



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH KELLYVILLE

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Dear Parishioners, Congratulations to the children from the parish who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wed & Thurs and the last group who will receive the Sacrament this coming Wed. Thank for a further donations of \$1,400 to cover the cost of the Sound System upgrade. This weekend we begin a new Liturgical Year with the First Sunday of Advent as we anticipate the joys of the Christmas season. The Advent wreath will be blessed and we will light an additional candle each week. We also take this occasion to welcome back to our friary, Br. Louis who has been in Melbourne this past year. Let us continue to pray for one another and our parish community.

Fr. Christopher Shorrocks, OFM Conv.

Prayer for children preparing for Reconciliation

Dear Lord, we pray for families and children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May their minds and hearts be open to Your loving mercy, and may our sacramental team be guided by Your wisdom.

We ask that the Holy Spirit provide us all with knowledge and faith to understand the beauty of Your love through this healing Sacrament. Amen.

ADVENT AT THE SHRINE FOR YOUNG ADULTS Fr Paschal will share reflections on the prophecy of Christ in the Advent readings from the Old Testament, concluding with praying of Compline. **Thursdays, 7.30 – 9pm.**

Immaculate Conception MARIAN PROCESSION
AT THE SHRINE

Join us on
Saturday 7 Dec. 2024

6pm Vigil Mass followed by a candlelight procession to the Shrine of the Holy Innocents

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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 24th December 2024 – Morning Mass – 6.45am

CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

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

CHRISTMAS DAY, WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER

7am, 9am and 11am Masses

(PLEASE NOTE: There is no Evening Mass on CHRISTMAS DAY)

BOXING DAY, Thursday 26 December – 8am Mass only

Friday 27 December – 6.45am and 9.30am Mass

Saturday 28 December – MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

- 9.30am Mass

followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Shrine, please bring a plate to share.

- 6pm Vigil Mass

MARY MOTHER OF GOD, MASS SCHEDULE:

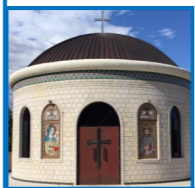
Wednesday 31 December – 6.45am and 7pm Vigil Mass

Thursday 1 January – 8am Mass only

Unmarked days have regular schedules

2ND ANNUAL MARIAN PROCESSION for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, December 7, beginning with 6pm Vigil Mass, followed by a candlelight procession to the Shrine. Join us as we come together to pray through the intercession of Our Lady and experience a beautiful slice of Lourdes and Fatima right here in Kellyville. All are welcome! **Would you like to donate towards the CANDLES and FLOWERS for the float to honour Our Lady on this special day?** Please contact the Parish Office 9629 2595. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents



Open daily from 7am to 6pm. Come and pray in quiet beauty. All welcome to visit throughout the day. To book your weekday retreat or conference, please inquire on our website [here](http://www.franciscanfriarsaustralia.org/shrineoftheholynnocents). (Franciscanfriarsaustralia.org/shrineoftheholynnocents) (8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville)

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Christmas Carols

Saturday 14 December

from 6.30pm



Join our own Joey Fimmano, his son, Luca, our choirs and our primary school children singing and dancing!

Sausages will be sizzling on the BBQ and the drinks will be on ice! Santa won't be late!

Evening Mass will be at 5pm (not the usual 6pm)



Are able to bake a cake, slice or biscuits for our food stall, we would love to hear from you! Can you help to set-up and/or clean-up on the night? Please call the parish office this week on 9629 2595.

Youth Group and Young Adults

Youth Group gathers this Sunday 1 December after 6pm Mass. All students in Years 6 to 12 are warmly invited as we celebrate the start of the new liturgical year and prepare for Christmas!

Our last **MASS, MERCY & MACCAS (#MMM)** for 2024 is on Monday 2 December. All Young Adults (18-35) are welcome to join for 7pm Mass, Divine Mercy Devotions and Confession, followed by fellowship at McDonald's North Kellyville.



ONE EASY LINK for everything you need to know about OLOR Youth! linktr.ee/olorkellyvilleyouth

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL for Catholic Care - Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will provide homeless mothers and their children with practical and emotional support, and a safe haven to call home. Donations can be made in the third collection this weekend or through this QR code:



JESUS IS COMING – TIME TO GET READY Experience the life-changing love of Christ and be strengthened in your faith journey this Advent with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes. Inspiring and transforming talks; prayer; reflection; and practical strategies for impactful living. To help you go deeper in your prayer life and spiritual journey, you are invited to the Advent Mission Event Retreat online from 7-9th December with unlimited streaming until the end of Advent. To find out more and register go to: <https://TheCatholicGuy.com/missionevent>

NOVENA TO HONOUR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION continues until Saturday 7 December. Place your petition and donation in the blue box at the statue of Our Lady.

