

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

Dear Parishioners,
On behalf of the Friars, I would like to thank you for your generosity to us during the Christmas season (gifts and donations). They are very much appreciated. Also I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy New Year. May 2024 truly be a blessed Year for all - one filled with peace and prosperity. Thank you in a special way to Fr. Leonides for all his work in our parish these past four years and especially the support he has offered me this past year. He will be sadly missed and we wish him well as he takes up a new assignment on his return to the Philippines and we eagerly await his replacement. Hopefully you will have the opportunity to thank him personally after the 11am Mass in the School hall. Let us continue to pray for one another and our parish and not forget that Jesus is the reason for the season.

Fr. Christopher Shorrocks, OFM Conv.

The Parish office reopens on Tuesday 2 January 2024. Happy New Year!

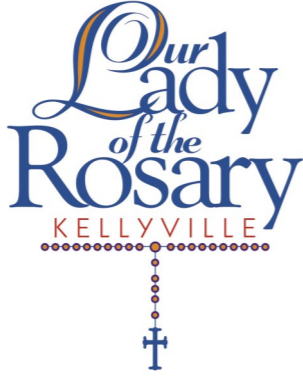
Christ's Catholic Community resumes on Wednesday 17 January, 2024. If you would like to join the prayer group which meets via Zoom each week, contact Joe Apap on 0402 089 555.

Thank you for last week's donation to the parish of \$2,201.30 Online donations are accepted through the parish website [here](#).

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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Dear Holy Family, please pray for us

Change to Monday night schedule. As usual there is no Monday night Mass on a public holiday so there will be no Mass on 25th Dec or 1st Jan. The next Monday Mass will be 8th Jan. with a revised format. We will no longer have Benediction to conclude the evening. We will have Mass, Exposition, Devotions, Confessions and then a simple reposition of the Blessed Sacrament while the priest may still be hearing confessions. As there maybe a large number of people wishing to go to confession we ask you to be conscious of this and be concise in confessing your sins. This is not the occasion for Spiritual direction or prolonged discussions.

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Find a copy of our Parish bulletins (past and present) as well as regular up-to-date information, on our Parish website [olorparishkellyville.org.au](#)

Would you like to receive our weekly bulletin via email? Please send us your request [here](#).

If you would like to update your donations to the Parish or the Friars, please write to us [here](#).

Join us for a Farewell get-together for Fr. Leo
this Sunday 31 December after 11am Mass in the OLOR air-conditioned school hall, to celebrate and thank Fr. Leo, with a farewell party. Hope you can join us for something to eat. Please bring a plate to share.

Liturgical Ministry Courses return in 2024 The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses recommence in February 2024 for anyone interested in serving 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, contact the Office for Worship at [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](#) or on 0460 037 795 or visit our website to download an enrolment form [here](#) (<https://officeforworship.org.au/>)

Mabuhay Filipino!

Good news!

Our First Sunday Filipino Mass (1SM) will now be every month at 3pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kville.

Please bring a plate to share for the fellowship in the Old Hall

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 Friday of each month)

CONFESSION TIMES

10am-10.30am on Saturdays

and 7.30pm on Mondays

Before entering the Church, please wipe your feet on the tough mats at each entrance to this Church. Please help keep our Church carpet clean.

PLEASE WIPE YOUR FEET

Br. Bernard Mary has been asked by our Provincial to take up the office of Vocation Director for our Province, and will be based in Chicago. He will likely take leave in May, then depart for the USA sometime in June, 2024. Arrangements will be made to farewell our brother next year.



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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MASS & MINISTRIES: 30/31 DECEMBER '23

6pm Vigil	EM	Ruth Hyland and Natalie Guerlin
7am	EM	Sandra Huber and Norma Evans
9am	EM	Margaret Samuels & Grace Trzcinski
11am	EM	Annette Tan and Princy Benny
6pm	EM	Br. Louis and Joseph Lumapas

MASS & MINISTRIES: 6/7 JANUARY 2023

6pm Vigil	EM	Ruth Hyland and Natalie Guerlin
7am	EM	Sandra Huber and Tracy Hoey
9am	EM	Margaret Samuels & Grace Trzcinski
11am	EM	Annette Tan and Princy Benny
6pm	EM	Br. Louis and Joseph Lumapas

