

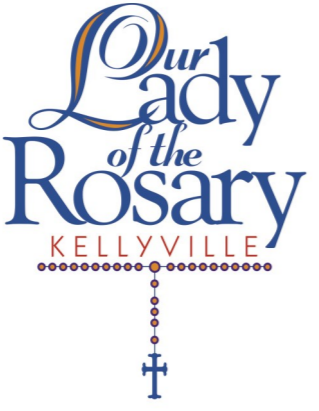
Fr. Alejandro Lopez, OFM Conv., Parish Priest
Fr. Leonides Mateo, OFM Conv., Associate Priest

When are you leaving, Father Alejandro? The question's difficult to answer. If people mean, "When are you leaving the parish?" that will be at the end of this month. I am finished with my assignment on 31 January, 2023 and heading out of the way of the new parish priest who begins his role on 1 February. I have been given permission to take a sabbatical of a few months after this difficult assignment. Know that it's difficult not because of you, but because of the work in Kellyville. With the renovations, the delays due to flooding, council and other complications, with Covid, with it being my first time being parish priest, with it being my first time living outside the United States, with it being my first time living in a different country, administering here, it all adds up to become my toughest assignment yet. I have survived it only because of the kindnesses, support and love that you all have offered me. My provincial has given me permission to travel and see other parts of Australia for the next couple of months. My religious worker visa expires later this year; by law I am required to depart Australia in early April so I will depart on 2 April. Then in the United States, I will be visiting family and reconnecting for a few weeks. Officially, I will be starting my new assignment as parish priest at Mary, Mother of God Parish on 6 May, 2023. You may contact me via Angela in the OLOR parish office. Or you may reach me by post at: St. Francis of Assisi Friary, 1220 W. Catalpa Ave, Chicago, IL 60640, USA. You can also email me here: friaralex@hotmail.com. I also connect with people by sending out my Sunday homilies on a weekly basis. Should you want to receive my homilies, please email me above with the subject line "Sunday homilies." Peace and All Good, Fr. Alejandro

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

Fr. Alejandro thanks to all who've already helped. A sum of \$1,880 has been donated! Your donations will help cover the costs to ship around 15 boxes, some containing heavy books, back to the States. (At the moment we really don't know exactly the cost as post office freight is due to the weight. We estimate around \$100/box.) If you would like to aid the Kellyville friars by helping defer some of the cost of shipping, simply click [here](#). Any amount collected over what is needed will be left with the Kellyville friars.

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

Youth Group returns for all high school students on Sunday, 5 February with the annual 'Headless Barbie Challenge!' Find out what all the fun is about in the old hall from 7pm-8.45pm, following the 6pm Youth Mass. Stay in the loop by contacting us [here](#), liking our [Facebook page](#) and following us on [Instagram!](#)

Young Adults returns on Friday, 3 February, with the launch of our *Journey of Hope* series! We're kicking off by attending a FREE talk by Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ, the most senior woman in the Vatican, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 7pm-8:30pm. Limited places available - register ASAP [here!](#)

World Youth Day Update: 13 pilgrims from OLOR, including our very own Br Bernard, have said "yes" to WYD 2023! But they need your spiritual and financial support to get there. Click [here](#) or contact the Parish Office to make a donation! Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Local Parishioner needs help getting to daily Mass on Wednesdays. She needs to be picked up and delivered to Benson Road in Beaumont Hills. Thank you to those who have already offered help on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. With a rotation it is easier for those involved. Contact the parish office by clicking [here](#). Bless you in advance!

Happy Australia Day! On behalf of the friars and parish staff we wish you a safe and happy Australia Day. Please note that the office will be closed on Thursday 26 January. Masses will be at the usual times of 6.45am and 9.30am.



Prayer for Australia Day Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may the Light of Christ surround our nation, to its peoples old and new, and by saving grace, transform our lives through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

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, Wieslawa 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 Gularte, Monty Roughe, 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 Odtojan, Dolores Carreon, Matthew Nazariat, Negin Safae, Norma Webber.

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The parish office is closed on Mondays.

To our 6.45am Weekday Mass-goers: Please refrain from parking in the upper lot off Diana Avenue (up by the school offices) on Monday 20 January. The school has organised for line marking at the main gate, and putting in a roundabout and some changes to the parking bay lines. The work will commence at 8am and should finish by end of day.



