

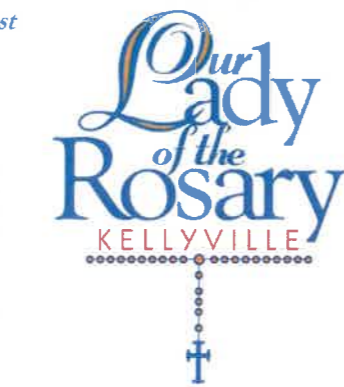
Fr. Christopher Shorrock, OFM Conv., Parish Priest
Fr. Leonides Mateo, OFM Conv., Associate Priest
Deacon N Tan

Dear Parishioners, Hopefully we are continuing to grow in grace during this season of Lent leading up to the great celebration of Easter. We have now received our relic of St. Mary MacKillop and are in the process of preparing it and finding a suitable reliquary for public display (so far they are all very pricey but I will continue to look for the right size, particular in depth, that we need).
Fr. Christopher Shorrock 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**. Donations can be made via the Parish Office or [online](#) using the QR Code on the right. In the Parish Church there are two boxes at the back into which prayer requests as well as donations can be placed.

Join our **Youth Group** for faith, fun, food and fellowship. To keep up with OLOR Youth, [join our mailing list](#), like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Instagram](#).

Why do we cover statues? The custom of covering statues began in Northern Europe to highlight meditating on the Passion of Our Lord during the Season of Lent. In some churches images of our Lord suffering and our Lady of Sorrows are made prominent for the devotion of the faithful. It also shows the penitential nature of the Season as we gaze upon our Crucified Saviour in union with our Sorrowful Mother. Before the Easter Vigil, as the Church celebrates Christ's Resurrection, we unveil the covered statues and images to highlight the joy in the celebration of the Resurrection. Please note, no candles should be lit by covered statues.



Under the Pastoral Care of the Conventual Franciscans



Br. Bernard Fonkalsrud, OFM Conv., Shrine director
Fr. David Blowey OFM Conv., Delegate to Australia
Br. Louis Schmid, OFM Conv., Friary Assistant

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 Iberria, 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 Farneli, 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.

Support our seminarians to humbly serve our faith community.



This week there will be a third collection to support seminarians in our diocese. Please be generous as usual. The QR code on the right may also be used for donations to this worthy cause.



Shrine Sodality of the Holy Innocents More 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 their 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 email us on this new link [here](#).

The **Catholic Weekly** newspaper is available from the back of the Church at just \$2 each.

Divine Mercy devotions at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents will be held each First Sunday of each month at 5pm until 5.45pm. Join us before 6pm Holy Mass on First Sundays of each month. The next one is on 2 April.

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 \$2 453.95
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.

MASS & MINISTRIES - 25/26 MARCH 2023

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Ramon Rendon Jeanne and Paul Cashman Ruth Hyland and Joseph Lumapas
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 and Sean Finucane
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Ed Cecilia Evelyn Zaballero and Caroline Ugarte Princy Benny and Annette Tan
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Ferdinand Villanueva Rowena Villanueva & Bon Amamang Br. Louis and Ponciana Pastorfide

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR 25 MARCH - 1 APRIL

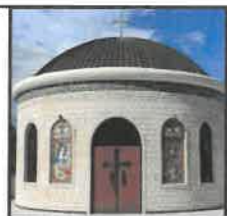
Sat. 25	9.15am 6pm	Mabel Carter Intention of donor
Sun. 26	7 am 9 am	PRO POPOLO Woei Han King, Lau Gek Mie, Anna, Robert Chan
	11 am 6pm	Intention of donor Intention of donor
Mon. 27	6.45am 7 pm	Intention of donor Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland, Sam Bugeja
Tues. 28	6.45am 7 pm	Holy Souls Holy Souls
Wed. 29	6.45am 9.30am	Holy Souls Noonan family
Thurs. 30	6.45am 9.30am	Departed and Religious Sisters of St. Joseph
Fri. 31	6.45am 9.30am	Holy Souls Holy Souls
Sat. 1	7pm 9.15am 6pm	Augustine Tan Intention of donor Joseph F Mizzi

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](#)
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'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me.

But I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Longer form, 11:1-45

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. Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. 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 5TH 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: 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. Jn 11:26

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. 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.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

GOD'S PLEDGE TO US

Lent is always an invitation to travel on the path of conversion. We are called to do our part and yet the work is not solely ours. One of the threads uniting today's readings is the encouragement provided by God's pledge to work with us as we journey towards the new life of Easter.

Ezekiel wrote to a dispirited and discouraged people far from where they wanted to be. In exile they felt powerless to change their situation and wondered whether God still had the power, or desire, to save them. Ezekiel has no doubts that God will bring them back from the grave to new life.

In writing to the Christians of Rome, Paul is led to reflect on the nature of conversion and the Christian life from two perspectives. From our perspective, we are challenged to open our hearts to what is of spiritual and lasting value. Lest we become disheartened by our weakness, Paul reminds us of the critical role God plays in our coming to spiritual maturity. The gift of the Spirit within us is a sign of God's pledge to enliven us so that we may share in the new life of Jesus' resurrection.

The moving story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead is a powerful reminder to us all that just as Jesus commanded, 'Unbind him, let him go free,' so it is with us. The Lord is still working with us to liberate what is bound, and to bring to life that which is not fully alive.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / A

26 MARCH 2023

THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. The raising of Lazarus from the dead was a wonderful event. His sisters were overjoyed and many people came to believe in Jesus. But something more wonderful happened in Jesus' own death and resurrection. While Lazarus was restored to his former life, the death of Jesus produces a life that will last forever, a life that we receive in baptism. Let us pray for all who are to be baptised this Easter.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

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. P. Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all people to yourself: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You shouldered the cross, to bear our suffering and sinfulness: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You open for your people the way from death into life: 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. By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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 Ezek 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the

soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 129. R. v. 7

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, / Lord, hear my voice! / O let your ears be attentive / to the voice of my pleading. **R.**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, / Lord, who would survive? / But with you is found forgiveness: / for this we revere you. **R.**
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, / I count on his word. / My soul is longing for the Lord / more than watchman for daybreak. / (Let the watchman count on daybreak / and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy / and fullness of redemption, / Israel indeed he will redeem / from all its iniquity. **R.**

SECOND READING Rom 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 11:25, 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45.

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.

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,

and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?