Rosary Gem:
Even though it costs me a lot to pray,
I pray the Rosary every day
Venerable Faustino Perez-Manglano

COME CELEBRATE WITH US! FEAST OF THE STO NIÑO

Sunday, 21st of January 2pm
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
8 Diana Avenue Kellyville
Mass, Special Blessing of children and Sto Niño images at 2pm followed by Procession, Sinulog Dance, Fellowship, food, entertainment and games at the Old Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share.
Join us for a 9-day Novena daily from Jan 12 via zoom 6pm
Meeting ID: 85108320398 Passcode: OLOR

For more information or if you wish to donate food or prizes, please call Rachel 0414730861, Glenice 0428859568 or Rowena 0430016272

MASS INTENTIONS: 30 DEC. 2023 - 6 JAN. 2024

Sat. 30	9.30am	Bala Nair
	6pm	Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland and Sam Bugeja
Sun. 31	7am	PRO POPULO
	9pm	Ernesto Murdocca
	11am	Margaret Chow
	6pm	Jaden Selvan
Mon. 1	8am	Jeanne Mirbitur
Tues. 2	6.45am	Intention of donor
	7pm	Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland, Sam Bugeja
Wed. 3	6.45am	Intention of donor
	9.30am	Intention of donor
Thurs. 4	6.45am	Holy Souls
	9.30am	Holy Souls
Fri. 5	6.45am	John & Angelina Ferreira & family
	9.30am	Saliba family
Sat.. 7	9.30am	Spiteri family
	6pm	PRO POPULO

Youth Group and Young Adults return in February 2024. In the meantime, keep in touch by signing up to our mailing list ([youthgroupolor@gmail.com](#)), liking 'OLOR Kellyville Youth' on Facebook and following @olorkellyvilleyouth on Instagram!

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GOSPEL Lk 2: 22, 39-40

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God’s favour was with him.

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

Longer form Lk 2: 22-40

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 offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. 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, II OR III OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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

Bar 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. 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

FAMILY TREASURE

What a treasured gift is a child, especially one longed for. In the story of Abram and Sarah we see how bereft they are to have no heir, no child, yet God gifts them Isaac. The Gospel tells us of another couple, Mary and Joseph, who also have a child gifted by God, Jesus. They “stood and wondered about the things that were said about him [Jesus].” While both of these sets of parents and their sons had a much larger role than many, let us not lose sight of the sacredness of family: the ability to bring a life into the world and to nurture that life to fullness.

The invitation on this feast of the Holy Family is to reflect on family – our own family, those around us and in our world. Families come in all shapes and sizes. The Holy Family is centred on Jesus and our families, centred on Christ, grow in holiness and love, face challenges together and are held in God’s care. Parents and carers can identify with Mary and Joseph wondering and worrying about their son. A child raised in a loving environment has the opportunity to thrive and to grow into their full potential. The treasure of a family is not limited to the nuclear family but to the extended relationships through all of its members, centred on Christ, forming a community where all can thrive in faith and love whatever might come.

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH / B

31 DECEMBER 2023

SEE THIS CHILD! Many parents have looked at their newborn child and wondered: what will this child turn out to be? Parenting is always a journey in faith in which there will be occasions of joy, and also times of pain, as Abraham and Sarah, and Mary and Joseph, discovered. On this feast of the Holy Family, let us pray for all families.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Lk 2:16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

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. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. Your are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: 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.

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 were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the

bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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

Gen 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3

A reading from the book of Genesis.
Your own son shall be your heir.

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, ‘Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great’.

‘My Lord,’ Abram replied ‘what do you intend to give me? I go childless ...’ Then Abram said, ‘See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir’. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, ‘He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood’. Then taking him outside he said, ‘Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants’ he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 104: 1-6, 8-9. R. vv. 7, 8

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, / make known his deeds among the peoples. / O sing to him, sing his praise; / tell all his wonderful works! **R.**
2. Be proud of his holy name, / let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. / Consider the Lord and his strength; / constantly seek his face. **R.**
3. Remember the wonders he has done, / his miracles, the judgements he spoke. / O children of Abraham, his servant, / O sons of the Jacob he chose. **R.**
4. He remembers his covenant for ever, / his promise for a thousand generations, / the covenant he made with Abraham, / the oath he swore to Isaac. **R.**



SECOND READING

Heb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.
The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Heb 1: 1-2

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!