

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

David's Place thanks you for your generosity towards their appeal last weekend when \$5,072 was collected. Note: The wrapping of David's Place Christmas gifts will take place after 9.30am Mass on **Friday, 16 December**, in the old parish hall. If you are available, please come with Christmas cheer and help with wrapping!

Please note : There will be no 9:30 AM Mass or confessions on Saturday, 24 December, as we will be decorating the church for Christmas

Message for weekday Mass goers (Mon - Friday): please refrain from parking in the school parking lot, which is the one outside the main doors of the Church. Please park instead in the large parking lot behind the Church. Thank you for your support.

Save the date On 29 January, following the 11am, we will offer a farewell Mass for Fr. Alejandro and Fr. Tony. Please come to express thanks and share a plate with other parishioners.

Where are all the Christmas decorations? As in other years, at OLOR we celebrate the Season of Advent for as long as possible. We join with Holy Mother Church in lighting the candles of the Advent Wreath as we await and ready for the Lord's Coming. Thus we wait until the last minute possible to start decorating the church so that we can stay focused on Advent. By 24 December we will begin the great celebration of our Lord's Nativity and then the church will be decorated with trees and all other joyful decorations.

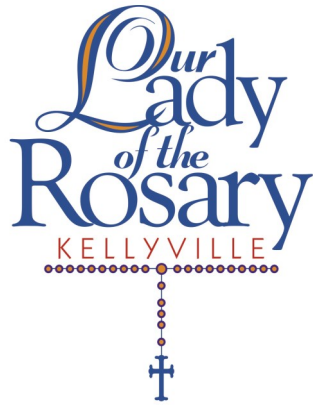
Acolytes, servers, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (Ems) are needed in the new church. Interested in serving during liturgies? Please click [here](#) or contact the parish office.

Please note: The parish office will be closed from 26 December to 2 January 2023.

Help in our piety store We need volunteers to help open and attend our piety store after each of the Masses? Please click [here](#) if interested.

Help with cleaning our Lord's church We need families or group of friends to help vacuum the Church, clean the candle stands and wash the glass doors on a regular basis? Please click [here](#) if interested.

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Office Tel.: 9629-2595
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Under the Pastoral Care of
the Conventual Franciscans

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

Please note : There will be no 6 pm Mass or on Sunday, 25 December

Like, follow and share OLOR Kellyville Youth! Our youth and young adults now have [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Search for @olorkellyvilleyouth!

Our final 2022 Youth Group is this Sunday, 18 December! Join us for the Youth Mass at 6pm followed by a Christmas Party in the old hall from 7pm - 8:45pm. (Like our [Facebook page](#) and follow us on [Instagram](#)!)

Mass on the Feast of the Holy Innocents (28 December) will be at 11am in the Parish Church followed by a Eucharistic Procession and Rosary to the Timber Chapel where there will be Eucharistic Benediction. Lunch will follow in the Undercroft. Please bring a plate to share.

Midnight Mass to see in the New Year will be celebrated at St. Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill, beginning with self-reflection prayer at 11.30pm, Benediction at 11.50pm and Holy Mass at 12 midnight.

2022 Christmas Mass and Reconciliation Times Christmas Mass and Reconciliation Times from parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are available [here](#) on the Diocesan social media channels.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2023 will recommence next year in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship [here](#) or call 0460 037 795 or visit [here](#) to download an enrolment form.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK Maureen Hinton, Andrew Foley, Tracy Capdor, Giuseppina Rossi, Stephanie, Christopher Anthony, Peter Prizas, Leo Keutman, Helen Lewis, Winnie Smith, Robin Banks, Ricardo Patane, Michael Dimech, Chris Ransom, Avelina Iberra, Saja Derbas, Nigel Napoli, Arnel Galeng, Andrea Bioco, Vitaliana Terrado, Antonino Pull, Betty Muldoon, Carmelo M Ortea, Josephine Murphy, Floralba Gonzalez, Maria Glinka, Doreen and Dudley Fernando, Wieslawia Kielich, Cosimo, Mary Arrowsmith, Sarah-Jane Baillon, Jo Fuller, Peter Crocker, Angelique Vanjour, Michelle Climpson, Matthew Francis Crowley, Miguel Cayari, Julie Windle, Marie Milligan, Scarlett Lizano, Daniella Gulate, Monty Roughie, Garry Robinson, Ona Hobs, Christopher Dean, Charlene Lucre, Janae Winpe, Joelle Fameli, Nancy Margaret Courtney, Janis Murphy, Eunice Ally, Paul Karam, Marie Adolphe, Iolanda Giannetta, Lucy Farrugia, Clement, Joseph Vella, Angela Vasta, Roy Fimmano, Rose Carroll, William and Lesley McEnally, Jacky Charles, Nelson Yupangco, John Killelea, Marija Jukic, Nissaka Gunawardena, Paul Opollito, Myra Fagel, Estella Odojan, Dolores Carreon, Matthew Nazariat, Negin Safaei, Norma Webber.

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Parish office is closed on Mondays.

Advent reconciliation
Saturdays: 10am and Mondays: 7.30pm

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Saturday 24 December
There is NO Morning Mass on Christmas Eve

CHRISTMAS VIGIL
6pm YOUTH Mass
(Children are invited to dress up as Nativity figures and process in with celebrant.)