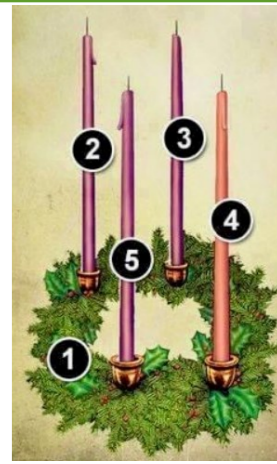
Let's Pray for the Sick - Gary, Christopher Ferro, Anil Bhareti, Tim Schindler, Frances McDonald, Tyler Amadeus Lianto, Maria Short, Pamela Lawrence, Gail, Grant Harrison, Barbara Apa, Ariana, Callum Lee, Marie Rajanayagam, Carmen Mizzi, Rodrigo Tandingan, Eugene, Maureen, Frankie Fernandez, Pravani, 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](mailto:let'spray@olorparishkellyville.org.au), to let us know the name of someone who is ill and we will include their names on our list.

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Advent Wreath Symbols

(1) **Evergreen Wreath** - The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God (the Alpha and Omega). The evergreen is chosen as the base because God is the foundation of all good. Green is the colour that represents hope and new life.



Four Candles - represent the four weeks of Advent.

Traditionally, each week represents one thousand years, to sum up the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Saviour. The first two purple candles symbolise (2) hope and (3) love respectively. The (4) third candle (which is pink/rose) symbolises joy. The fourth and last purple candle represents (5) peace. The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ to mankind.

First Sunday Filipino Mass

Please join us on

1 December, 3pm

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville

Please bring a plate to share at the Old Hall after the mass.

MASS INTENTIONS:

30 NOV. — 7 DEC 2024

Sat. 30	9.30am Holy Souls
	6pm Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland & Sam Bugeja
Sun. 1	7am Nerida, Carmela & Vincenza Bombardiere
	9am Ernesto, Maria Rosa & Jeannette Murdocca
	11am Norah Woods
	6pm PRO POPULO
Mon. 2	6.45am Norah Woods
	7pm Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland & Sam Bugeja
Tues. 3	6.45am Ron & Gwenny Sinclair
	7pm Roy & Rose Fimmano
Wed. 4	6.45am Deceased Friars & their families
	9.30am Raymond & Charlie Vella
Thurs. 5	6.45am Hillary Susantha Senanayake
	9.30am Intention of donor
Fri. 6	6.45am John & Angelina Ferreira & family
	9.30am Intention of donor
	7pm Hillary & Ranee Wijesinghe
Sat. 7	9.30am Zobeil & Jacquelin Capdor
	6pm Joseph F Mizzi

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for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

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. Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. 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: 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 Ps 84: 13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things

of heaven and hold fast to what endures.

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

STAY AWAKE!

On this First Sunday of Advent we come into a new liturgical year with the Gospel of Luke, penned for urban Greco-Roman followers of Jesus, possibly living in Rome in the late first century of the Christian Era, around 85CE.

Today's Gospel proclamation comes from a particular literary style, called 'apocalypticism'. It is a style not to be taken literally. It is more like theological poetry intending its listener to recognise images that come from the writings and prophets of the First ('Old') Testament. Its fundamental insight is a reminder that, despite all the calamity and upheaval present in the world, God is present and liberating. Rather than being overwhelmed by global tragedies and disasters, Luke's audience is encouraged to 'stand erect ... with heads held high' and recognise that freedom and release are near. Jesus followers are to be confident in God's presence and care of them, themes that Luke will repeat throughout the year. Sometimes we can be overwhelmed by global events. At the beginning of this new liturgical year, today's Gospel proclamation is timely. It is a reminder that a different, divine power is at work. Hence, Luke's injunction, 'Stay awake'. We need this reminder. We can forget or be lulled into a form of spiritual forgetfulness by the unimportant or ephemeral. Advent becomes this precious moment to allow ourselves to view the world with faith and confidence in the continual care of God.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

1 DECEMBER 2024

YOUR LIBERATION IS NEAR! The early Christians expected the Lord's return in glory to be very soon. St Paul explained to them that the Lord was delaying in coming for a good purpose, to give them the opportunity to grow in love and make progress in the kind of life they were meant to live. May we also make good use of the present time to deepen our love for one another that we may be ready on the day Christ comes to set us free.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, (striking the breast) through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria is not said during Advent.

COLLECT

P. Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may

be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom. 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

Jer 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,

who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence.

And this is the name the city will be called: ‘The Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14. R. v. 1

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord, teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour. **R.**

2. The Lord is good and upright. / He shows the path to those who stray, / he guides the humble in the right path; / he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

3. His ways are faithfulness and love / for those who keep his covenant and will. / The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; / to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Thess 3:12-4:2

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and



the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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.

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.’

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times

WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Today we welcome Fr Michael Trainor as our reflection writer. Fr Michael is senior lecturer in biblical studies with the Australian Catholic University and parish priest of Lockleys in the Archdiocese of Adelaide. His area of specialisation is the study of the New Testament and its relevance for our contemporary world, ecology and pastoral life.

We are very grateful and thank Dr Rosemary Canavan for her insightful reflections on the readings during the past liturgical year.