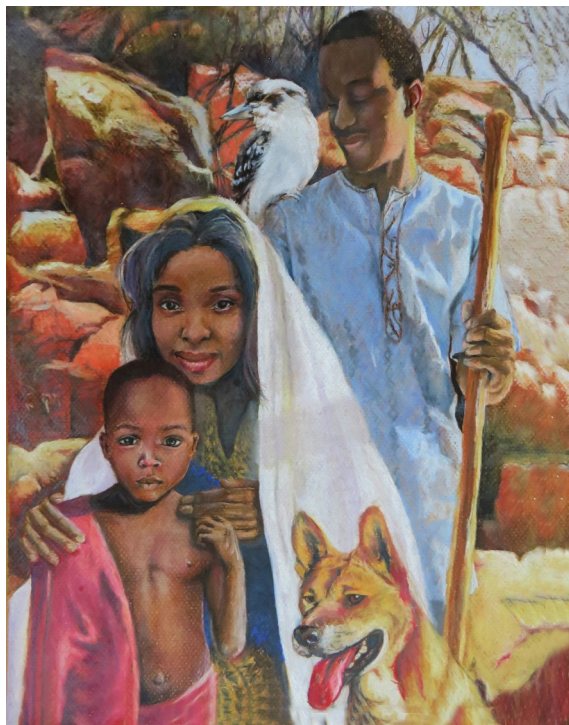
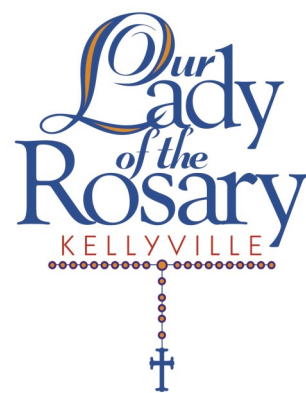


Fr. Alejandro Lopez, OFM Conv., Parish Priest
Fr. Leonides Mateo, OFM Conv., Associate Priest



In the fifth in a series, coloured-pencil drawing, *Out of Australia I Called My Son*, artist Fr. Alejandro López, OFM Conv. continues combining stories of Christ with Australian flora and fauna. Depicted as immigrants from Nigeria, the Holy Family are returning to home after many years abroad. The Child Jesus and his mother, Mary, gaze at us, drawing us in. Joseph's protective gaze remains fixed on his family. Like America, Australia is a land of immigrants. Yet society often denies gifts that come from this pairing while scapegoating foreigners, especially those with darker skin. After Christ's birth, his family fled from a tyrant and sought refuge in a foreign land. Sadly, the desperate flight, and the prejudice they must have also felt, still occur today. Yet all are the same family which God adopted when the Word became Flesh and "pitched his tent among us" (John 1:14). Happily Christ makes His home with us, especially among outcasts. Doing so is a Christmas gift that heals our sight, helping us see the Lord in those whom society rejects. Most beloved by the artist, Australia's "laughing" kookaburra represents the Holy Spirit's delight with Creation. The canine, depicted by a dingo, is a traditional symbol of fidelity. Here, the wild dog represents God's unbreakable, steadfast love. The sun-baked, red rocks of the Outback complete the glowing picture.



Under the Pastoral Care of
the Conventual Franciscans

Where is our parish priest? Last weekend I went to visit a homebound parishioner. The person later was readmitted to hospital and they discovered that the person had Covid, though asymptomatic. I have since tested myself and am negative and have self-quarantined in my room since Covid takes up to 14 days to show symptoms. I will be having another Covid test on day 6 since my visit and again on day 12. Unfortunately, because of the timing, that means that I will not be around for Christmas or the Sunday after or other days until the 14 days are up. I will be using my time to pray for all of you and to be a self-directed retreat. Please keep me in your prayers, as I will you. Merry Christmas—your parish priest, Fr. Alejandro

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY 2021 CHRISTMAS APPEAL will take place on the 1-2 January, 2022. Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We 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 your Vinnies member waiting at the entrance. Eftpos will be available, you may also donate on-line by clicking [here](#) or by phone at 13 18 12. Please help us to help others. It's a great and generous way to celebrate Our Lord's birthday! Thank you!

A Merry and Holy Christmas from your Friars and parish staff

Special thanks to the "elves" who helped decorate our church for Christmas last week: Melvina Barboza, Osasere Eguaior, Paul Fameron, Zeus Malihay, Fr. Leonides Mateo, Michele Newman, Christopher and Julian Rodriguez, Lucas and Elisa Sanders and Judith Grace Vella.

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 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 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 Gualarte, 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

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

Sunday Obligation As Christmas falls on a Saturday, Catholics are required to attend a Mass for Christmas (on the eve or day) and a Mass for the Sunday (26 December). Please see the schedule at right and take special note that there is no evening Mass on Saturday.

