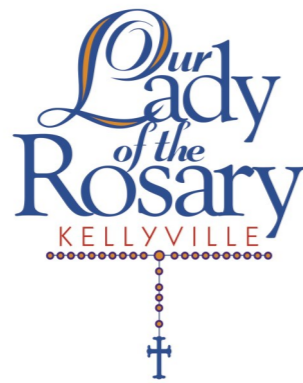


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**Dear Parishioners,**

We welcome back our teachers and students this week and hope that they had a refreshing break. Please continue to pray for our candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 19th, 20th, 21st July. Let us continue to pray for one another and our parish community.

Fr. Christopher Shorrock OFM Conv.

**Parish Gathering for the Synod** Join us on Sunday 23 July between 12.15pm and 1.30pm in the school hall to listen, reflect, share and discuss ideas relating to the life and mission of the Church. Our responses will be presented to our Bishop. Be sure to take an interest in the above so your voice is heard. The details for our meeting are as follows: Date: 23rd July 2023; Time: 11:00am Parish Mass followed by refreshments in the OLOR school hall at 12pm; then from 12:15 to 1:30pm gathering to listen, reflect, share and discuss ideas to present to the Synod.

**Join us for Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament** each Thursday between 7.15 - 9.15am (or any part thereof) in our Parish Church. Everyone is most welcome. The Holy Rosary will be recited after 9.30am Mass on Thursdays. Adoration is held also on Monday nights after 7pm Mass when there is Adoration and Confession.

For **Holy Communion to the Sick** please call Br. Louis on 0422 028 647.

**Save the date**  
for our Parish dinner-dance on  
**Saturday 14 October 2023**

**The parish office will be closed next Monday 17th July.**

**FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

Come visit and pray in quiet beauty. The Chapel is open every day from 6am - 6pm.  
Br. Bernard Fonkalsrud OFM Conv., *Director*  
For booking inquiries please visit our website [here](http://franciscanfriarsaustralia.org/shrineoftheholynnoccents)

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**A very big thank you** from the WYD Pilgrims to you, our fellow parishioners, for your engagement in our preparations for pilgrimage and for your extremely generous spiritual and financial support! We would particularly like to thank Fr Chris for his support and for leading a beautiful Commissioning Mass last Sunday, as well as Angela and Catherine for their dedicated behind-the-scenes contributions to our fundraising efforts. Travel with us by liking "OLOR Kellyville Youth" on Facebook and follow @olorkellyvilleyouth on Instagram! **5 days to go!**

**There will be NO regular Youth Group** on Sundays 16 July and 6 August. **There will also be NO regular Young Adult**s on Fridays 21 July and 4 August. Sign up to our mailing list at [youthgroupolor@gmail.com](mailto:youthgroupolor@gmail.com) and follow us @olorkellyvilleyouth to follow the pilgrimage **virtually!**

**Confirmation Masses** will be at 7pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week. Please pray for our candidates: *God our Father, we ask that you prepare the hearts and minds of the children to welcome the gifts of Your Holy Spirit, that they may become everything You desire them to be as Your sons and daughters in Christ. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

**Looking for gifts for Confirmation or other sacraments?** Visit our piety store for NEW items, either in the Church after Mass, or in the parish office between 9am and 4pm on weekdays. We have something for every occasion! Come and see.

**The Catholic Weekly** is on sale each week from the foyer of the Church. Please take one home at just \$2 and let us know if it was worth the price you pay.

**Safeguarding Mandatory Modules Face-to-Face Training** If you cannot attend on the 15th July, you may like to book at St Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills for Saturday 22 July (12pm-4.45pm) for Modules 1-3. To register for this face-to-face session or to find out more, please email either [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) or [winstonhills@parracatholic.org](mailto:winstonhills@parracatholic.org).

Thank you for last week's donation to the parish of \$2,618.90. Online donations are accepted through our parish website [here](http://www.parracatholic.org). If you are giving by credit/debit card, please advise your new expiry date so that your donations are not declined.

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**Vinnies Winger Appeal THIS WEEKEND (15/16 July)** Women over 55 are experiencing homelessness at alarming rates. Right now, in Australia, we're experiencing a range of crises: the escalating cost of living, a shortage in affordable housing, gender inequality which negatively impacts women's superannuation savings, and a rise in elder abuse. And, sadly, older women are being hit hardest. For many older women who are relying on their pension as their only income, they're at a severe disadvantage when competing against double income earners in the rental market. If they dedicated their lives to raising children, women often have much less in superannuation or savings than men. So if anything goes wrong, they'll have no financial safety net. Elder abuse is also becoming more common. Many older people become homeless after their relationship with their adult child goes downhill. Sadly, this is likely to happen easily, when an adult child is the main carer for their elderly parent. Your donation will help make sure older women in crisis have a safe place to sleep, food, clothing and a chance to rebuild their lives. **HELP END THE HOMELSSNESS CRISIS DEVESTATING OLDER WOMEN TODAY.**



**Passionist Family Group Movement** recently spoke at all Masses about renewing Family Groups in our parish. Forms indicating your interest are now in the foyer area of the main entrance to the Church. Please return your completed form to the parish office or to one of our priests or acolytes. To learn more about the Movement go to [www.pfgm.org/the-family-group-movement/](http://www.pfgm.org/the-family-group-movement/)

**MI (Militia of the Immaculata)** meets at 10.30 after the morning Mass on the First and Second Saturdays of the month. The next meeting is on the 5th August in the parish office. Everyone is welcome to join us to find out more.

