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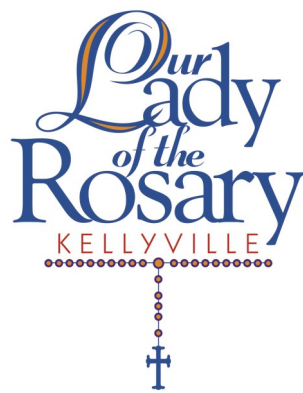
until Benediction at 8.15pm. Come join us to give thanks for blessings received and pray for the coming new year of 2022.

**Saturday, 1 January 2022**, is the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God. Mass times for the feast are on Friday night, 7 pm for the vigil (see above) and 9.30am on the actual day. The evening Mass at 6pm will be for the Solemnity of Epiphany.

**Fr. Alejandro update** on a close contact with someone with Covid: If you recall from last week's bulletin, I shared how (on the Saturday before Christmas) I visited a parishioner who later found out they had Covid. Since that time, I've isolated for the last two weeks, or so. By the time you read this, I'll have had *three* Covid tests, all of them negative. I wanted to make sure that you understood that I never suffered any symptoms and was not infected. Thus, I have been resting waiting in my room during this isolation period. (I wanted to be sure you would not be put at risk of the virus by me.) Truly I've been enjoying a little short and restful break that has allowed me to ready for the new, busy and exciting 2022. I have missed seeing you at Christmas but have been praying for you as you have for me. Thank you for all your concern, prayers, kind words and love during my rest. I think God knew I needed it! Feeling so blessed—Fr. Alejandro

**Thank you** for the many, many gifts, donations, fruitcakes, and cards throughout this Christmastide. We are overwhelmed by your love. We will be sending out thank you cards to all those who gave us gifts. However, some presents were dropped off without names or the tags have been separated from the gifts. Know of our sincere thanks and appreciation for everything—the Kellyville Conventual Franciscan friars.

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**GENTLE REMINDER: MASKS ARE A MUST AT MASS!**

**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-Jane Baillon, Jo 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, 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, Raul Mendoza Nissaka Gunawardena, Paul Opollito

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

**ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY 2021 CHRISTMAS APPEAL** will take place throughout the Masses this weekend, 1-2 January, 2022. Every day at Vinnies, they see that ordinary people make an extraordinary difference. They feel inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture and inspire—the power to change lives—is in everyone! Your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness, and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated. If you are able to contribute to the Christmas Appeal, an envelope will be on your seat in our Church. Please enclose a donation or fill out and return to a St. Vincent de Paul Society member waiting at the hall entrance. **Eftpos will also be available.** Finally, you may also donate on-line by clicking [here](#) or by phone at 13 18 12. Please help them help others. It's a great and generous way to celebrate Our Lord's birthday! Thank you!

**We've saved you a seat, now put your name on it!** As a member of our faith family, you're invited to give a gift that will last beyond your lifetime as we renovate our pews. You can donate for a whole pew (\$3,500) or a half pew (\$1,750), giving all at once or over 2-12 months. See our colour brochures with the red masthead for more details. If you would like to make a donation now, [click here](#).

**Shrine Epiphany Extractions** will take place following the 7am Mass this Sunday, 2 January, 2022. Following the Mass, the congregation will be asked to take a card with a quote and another with a special saint for the year. Donation boxes will be by the plates for participants to leave a gift for the Shrine which is much in need of support. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Important Message:** From 15 December 2021 the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is now imposed once again given that public health orders no longer require adherence to density limits in our church buildings.

**Livestreamed Masses** from across the Diocese of Parramatta are still available on the Diocesan website [here](#). For more information, please visit the Diocesan website [here](#).

**The Well' offering on-demand spiritual nourishment** Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement? Why not check out The Well! The Diocese 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with. In the lead up to Christmas, check out our featured range of videos and resources for children, families and young people to prepare us to welcome Our Lord at Christmas. Visit [here](#) today.

**Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal will reopen in 2022** The office of the Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta will be unattended from 23 December 2021 until 16 January 2022. The Tribunal remains committed to assisting anyone with enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Should you wish to contact the office during this time, you are welcome to leave a message on (02) 8838 3480 or email [here](#) and they will be attended to when the office re-opens.