CHRISTMAS at OLOR

CHRISTMAS EVE Friday, 24 December
6pm, 8pm Masses and
Carols at 11pm with 11.30pm "Midnight" Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY, Saturday 25 December
7am, 9am and 11am Masses
(THERE IS NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY)

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, Sunday, 26 December
7am, 9am, 11am and 6pm Masses

MONDAY, 27 December
8am Mass only

HOLY INNOCENTS Tuesday, 28 December
Adoration at 10am with Benediction at 10.45am
11am Mass only

FRIDAY, 31 December
6.45am, 9.30am, 7pm (Vigil)

MARY MOTHER OF GOD, Saturday 1 January, 2022
9.30am and 6pm Masses (Vigil of Epiphany)

EPIPHANY, Sunday 2 January, 2022
7am, 9am 11am and 6pm Masses

Important Message from The Very Rev Peter G. Williams, Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia: On 20 March 2020 Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta were dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice (Canon 1248 §2 and Catechism 2181) by virtue of a Decree issued by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv. **From 15 December 2021 this Decree is now revoked and the Sunday obligation is now imposed once again given that public health orders no longer require adherence to density limits in our church buildings.**

Mass of the Holy Innocents will be on Tuesday, 28 December at 11am, preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 10am with Benediction at 10.45am.



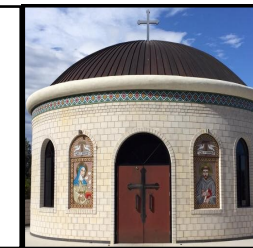
Join us as we renew our faithful old pews by dedicating a Pew in honour of those close to your heart for the glory of God and Our Lady of the Rosary - [click here](#).

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.



Thank you for last week's donations to the parish in the sum of \$1,225.65

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: 25 Dec. 2021 - 1 Jan. 2022

Christmas Eve	Intention of Friars
Christmas Day	Intention of Friars
Sunday 26	7am Joseph, Martha & Joe Mizzi 9pm Ernesto Murdocca 11am Vitori Alberti 6pm PRO POPULO
Mon. 27	6.45am Intention of donor 7pm Andy Zahra & Wayne Holland
Tues. 28	11am Holy Innocents
Wed. 29	6.45am Fr. Emmanuel Gatt OFM Conv. 9.30am Holy Souls
Thurs. 30	6.45am Intention of donor 9.30am Edward Jones
Fri. 31	6.45am Intention of donor 9.30am Intention of donor 7pm Intention of donor
Sat. 1 Jan.	9.30am Peter Hanrahan 6pm Maureen and Thomas Kendrick

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. Each week we publish the names (as above) of the deceased for whom Masses are offered. For people who are still alive the words "Intention of donor" appear. In this way their privacy is respected.

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

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VIGIL MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ex 16:6-7
Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.

Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria – see front page

COLLECT
O God, who gladden us year by year as we wait in hope for our redemption, grant that, just as we joyfully welcome your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer, we may also merit to face him confidently when he comes again as our Judge. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isa 62:1-5

RESP PSALM Ps 88: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia Alleluia!
Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed:
The Saviour of the word will be our king. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 1:18-25

Profession of Faith – see front page

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
As we look forward, O Lord, to the coming festivities, may we serve you all the more eagerly for knowing that in them you make manifest the beginnings of our redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Isa 40:5
The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may draw new vigour from celebrating the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, by whose heavenly mystery we receive both food and drink. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Solemn Blessing – see front page



MIDNIGHT MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 2:7
The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.
or
Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria – see front page

COLLECT
O God, who have made this most sacred night radiant with the splendour of the true light, grant, we pray, that we, who have known the mysteries of his light on earth, may also delight in his gladness in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isa 9:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 95: 1-3, 11-13
R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 2:10-11
Alleluia Alleluia!
Good news and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 2:1-14

Profession of Faith – see front page

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
May the oblation of this day’s feast be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we may be found in the likeness of Christ, in whom our nature is united to you. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 1:14
The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, that we, who are gladdened by participation in the feast of our Redeemer’s Nativity, may through an honourable way of life become worthy of union with him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Solemn Blessing – see front page

DAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Isa 9:5
A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria – see front page

COLLECT
O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isa 52:7-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:1-6
R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

SECOND READING Heb 1:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia Alleluia!
A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 1:1-18

Profession of Faith – see front page

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
Make acceptable, O Lord, our oblation on this solemn day, when you manifested the reconciliation that makes us wholly pleasing in your sight and inaugurated for us the fullness of divine worship. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 97:3
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Grant, O merciful God, that, just as the Saviour of the world, born this day, is the author of divine generation for us, so he may be the giver even of immortality. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Solemn Blessing – see front page

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD / C
25 DECEMBER 2021

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
see back page for relevant Mass

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 are mighty God and Prince of Peace: Lord have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
P. You are the Son of God and the Son of Mary: Christ have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
P. You are the Word made Flesh, the splendour of the Father: 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 see back page for relevant Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD

see back page for relevant Mass

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS:
see back page for relevant Mass

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, II OR III OF THE NATIVITY 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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

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
see back page for relevant Mass

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
see back page for relevant Mass

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

SOLEMN BLESSING
P. May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night (day), drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.
R. Amen.

P. May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son’s saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.
R. Amen.

P. And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.
R. Amen.
P. And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.
P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
R. Thanks be to God.