



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH KELLYVILLE

Under the Pastoral Care of the Friars Minor Conventual

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Dear Parishioners,

A big THANK YOU for your generosity for the SPECIAL PROJECT COLLECTION. We have collected what was needed. This is a tremendous effort and is greatly appreciated. I am sure that these refurbishments to the hall will be a great benefit to our parish. We will continue to have the envelopes available for a couple of weeks and any donations placed in these will go to other necessary improvements in the old Hall, particularly in the kitchen area. Hope we can keep up our generosity towards the loan repayments. It is so good to see the parish rally behind our appeal.

Let us continue to pray for one another and our parish.

Fr. Christopher Shorrock, OFM Conv.

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



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Our Lenten Journey to Easter

Each Friday during Lent (until 22 March incl.) there will be 7pm Stations of the Cross and Reconciliation

Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday (28 March)

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

Silent prayer in the old hall until 11pm

Good Friday (29 March)

11am - Living Stations of the Cross in the Parish Church

3pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday (30 March)

10am until 12 Noon - Confessions

8pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

Masses: 7am, 9am and 11am.

No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday

Easter Monday: 8am Mass only

Easter Tuesday: Return to normal Mass schedule

Living Stations of the Cross Practices It's that time of the year again when our youth prepare to lead our Parish in a re-imagining of Christ's Passion. Practices will be held in the Old Hall on:

- Sunday 17 March, 7pm - 8:45pm (in place of regular youth group)
- Friday 22 March, 5pm - 7pm (before Palm & Pizza Party)
- Sunday 24 March, 7pm - 8:45pm

Whether you're a skilled actor or prefer the backstage, we need YOU! All high school students and young adults welcome. To find out more or join our "cast and crew", email youthgroupolor@gmail.com

Young Adults are walking together **Through the Desert** for a Lenten reflection evening **this Friday 8 March** at 7pm! Join us for Stations of the Cross in the Church, followed by dinner and discussion in the Shrine undercroft.

Mass, Mercy & Maccas is back on Monday 18 March! Young adults are invited to join us for 7pm Mass, Confessions and Divine Mercy Devotions followed by dinner at McDonalds North Kellyville.

Palm & Pizza Party - our much loved annual tradition - is back for Youth Group & Young Adults on Friday 22 March from 7pm - 9:30pm in the Old Hall. Join us to fold palm crosses for the Palm Sunday Masses!

Let's Pray for the Sick - Patricia Barry, John, 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, Thomas Abrahams Marita Sicat 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.

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU,

Special upgrade of Parish Hall Due to your generosity, dear parishioners, we have reached the sum required to cover the cost of the air-conditioning in the old hall. Any extra donations over and above will be used to improve the kitchen in the same hall. The kitchen cupboards are in need of help and a new oven would be useful.

A Parish Maintenance Team Thank you those who have responded to Parish need in this regard. We are hoping to establish a team to help with some of the heavier maintenance (cleaning drains, trimming branches etc.) If you would like to be part of this team please give your details to one of the friars or to the parish office. This might only be 4 or 5 times per year.



Parish Online donations are accepted through our **parish website**. Click here or visit

olorparishkellyville.org.au to donate.

Parish Support helps pay our bills, staff salaries; **Franciscan Friars** helps pay our friary bills, food, water, electricity;

Fundraising Donation to Parish helps pay the Church loan

Rosary Gem:

May Mary, the Mother of God and of men, herself the authoress and teacher of the rosary, procure for us its happy fulfilment. Pope Leo XIII

Attending a Safeguarding Training course in our diocese is *compulsory* if you serve in the Parish as a reader, extra-ordinary minister of the Eucharist or Acolyte. Face-to-face opportunities exist and are taking place. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. To complete sessions online visit parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training/



There are just a few weeks left to take part in **Project Compassion**. Have you taken a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to help support vulnerable people around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all? Visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion or call 1800 024 413.

