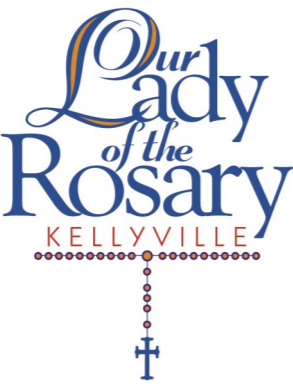


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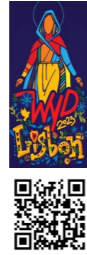
Dear Parishioners,  
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Sacramental Co-Ordinator, Angela Rosero who commenced work this week and to thank Michele Newman for her great work over the past three years.  
I also wanted to draw to your attention that Monday, 20 March, 2023 marks the 40th anniversary of the Dedication of the Church by Cardinal Freeman. This is a great milestone in the life of our parish. I was present on that occasion as a novice. Let us continue to pray for our parish and all the parishioners who have passed through our church over those many years.

Fr. Christopher Shorroch OFM Conv.

**World Youth Day Update:** We're Walking 20km from Blacktown to Parramatta and praying for you! You can support our World Youth Day pilgrims by sponsoring their participation in the **Good Friday Night Walk**. Pilgrims will be available after every Mass this weekend to collect your prayer intentions and donations. Any support you can give is much appreciated! Donations can also be made via the Parish Office or [online](#) using the QR Code on the right.



Under the Pastoral Care of the Conventual Franciscans



**Youth Group** returns this Sunday, 19 March at 7pm in the old hall! Faith, fun, food and fellowship guaranteed. To keep up with OLOR Youth, [join our mailing list](#), like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Instagram](#).

**Youth Band** practices in the Church this Sunday, 19 March at 4pm in preparation for the 6pm Youth Mass!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our "Francesco's" youth team who WON the Holy Spirit Plate at the Diocesan LIFTED Sports Day last Sunday, which recognises the team with the best sportsmanship!! We are very proud of their achievement and for their incredible generosity and kindness, both on and off the field. Well done, team!



**FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**  
Br. Bernard Fonkalsrud OFM Conv., Director

Come visit and pray in quiet beauty. The Chapel is open every day from 6am - 6pm.

For booking inquiries please visit our website [here](#) (franciscanfriarsaustralia.org/shrineoftheholynnocents)

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**For Holy Communion to the sick OR housebound** please call Br Louis on 0422 028 647.



**Working bee** Please join our working bee on Saturday 1 April from 10am until 12pm. We'll be cleaning the Church and its surrounds and decorating with palms for Palm Sunday. We really need you. More hands make less work! Morning tea will be provided.



**Our Lenten Journey towards Easter**

Each Friday of Lent (from 24 Feb. - 31 March incl.) :  
7pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm  
in the Parish Church - Reconciliation available

**Mornings of each Friday during Lent at the Shrine**  
Walking Stations of the Cross is held at the Shrine at 10.15am,  
after 9.30am Parish Mass. Hat & water recommended.

**Lenten Group**

Join us on **Tuesday** evenings,  
after St. Anthony's 7pm Mass, in the parish office.  
Contact Br. Louis on 0422 028 647 for more.

**Sacred Triduum Holy Thursday (6 April)**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm  
Silent Prayer in Adoration in the old hall until 11pm

**Good Friday (7 April)**

11am Living Stations of the Cross at the Shrine  
3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday (8 April)**

No Confession or Morning Mass  
8pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday (9 April) : 7am, 9am and 11am**

(No Evening Mass)  
Easter Monday: 8am Mass only  
Easter Tuesday: Return to normal schedule

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK** Maureen and Bill 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, Angeliqve 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 Safaee, Norma Webber.

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**The parish office is closed on Mondays.**

Support our seminarians to humbly serve our faith community.



**Next week** we will have a third collection to support seminarians in our diocese. Please be generous as usual.

**Shrine Sodality of the Holy Innocents** Volunteers are needed to assist with the cleaning and/or maintenance at the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents. If you have a group, or would like to join one, please contact Br. Louis on 0422 028 647, or leave your details at the Parish Office. Ideally, each group would meet monthly on alternative weeks, at a suitable time dependant on the Shrine calendar. Equipment will be provided. The friars keep all our generous volunteers in our prayers.

**Your Parish needs you** Would you like to serve as a "greeter" who welcomes parishioners to Sunday Mass or as a Lector or ExtraOrdinary Minister of Holy Communion? How about a glass door cleaner? Or would you like to take care of morning tea after attending Mass? There are other little jobs which, when done, also deserve a huge THANK YOU. If you are able to volunteer, please enter your name on the clipboard at the back of the Church or email us on this new link [here](#).



