

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

Dear Parishioners,
Thank you to those who attended the first Taize prayer on Wednesday night. There will be another one on Wednesday 20th at 7pm to 8pm Pope Francis has approved a plenary indulgence for anyone who prays before a Christmas crib in a **Franciscan** Church from 8th Dec 2023 to 2nd Feb. 2024 (The requirements for this are Holy Communion, Confession within 20 days before or after, Profession of Faith and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father). To accommodate the Plenary Indulgence, the crib has been set up earlier than usual this year.

Thank you for your best wishes on the occasion of my 40th anniversary as a Franciscan, it is very much appreciated. Congratulations to the Year 6 students from St. Angela's and Our Lady of the Rosary School who will graduate at Masses this coming week. May the Lord bless them as they continue their journey into High School.
Let us continue to pray for one another and our parish
Fr. Christopher Shorrock, OFM Conv.

David's Place Christmas Appeal happens this weekend
David's Place is a Centre for Prayer and worship for those marginalised and living in the inner city. This Appeal will help them celebrate Christmas and receive individual gifts to each person. ***This is their only Appeal. They rely solely on our Parish generosity.*** Eftpos is available for donations being collected at the doors of the Church . Please support them, as usual. **Note:** Wrapping of the Christmas gifts will be done in the Parish Office on Friday 15 December from 10am. Everyone is welcome to help wrap the special gifts.

Farewell get-together for Fr. Leo Please join us on Sunday 31 December after 11am Mass in the OLOR air-conditioned school hall, to celebrate and thank Fr. Leo with a farewell party. Hope to see you there.

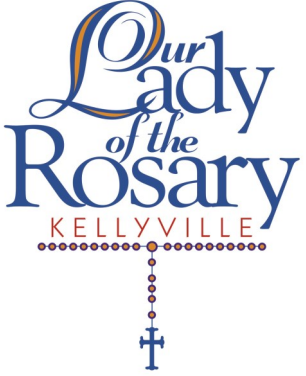
TAIZE prayer on Wednesday 20 December from 7pm to 8pm (Exposition, Taize chants, time for silent prayer). If there is a desire for this it can be offered once a month.

Let's Pray for the Sick Romeo Susi, Eugene, Maureen, Aureen, Helen, Frankie Fernandez, Pravani, Janice Larsen, Teodora Postaski, Michelle Nickols, Andrew Lack, Prylani, Franca Masciotra, Lynette Mary Crowley, Michael Sampedro, Michael Bright and all those who are suffering illness in our community. Please write to us [here](#). to let us know the name of someone who is ill and we will include their names on our list for Prayer.

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](#)
(franciscanfriarsaustralia.org/shrineoftheholynnoccents)



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Are you able to help us? We are desperately in need of volunteers to help with the cleaning the Church on weekends. Please consider helping either as a family or as a group of friends or even solo. We will be most grateful.

Youth Group Christmas Party: Amazing Race Edition is next Sunday, 17 December! All youth in Years 6-12 are invited to join us after the 6pm Youth Mass for fast-paced, festive and fun fellowship in the Old Hall until 8:45pm.

Young Adults (18-35) are experiencing the lights of Christmas at the Cathedral next Friday, 15 December! Meet us at Kellyville Metro Station at 6:30pm or alternatively meet us at the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney at 7:30pm.

Rosary Gem:
The rosary is the glory of the Roman Church.
St. Pope John XXIII

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**
Fulfilling your Sunday obligation on Christmas Eve.
Please be aware that on Sunday 24 December we will have the usual Sunday Morning Masses of 7am, 9am and 11am
Christmas Eve Masses will be as follows on the same day - Sunday 24th:
5.30pm Children's Mass (Children are invited to dress up as Nativity figures and process in with Fr. Chris);
8pm Family Mass
11.30pm Christmas Carols sung by Youth Choir
Midnight Mass begins at Midnight

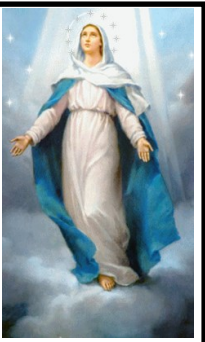
Individual Confessions on 23 December from 10am until 12 Noon. Regular Reconciliation times also apply on Monday nights at 7.30pm and Saturday mornings at 10am

CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY 25 DECEMBER
7am, 9am and 11am Masses
(PLEASE NOTE: There is no Evening Mass on CHRISTMAS DAY)
BOXING DAY - Tuesday, 26 DECEMBER)
8am Mass in the Parish only
MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS - Thursday, 28 December
6.45am and 11am
Please bring a plate to share lunch after 11am Mass
MARY MOTHER OF GOD, MASS SCHEDULE:
Sunday, 31 Dec. - usual Mass times
Monday, 1 Jan. - 8am only

Thank you for last week's donation to the parish of **\$2,798.55**. Online donations are accepted through the parish website [here](#).

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Celebrate the **Feast of The Immaculate Conception** with us this Friday, 8 December, when there will be Evening Mass at 7pm followed by a celebration of **Fr. Christopher's 40th anniversary of Profession as a Franciscan Friar**. A simple gathering will be held outside the Church under cover. Please bring a plate to share, if possible.




Join us for our Christmas Carols this Saturday 9 December from 6.30pm
Join Joey Fimmano and son, Luca, our choirs and school children, singing Christmas Carols, dancing, etc.
Sausages will sizzle on the barbie. Drinks, ice-pops, fairy-floss, cakes, raffle tickets and more, will be on sale. Santa will arrive on time too.
If you are able to bake a cake, slice or biscuits for our food stall, please bring them along! Perhaps you have a traditional jam, chutney, etc. that you make for Christmas and would like to share.

