Jesus you will be resilient, adaptive and bounce back. His resurrection is proof that there is always light in the darkness.** Most heartbreaking for me in recent weeks has been what reports are calling the “shadow pandemic”. Each day more than 40 children and teenagers from our own backyard are being rushed to emergency departments due to self-harm and mental health problems. We’ve put so many things on hold - during this time - that give us hope. Hope is what gives us the most joy in life and sometimes on our worst days I know it can feel like we’re just not moving anywhere and progressing. Anxiety, depression, and far worse, is on the rise. **During this time, please, keep talking. Whether it be face-to-face around the dinner table or over the phone or Zoom. Please, also keep walking and keep active. Walk with a friend who lives nearby or someone you live with. Exercise is so good for our mental health and our bodies. It gets us out of the four walls that can feel oppressive, dark, and confined, and into the sunlight that is warm on our face and the fresh air moving through our lungs.** This R U OK? Day, I encourage you to consider going a little more deeply in supporting each other and turn that one, simple, but potentially powerful question into a true conversation. **I’m also pleased to share with you a website we launched today called With You ([parracatholic.org/withyou](http://parracatholic.org/withyou)) a collection of new initiatives we’ve developed to journey with you, accompanied by some outstanding resources that I pray will find, and grow that sense of HOPE in your hearts during these challenging times.** This includes content from some wonderful organisations. Remember that there is absolutely no shame in reaching out to them for help. I will continue to pray for you and your good health. May you find continued peace and serenity during these troubled times. **As scripture reminds us, we are not to be afraid nor dismayed, for our Lord is with us wherever we go.** I have found great comfort lately in reflecting on the scriptural account of the ‘Journey to Emmaus’ and particularly turning my mind to how the disciples felt on the road and knowing that they could share with each other their doubts and struggles that the Lord became present to them. In such company they journeyed on to Eucharist and then mission. We have so much to look forward to together. In Christ, Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv Bishop of Parramatta Given at Parramatta

To view the new “With You” website click [here](#).

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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. Click [here](#) to donate

(Be sure to choose the type of donation you wish to make from drop down list at “Parish Support”. With the options you can choose to donate to **Parish Support**, to help pay our bills and the staff salaries; the **Franciscan friars**, to help pay our Friary bills, including food, water, electricity; the **Church renovations**; or the **Shrine of the Holy Innocents**.)

**Our \$10 “TAP-AS-YOU-GO” card devices are now at the double doors of the parish office and can also be used to donate to the parish or the friars.**

**Mass Intentions: 11 - 18 September, 2021**

Sat. 11	9.30am	Intention of donor
	6pm	Joseph F Mizzi
Sun. 12	7am	Christa Baitinger
	9am	Giovanni La Rosa
	11am	Jaime De Guzman
	6pm	Intention of donor
Mon. 13	6.45am	Jacquelin Capdor
	7pm	Marie Bertine Roussety
Tues. 14	6.45am	Intention of donor
	7pm	Those enrolled in FMA
Wed. 15	6.45am	Andrew Zahra & Wayne Holland
	9.30am	Jaime Caraig (Snr)
Thur. 16	6.45am	Earl Kevin Pelaez Malahay
	9.30am	Intention of donor
Fri. 17	6.45am	Intention of donor
	9.30am	Charles, Grace Vella and Joseph Scicluna
Sat. 18	9.30am	Intention of donor
	6pm	Luigi Sellaro

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

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

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*You are the Christ . . . The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

**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. Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. 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

**How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our

minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. 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.**

#### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

##### PATHWAY TO LIFE

In Caesarea Philippi as Jesus prepared to take the dark road to Calvary he asked his disciples whether they really understood his mission and the fearful fate that awaited him in Jerusalem. Not surprisingly, their understanding was limited and their vision clouded by hopes and dreams of an earthly kingdom and release from foreign oppression and domination. Peter was correct in identifying Jesus as the Christ, the anointed king, but completely misguided in thinking that Jesus could avoid the passion. It was precisely by this means that he would open a pathway to the glory of the resurrection. After the resurrection the early disciples came to understand that the mystery of the identity of the suffering servant of Isaiah was now revealed. Jesus was the one who was able to endure the shame and suffering of the cross with confidence and courage because he knew that the love of God would always be there to sustain him.

Jesus was clear that those who want to follow him must be prepared to courageously set out on the same path. The mystery of the paradox of losing our lives in order to find them is one that each disciple must embrace. The letter of James reflects on how this can be lived out at the most practical level by giving of oneself and what we have for the good of those less fortunate than ourselves. Acknowledging that Jesus is the Christ is one thing, putting it into practice is another. Our actions will speak louder than our words.

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

12 SEPTEMBER 2021

WHO DO PEOPLE SAY I AM? In modern parlance, we could say that Jesus was seeking some feedback from his disciples about himself, especially how he was perceived, when he asked this question. If we were to ask Jesus, 'how would you describe today's Christians?', what feedback do you think he might give? How do you think a non-believer might describe the Christian community?

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *cf. Sir 36:18*

**Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.**

#### 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. Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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

##### FIRST READING

Isa 50:5-9

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**  
*I gave my body to those who struck me.*

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help,

who dare condemn me?

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

##### RESP PSALM

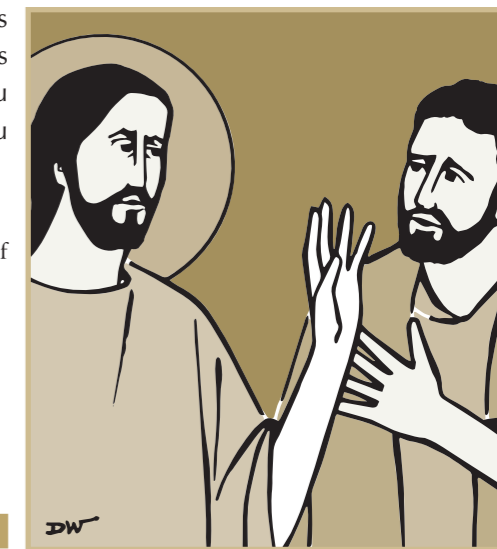
Ps 114:1-6, 8-9. R. v. 9

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living. (or Alleluia!)**

1. I love the Lord for he has heard / the cry of my appeal; / for he turned his ear to me / in the day when I called him. **R.**

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, / with the anguish of the tomb; / they caught me, sorrow and distress. / I called on the Lord's name. / O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; / our God has compassion. / The Lord protects the simple hearts; / I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**



4. He has kept my soul from death, / my eyes from tears / and my feet from stumbling. / I will walk in the presence of the Lord / in the land of the living. **R.**

##### SECOND READING

James 2:14-18

**A reading from the letter of St James.**

*Faith without good works is dead.*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

**The word of the Lord.**

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##### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gal 6:14

**Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!**

##### GOSPEL

Mk 8:27-35

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

**P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.**

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**