Are you new to the Parish? Welcome! Please let us know by clicking [here](#) and we'll provide a Census Form to enrol your family at OLOR

Are you interested in having a monthly 'date with our Lord'? Come and join the all-night Vigil Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents every last Saturday of the month. There you will enjoy the intimacy of having one-on-one time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at an hour of your choosing. Adoration begins after 7pm Mass at the Shrine on Friday night (27 January) and continues to 11am Mass on Saturday morning (28 January). If you would like to commit to a regular hour each month, please call or text Cecille who will return your call to arrange a mutually convenient schedule. You can reach Cecille at 0415 253 771.



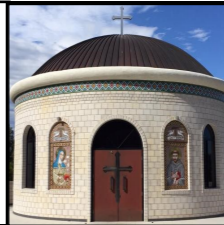
Our Wednesday morning knitting group will start up again on 25 January. Join us if you would like to knit for the poor between 10am and 12 Noon on Wednesday mornings. All welcome!

Baptism Preparation for parents and godparents who have booked to have children baptised in February, is on Wednesday 1 February at 7pm.

Thank you for last week's donation to the parish of \$2,420.35
Donations may be made in the black mailbox at the parish office door.
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 \$5,000. 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: 21 - 28 Jan 2023

Sat. 21	9.30am	Intention of donor
	6pm	Neville Borgonah
Sun. 22	7am	Ivan Ratnayake
	9am	Giuseppina Panetta
	11am	PRO POPULO
	6pm	Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland and Sam Bugeja
Mon. 23	6.45am	Intention of donor
	7pm	Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland and Sam Bugeja
Tues. 24	6.45am	Aurora & Elpidio de Pedro
	7pm	Martin and Ahn Purnomo
Wed. 25	6.45am	Holy Souls
	9.30am	Donald Gubbay
Thur. 26	6.45am	Nerida, Carmela and Vincenzo Bombardiere
	9.30am	Consecrated men and women
Fri. 27	6.45am	Merceditas Rivera
	9.30am	Grace and Charles Vella, Joseph Scicluna
Sat. 28	9.30am	Intention of donor
	6pm	PRO POPULO

For emergencies only, call 9629-2595 and select 4 to leave a message

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

22 JANUARY 2023

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! / Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, / Galilee of the nations! / The people that lived in darkness / has seen a great light; / on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death / a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Shorter form: 4: 12-17

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. Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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. Ps 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. 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 in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

CHRIST'S LIGHT

Many of us have had the experience of searching desperately for a torch or candle in the midst of a blackout. It can be a confusing and discouraging time till we find some source of light. Isaiah knew that the people of Galilee were in need of some encouragement and light in those dark days after the Assyrians had conquered their cities and led them into exile. He looks forward in hope to the day when God will lead them home and remove their burden.

For Matthew Jesus' ministry could be best understood and viewed through the filter of Isaiah's prophecy. A light dawns as Jesus begins his ministry, a ministry of teaching, healing and encouragement. The burden the people carry is now being gently lifted away by Jesus' compassion and care. It is, however, a ministry that is not to be Jesus' alone. From the beginning, others such as Peter and Andrew, James and John, are called to share generously in bringing others into the light of the kingdom.

When members of Chloe's household reported to Paul that the Corinthian community was divided he knew that they had unwittingly returned to fumbling around lost in the dark. How was he to bring them back? First of all, he reminds them that Paul, Apollos and Cephas were to be seen as nothing more other than the bearers and preachers of Christ's light. He forcefully reminds them that their unity is to be found in Jesus who gave the most eloquent sermon of all when he offered his life on the cross.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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JESUS, OUR LIGHT. At times we can find ourselves 'walking in darkness.' We get caught up in difficulties and cannot see a way out. Today's liturgy reminds us that Jesus is our light and our salvation. As with the first disciples, he calls us to follow him. In the Gospels we have the Good News that brings light into the dark moments of our lives.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 95:1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.

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. Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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 8:23–9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 26:1, 4,13–14. R.v.1

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; / whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, / for this I long, / to live in the house of the Lord, / all the days of my life, / to savour the sweetness of the Lord, / to behold his temple. **R.**

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:10–13,17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! / Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, / and healed all who were sick. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 4:12–23

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.

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.