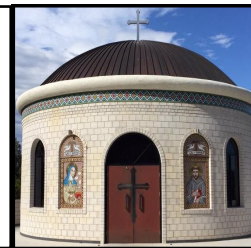
**Spiritual Communion Prayer** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED AT ALL MASSES**

**FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

Fr. David Blowey, OFM Conv., *Rector*

Come visit and pray in quiet beauty. The Chapel is open every day from 6am - 6pm. Please be respectful of the Covid restrictions.



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**Thank you for last week's donations to the parish in the sum of \$1,042.55**

Donations may be made in the black mail box at 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 "TAP-AND-GO" card devices are in the Church and can be used to donate to the parish or the friars.**

**Mass Intentions: 1 - 8 Jan.-2022**

Sat. 1 Jan.	9.30am 6pm	Peter Hanrahan Maureen and Thomas Kendrick
Sun. 2	7am 9am  11am 6pm	<b>PRO POPULO</b> Ernesto, Maria Rosa and Jeannette Murdocca Frederico and Minion Aguilera Anne Bryce
Mon. 3	6.45am 7pm	Greg Payne Andy Zahra and Wayne Holland
Tues. 4	6.45am 7pm	Paul Ruhaak Intention of donor
Wed. 5	6.45am 9.30am	Intention of donor Intention of donor
Thur. 6	6.45am 9.30am	John & Angelina Ferreira Intention of donor
Fri. 7	6.45am 9.30am	Ferreira family Zobeil Capdor
Sat. 8	9.30am 6pm	Intention of donor Intention of donor

**Offering Masses for loved ones** Would you like to celebrate the lives of family and friends by having Masses offered for them during the year? Please contact the Parish office if you would like to book a Mass.

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

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come to do him homage.’ When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ‘At Bethlehem in Judaea’, they told him ‘for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.’

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. ‘Go and find out all about the child,’ he said ‘and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.’ Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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 OF EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*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. Mt 2:2  
We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. 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.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

DAWN OF A NEW ERA

In the midst of the tribulation of the exile, Isaiah had a vision of the birth of a new time when the nations would no longer be enemies of God’s chosen people but would even assist in bringing them back from exile in Babylon. Recognising the God of Israel and expressing their praise by means of treasures offered in tribute, all peoples would now worship the living God.

As the Gentiles responded to the preaching of Paul and others, they knew that the vision of Isaiah was becoming a reality as former enemies were now united by their faith in Jesus. The dividing wall of hostility had been broken down through the death of Jesus (Ephesians 2:14) and a new human family was being born where the Gentiles and Jews were all members of the one body.

Matthew wrote his Gospel sometime after Paul’s letter to the Ephesians but shared in the same vision of Isaiah and Paul. He knew that the birth of Jesus meant not only the dawn of the time of the Messiah but also the dawn of a new humanity where Jews and Gentiles would be united in their belief. The Magi were the first of many Gentiles who would come to see Jesus as their Saviour, their King, and their Lord. As they worshipped before Jesus, Isaiah’s vision and dream had become a reality, one that is still in the process of being fulfilled.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / C

2 JANUARY 2022

THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS. For some Christians the feast of Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today’s Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we can ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chron 19:12  
Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

GREETING  
P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
R. Amen.  
P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
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 came to gather the nations into the peace of God’s kingdom: Lord have mercy.  
R. Lord, have mercy.  
P. You come in word and in sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy: Christ have mercy.  
R. Christ, have mercy.  
P. You will come again in glory with salvation for your people: 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 Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT  
P. O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. 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 60:1-6  
A reading from the prophet Isaiah.  
*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*  
Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.  
The word of the Lord.  
R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 71:1-2, 7-13  
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.  
1. O God, give your judgement to the king,/to a king’s son your justice,/that he may judge your people in justice/and your poor in right judgement. R.  
2. In his days justice shall flourish/and peace till the moon fails./He shall rule from sea to sea,/from the Great River to earth’s bounds. R.  
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts/shall pay him tribute./The kings of Sheba and Seba/shall bring him gifts./Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,/all nations shall serve him. R.



4. For he shall save the poor when they cry/and the needy who are helpless./He will have pity on the weak/and save the lives of the poor. R.

SECOND READING Eph 3:2-3, 5-6  
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.  
*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*  
You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.  
The word of the Lord.  
R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 2:2  
Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 2:1-12  
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.  
*We have come from the East to worship the King.*  
After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. ‘Where is the infant king of the Jews?’ they asked. ‘We saw his star as it rose and have