8pm Mass
11pm Christmas Carols
11:30pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY
7am, 9am and 11am Masses
There is no evening Mass

CHRISTMAS OCTAVE
Monday, 26 December
8am Mass only.
(There is no early morning or evening Mass)

Wednesday, 28 December
Solemnity of the Holy Innocents 11am
There are no other Masses on this day

Weekend Masses for 31 December-1 January
follow normal schedule

Monday, 1 January
8am Mass only.
(There is no early morning or evening Mass)

Thank you for last week's donation to the parish of \$1,851.35

Donations may be made in the black mailbox at the door of the parish office.

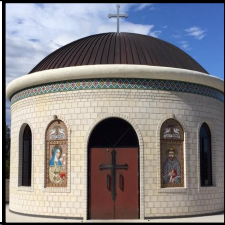
Online donations are accepted through our parish website [here](#). "TAP-AND-GO" card devices are at both entrances to the Church and can be used to donate to the parish or the friars.

Fr. Alejandro's updated Wish List for the Renovated Church: Closets for Priest's vestments in the Sacristy - \$18,084; Sacristy cabinets \$13,904; Sacristy island cabinet - \$15,829; 4 pedestals for statues (\$968 each); and repairs to the outdoor statue of St. Francis \$5,500. If you would like to make any of these wishes a reality, please contact the parish office (see bottom left). Thank you in advance!

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.



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REGULAR PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturdays: 9:30am and 6pm (Sunday Vigil)
Sundays: 7am, 9am, 11am and 6pm

Mondays and Tuesdays: 6.45am and 7pm
Wednesdays, Thursdays : 6.45am and 9.30am
Fridays: 6.45am, 9.30am
(and 7pm on First Fridays of each month)

CONFESSION TIMES
10-10.30am on Saturdays
7.30pm - 8pm on Mondays

THIS SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Would you like to receive your **weekly bulletin via email**? If so, please click [here](#)

Mass Intentions: 17 - 24 Dec. 2022		
Sat. 17	9.30am 6pm	Andy Zahra and Wayne holland Therese, Sergi and Catanzaritti family
Sun. 18	7am	Carmela and Vincenzo Bombardiere
	9am	Salvatore & Giovanna-Maria Frasca, Teresa Crucitti
	11am 6pm	Maria Giuseppina Panetta K M Mathew
Mon. 19	6.45am 7pm	Ivor Stephen Pelaez Malahay Andy Zahra and Wayne Holland
Tues. 20	6.45am 7pm	Giuseppe Vumbaca Fallil family
Wed. 21	6.45am 9.30am	Joseph F Mizzi Keith Schembri
Thur. 22	6.45am 9.30am	Edgardo & Espinosa family Edward Jones
Fri. 23	6.45am 9.30am	Intention of donor Intention of donor
	6pm 8pm 11.30pm	Intention of Celebrant Intention of Celebrant Intention of Celebrant
Sat. 24	6pm 8pm 11.30pm	Intention of Celebrant Intention of Celebrant Intention of Celebrant
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For emergencies only, call 9629-2595 and select 4 to leave a message

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the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.’ Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means ‘God-is-with-us’.
When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

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. May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 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 II OF ADVENT
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
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 Isa 7:14
Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son’s Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
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 in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD
GOD CARES
While many people can assert that God exists, it is often a huge leap to be able to say with confidence that God cares about what we are going through. It is even a greater leap to be able to say that God actually cares enough to be with us in the complexity and challenges of our lives. Both the first reading from Isaiah and today’s Gospel proclaim that God cares enough to be with us and that the living God often works in and through the most disturbing and surprising events. King Ahaz had given in to despair in the face of the imminent attack on Jerusalem by more powerful forces. Joseph was struggling to come to terms with Mary’s pregnancy which was both disconcerting and unexpected. Both Ahaz and Joseph were led to recognise that God’s presence was to be seen in the birth of a child whose very name – God with us – was a constant reminder not to lose heart in the God who loves us.

As Paul begins the letter to the Romans, he reflects on the marvellous call that he has received to be an apostle. He sets the story of Jesus firmly within the saving history of God’s dealings with the people of Israel, but this is not the end of the story. The God of surprises has made it clear to Paul that what happened in the birth of Jesus belongs to all humanity. In Jesus, God has come close to all peoples and Paul’s mission is to preach this message to the nations.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION
MATTHEW
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A
18 DECEMBER 2022

A MAN OF HONOUR. Today’s Gospel invites us to reflect on Joseph, the husband of Mary, who played such an important role in God’s plan of salvation. Joseph was a man of honour who combined respect for the law with compassion for Mary. He was open to hear God’s word to him. He is an example for us all.

INTRODUCTORY RITES
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 45:8
Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.
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. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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.
The Gloria is not said during Advent.

COLLECT
P. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. 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 7:10–14
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The virgin will conceive.
The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, ‘Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself

coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.’ ‘No,’ Ahaz answered ‘I will not put the Lord to the test.’
Then Isaiah said:
‘Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign.
It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means “God-is-with-us”.
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 23:1–6. R. cf. vv. 7. 10
R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.
1. The Lord’s is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R.**
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **R.**
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

SECOND READING Rom 1:1–7
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.
From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from



the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God’s beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 1:23
Alleluia, alleluia!
The virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 1:18–24
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.
Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when