For Rent: One bedroom granny flat with a single bed currently. Bathroom with a washing machine. Also living room with a full kitchen and bar fridge. Looking for a Catholic person. \$320 weekly including internet, electricity, gas, water.. Available now. Text [gaylemir@yahoo.com.au](#) or 0412299305

Liturgical Ministry Course returns in 2024
The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2024. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either 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 on 0460 037 795 or [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](#) or visit our website to download an enrolment form at [https://officeforworship.org.au/](#)

800th Anniversary
The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents invites you to join us for the inaugural Commemoration of the Blessed Nativity. 6.30pm Friday, 22 December. We will process from OLOR Church to the Shrine Creche where we will reenact the Nativity as St. Francis did 800 years ago. Children are invited to dress up as shepherds, angels, animals, etc. Blessing of Straw and Infant Jesus statues following Devotions. Light refreshments available.



St Francis and the First Nativity Scene

All youth and young adults are invited to spread some Christmas Cheer to our older friends at Bella Vista Gardens Nursing Home on Saturday 9 Dec. Meet the Youth Leaders in front of the facility at 14 Fairway Drive, Norwest at 10:20am and join us for Christmas carols and craft until 12pm.

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

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

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40 Harrington Ave, Castle Hill 2154
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MASS & MINISTRIES: 9/10 DEC. 2023		
6pm Vigil	EM	Ruth Hyland and Natalie Guerlin
7am	EM	Sandra Huber and Norma Evans
9am	EM	Grace Trzcinski & Rachel Calisura
11am	EM	Princy Benny and Annette Tan
6pm	EM	Br. Louis and Joseph Lumapas

MASS & MINISTRIES: 16/17 DEC. 2023		
6pm Vigil	EM	Ruth Hyland and Natalie Guerlin
7am	EM	Sandra Huber and Tony Weinman
9am	EM	Margaret S. and Rachel Calisura
11am	EM	Annette Tan and Princy Benny
6pm	EM	Br. Louis and Joseph Lumapas

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
10am-10.30am on Saturdays
and 7.30pm - 8pm on Mondays

THIS SUNDAY!
Franciscan Men
10th SUNDAY DECEMBER
Topic: Materialism and the Gift of Self
with Br. Bernard Mee
6.30PM ADORATION
FOLLOWED BY DINNER AND PRESENTATION
All Men +18 Welcome
Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents
8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville NSW
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**GOING**

MASS INTENTIONS: 9 - 16 DEC. 2023		
Sat. 9	9.30am 5pm	Intention of donor Joseph F Mizzi
Sun. 10	7am 9am 11am 6pm	Joseph, Martha and Joe Mizzi Giovanni La Rosa Andy Zahra PRO POPULO
Mon 11	6.45am 7pm	Francesca Grima Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland, Sam Bugeja
Tues. 12	6.45am 7pm	Maureen Woolly Intention of donor
Wed. 13	6.45am 9.30am	Charles Grima Jacquelin Capdor
Thurs. 14	6.45am 9.30am	Intention of donor John Lawrence Mizzi
Fri. 15	6.45am 9.30am	Lindawati Djajaputra Charles, Grace Vella, Joseph Scicluna
Sat. 16	9.30am 6pm	Edward Jones Maximino Calangi

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The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.
A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’

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. Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. 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 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 Bar 5: 5; 4: 36
Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. 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
IN THE WILDERNESS

In Australia we experience the desert and wilderness in all its beauty and expanse, yet it can be a lonely, dangerous place. Today we hear a voice crying out in the wilderness in the time of Isaiah and echoed in the Gospel. This voice also cries out to us today, in the wilderness and the desert of our lives. The voice is consolation: “Console, console my people” (Is 40:1). It bellows, “In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Is 40:3). Isaiah’s words create an image of the landscape of our life and soul, in need of God.

The Gospel engages this imagery for John the Baptist, a guide in the wilderness who heralds the Messiah. Mark gives name to the voice just as he identified that this writing is “The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God” (1:1). Although the name of Isaiah is invoked, the first quote is from Malachi “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way (1:2 cf. Mal 3:1); then comes the echo from Isaiah 40:3. Here in the wilderness John announces the one who is to come who will baptise with the Holy Spirit (Mark 7-8). This is the announcement of the Messiah, the one longed for. As we hear that voice in our wilderness, we know that Jesus is with us. We can reflect on our attention to his presence and our welcome to him in our souls and lives.

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT / B
10 DECEMBER 2023

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD. Engulfed by many chores in the lead-up to Christmas, we can fail to hear a voice that cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord. Let us resolve to include some time to pray, to reflect on the Gospel stories of Jesus’ birth, and to seek reconciliation with God and others, in our Christmas preparations.

INTRODUCTORY RITES
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Isa 30: 19, 30
O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

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.
P. 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.
The Gloria is not said during Advent.

COLLECT
P. Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. 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 40:1-5, 9-11
A reading from the prophet Isaiah.
Prepare the way for the Lord.
‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.
‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,

that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for her crimes.’
A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’
Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
‘Here is your God.’
Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.
The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 84: 9-14. R. v. 8
R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,/ a voice that speaks of peace,/peace for his people./His help is near for those who fear him/and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;/justice and peace have embraced./Faithfulness shall spring from the earth/and justice look down from heaven. **R.**
3. The Lord will make us prosper/and our earth shall yield its fruit./Justice shall march before him/and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**
SECOND READING 2 Pet 3:8-14
A reading from the second letter of St Peter.
We wait for new heavens and a new earth.



There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.
Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised; the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 3:4, 6
Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!
GOSPEL Mk 1: 1-8
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
Make straight the paths of the Lord.