**The Solemnity of St. Joseph** will be celebrated at our Masses on Monday 20 March at 6.45am and 7pm.

The **Catholic Weekly** newspaper is available from the back of the Church at just \$2 each. See the Election Guide inside this week's issue.

**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 and 7.30pm - 8pm on Mondays**

**Thank you for last week's donation to the parish of \$2 471.50**  
Online donations are accepted through our parish website [here](#).

**For emergencies only, call 9629-2595 and select 4 to leave a message and a priest will return your call.**

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**MASS & MINISTRIES - 18/19 MARCH 2023**

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Jun Jimenez Josie Calangi & Leona Alphonso Ponciana Pastorfide
7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Huber Winnie Farrugia and Gillian Pacheco Sandra Huber
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Allen Fernandes Soo Wong and Ann Maddy Margaret Samuels
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Rodolfo Susi Del Arante and Evelyn Zaballero Annette Tan
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Arul Arulthasan Youth Group Elvira Tandingnan

**MASS & MINISTRIES - 25/26 MARCH 2023**

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	George Ekstrom Jeanne and Paul Cashman Ruth Hyland
7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Huber Gillian Pacheco & Winnie Farrugia Sandra Huber
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Caswell Carol Caswell and Steve Perez Norma Evans
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Ed Cecilia Evelyn Zaballero and Caroline Ugarte Princy Benny
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Ferdinand Villanueva Rowena Villanueva & Bon Amamang Br. Louis

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR 18 - 25 MARCH**

Sat. 18	9.15am	Tomaso Manca
	6pm	Deceased Priests and Religious
Sun. 19	7 am	Nerida, Carmela & Vincenzo Bombardiere
	9 am	Salvatore, Giovanna Maria Frasca & Teresa Crucitti
	11 am	Nick Caruso
	6pm	PRO POPULO
Mon. 20	6.45am	Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland, Sam Bugeja
	7 pm	Maria Linda Catimpang
Tues. 21	6.45am	Ignacia Doctor
	7 pm	Intention of donor
Wed. 22	6.45am	Giuseppa Augustina
	9.30am	Sisters of St. Joseph
Thurs. 23	6.45am	Intention of donor
	9.30am	Nicholson family
Fri. 24	6.45am	Augustine Tan
	9.30am	Joe Borg & Charlie Abela
	7pm	Intention of donor
Sat. 25	9.15am	Mabel Carter
	6pm	Intention of donor

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who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him'. The man himself said, 'I am the man'.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see'. Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you'. The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

*Longer form, 9:1-41*

#### 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. We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. 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 OF 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

*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 cf. Jn 9:11, 38

**The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.**

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy

and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. 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 TRANSFORMING LIGHT

Learning to read between the lines is not a skill that comes naturally to most of us. Today's readings show just how difficult and challenging it can be to look into the heart of things to see them as God does. Samuel knew that he had been commissioned to anoint one of Jesse's sons as the new king, but which one? As Samuel is reminded, we tend to look at appearances but God looks at the heart. Ultimately, it is the Lord who will teach Samuel that David is the chosen one.

The letter to the Ephesians invites us to join in the journey of discovering what the Lord wants of us. It requires honesty and trust, to bring ourselves as we are to the light of Christ. While fear might hold us back, there is the encouraging reminder that what is brought to the light of Christ is not condemned, but transformed and turned into light.

The episode of the man born blind is a marvellous example of how difficult and yet freeing, it is to come into the light of Christ. The man gradually moves from seeing Jesus as a man, then as a prophet, and finally coming to believe in him as Lord. He was originally treated as an outsider because of his disability. After being questioned three times, his growing insight and faith lead him to be cast out yet again, but now he is no longer alone; now the Lord stands beside him.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / A

19 MARCH 2023

'NOW I CAN SEE!' In today's Gospel it is the man born blind who gradually comes to see that Jesus is Lord. Meanwhile the Pharisees, the custodians of the traditional faith, fall steadily into blindness. Self-confident in their own knowledge, the Pharisees refuse to see the workings of God in Jesus. Let us humbly ask Christ to open our eyes that we may see his presence in our Eucharistic community and in our world.

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Isa 66:10-11

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

#### 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 Lent.*

#### COLLECT

P. O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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** 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

**A reading from the first book of Samuel**  
*In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he



caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 22. R. v. 1

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

- The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**
- He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. **R.**
- You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**
- Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Eph 5:8-14

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**  
*Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try

to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

**The word of the Lord.**

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Jn 8:12

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.**

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL** Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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

*The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.

He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man