**Getting married in 2023?** Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) for course dates and the online preparation called SmartLoving, or email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK** Vitaliana, Eugene, Vince, Maureen, Aureen, Helen, Tisha, Czecia and all those who are suffering illness in our community. (Please write to us [here](mailto:met@parracatholic.org), to let us know the name of someone who is ill and we will include their names on our list for Prayer.

**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**

**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 - 15/16 JULY, 2023		
Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Ramon Rendon Erlinda Rendon and Catherine B. Natalie Guerlin and Ponciana P.
7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Huber Winnie Farrugia and Kath Harding Sandra Huber
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Allen Fernandez Joseph Terrel and Steve Perez Margaret Samuels and Rachel Calisura
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Rodolfo Susi Enza Sanders and Tracy Capdor Margaret Rodriguez and Princy Benny
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Arul Arulthasan Jennifer Lumapas and Daniel Norman Joseph Lumapas and Elvira Tandingan

MASS & MINISTRIES - 22/23 JULY, 2023		
Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM	George Ekstrom Jeanne and Paul Cashman Ruth Hyland and Natalie Guerlin
7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Rocco Bombardiere Gillian Pacheco and Nancy Comito Sandra Huber and Tracey Hoey
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	John Caswell Carol Caswell and Norma Evans Margaret Rodriguez and Princy Benny
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM	Ed Cecilia Evelyn Zaballero and Maria Remiendo Princy Benny and Sean Finucane
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MASS INTENTIONS: 15 - 22 JULY 2023		
Sat. 15	9.30am	Alfred Bugeja
	6pm	Wilfrido del Rosario
Sun. 16	7am	Phyllis Cini
	9am	Salvatore & Giovanna Maria Frasca and Teresa Crucitti
	11am	Vincenzo Mesiti
	6pm	PRO POPULO
Mon. 17	6.45am	Serena Evans
	7pm	Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland, and Sam Bugeja
Tues. 18	6.45am	Intention of donor
	7pm	Pravin Janz
Wed. 19	6.45am	Nick Reale
	9.30am	Delia Camat Higoy
Thurs. 20	6.45am	Intention of donor
	9.30am	Heraclides de Leon
Fri. 21	6.45am	Gorgonio Catimbang
	9.30am	Charles & Grace Vella and Joseph Scicluna
Sat. 22	9.30am	Intention of donor
	6pm	Mary Chan

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

16 JULY 2023

see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Shorter form 13:1-9.

## 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. Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. 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: 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. Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord,

that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow.

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 forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

### THE GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM

Today's readings converge in their concern that we take time to wonder and reflect on the nature of the kingdom of God, its growth in the world, and in our own lives.

Despite its brevity, the reading from Isaiah is a powerful statement of hope in the ability of God's word to foster life and bring about growth. As the people of Israel struggled to rebuild after the exile Isaiah proclaimed his conviction in the power of God's word.

As Christians, how do we maintain our hope when the world is in confusion? How can we speak of the power of God's word when it is often challenged by our experience of the world desperate for healing and peace? After nearly 2000 years these questions may even be more critical for us than they were in Paul's time. For Paul the key lies in the image of the world and ourselves being involved in the painful process of giving birth. Christians have already received the gift of the Spirit as a foretaste and pledge of what is yet to come.

Jesus' timeless parable of the sower invites us to take heart that despite opposition the seed of God's kingdom has been planted in our world. Opposition, difficulties, and misunderstanding are surely present, but the growth of the kingdom is assured. Perhaps the most pressing question of all is whether we have ears to hear, and the faith to believe, that the kingdom will take root and grow in our world and hearts.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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LISTEN, ANYONE WHO HAS EARS. Do we really listen when the Word of God is proclaimed at Mass? Do we allow it to take root in our hearts and yield a rich harvest? If we try to listen at Mass, we will learn to listen also to the many voices that cry out to us in the midst of our busy lives – the voices of our children, of our parents, of our spouse, of those who need us to hear them.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; / I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

## GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to the Father and to one another:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

You heal the wounds of our sin and division: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You intercede for us with the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

P. O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
The rain makes the earth give growth.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

### RESP PSALM

Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk. 8:8

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, / you fill it with riches. / Your river in heaven brims over / to provide its grain. R.

2. And thus you provide for the earth; / you drench its furrows, / you level it, soften it with showers, / you bless its growth. R.

3. You crown the year with your goodness. / Abundance flows in your steps, / in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. R.

4. The hills are girded with joy, / the meadows covered with flocks, / the valleys are decked with wheat. / They shout for joy, yes, they sing. R.

### SECOND READING

Rom 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! / The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; / all who come to him will live for ever. / Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mt 13:1-23

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.

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but for anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,