The Parish Office is closed on Mondays.

Volunteers to vacuum the Church on weekends. Please consider offering your help (as a group or as an individual) to vacuum our Parish Church or to dust the pews, or clean the glass doors or all of the above. If weekends do not suit, we are happy to accept any other time. Thank you to the two people who, this week, offered their help.

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Church WORKING BEE

In preparation for Easter please us help do a special clean of the church (doors, windows etc.) on **Friday, 22nd March** 10am -12.30pm. Many hands make light work

In our Parish next weekend (Sat. 16 March 1.30pm)

See below

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Come and join us! Share in the experience of the Holy Spirit Working in all of us.

MASS INTENTIONS: 9 - 16 MAR. 2024

Sat. 9	9.30am	Intention of donor
	6pm	Joseph Sultana
Sun. 10	7am	Nerida, Carmela and Vincenzo Bombardiere
	9am	Giovanni La Rosa
	11am	Emanuel Grima
	6pm	PRO POPULO
Mon. 11	6.45am	Giovanni La Rosa
	7pm	Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland and Sam Bugeja
Tues. 12	6.45am	Intention of donor
	7pm	Robert Garratt
Wed. 13	6.45am	Eliza Cruz-Jamias
	9.30am	Zobeil and Jaquelin Capdor
Thurs. 14	6.45am	Intention of donor
	9.30am	John Saliba
Fri. 15	6.45am	Intention of donor
	9.30am	Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland and Sam Bugeja
Sat. 16	9.30am	Erminia Vumbaca
	6pm	PRO POPULO

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“The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.’

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. 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 I AND II 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. Ps 121: 3-4
Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

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
GOD’S LOVE, GIFT AND GRACE
On this *Laetare* Sunday (so called for the first word of the liturgy is “rejoice”) we find in the Letter to the Ephesians: “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God” (2:8). To contemplate this statement is to begin to understand the generous mercy and love of God for each of us.

This reading follows 2 Chronicles that recounts the fall of Jerusalem, despite the compassion of God for the people, but then King Cyrus of Persia liberating the exiles. So as the passage begins in Ephesians we see the continuity with God, who is rich in mercy. Three times “grace” is repeated: “by grace you have been saved,” “the immeasurable riches of God’s grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus” and “for by grace you have been saved through faith.” This reiteration accentuates the love of God and invites us to know that “we are God’s work of art, created in Christ Jesus for good works.” John’s Gospel reminds us “God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life” (3:16). With his clear illumination of light and darkness, John affirms that “those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”
How will we respond to God’s love, gift and grace?

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / B 10 MARCH 2024

GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH. During the season of Lent we humbly acknowledge the ways in which we have failed to respond to our Christian vocation. We do this before a God who is infinitely rich in mercy and grace, who sent the Son into the world not to condemn it but to be its saviour. Acknowledging our failings and accepting healing and forgiveness from Christ prepares us to celebrate the feast of Easter with great joy.

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 2 Chron 36: 14-16, 19-23
A reading from the second book of Chronicles.
The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.
All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity,

copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, ‘Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.’
And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: ‘Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, “The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.”’

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 136. R. v. 6
R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!
1. By the rivers of Babylon / there we sat and wept, / remembering Zion: / on the poplars that grew there / we hung our harps. R.
2. For it was there that they asked us, / our captors, for songs, / our oppressors, for joy. / ‘Sing to us,’ they said, / ‘one of Zion’s songs.’ R.
3. O how could we sing / the song of the Lord / on alien soil? / If I forget you, Jerusalem, / let my right hand wither! R.
4. O let my tongue / cleave to my mouth / if I remember you not, / if I prize not Jerusalem / above all my joys! R.



SECOND READING Eph 2: 4-10
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.
God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God’s work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he has meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 3: 16
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! / God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, / that all who believe in him might have eternal life. / Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Jn 3:14-21
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.
God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.
Jesus said to Nicodemus: