



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH KELLYVILLE

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Dear Parishioners, Wow, less than 2 weeks until Christmas. Hope we are truly using this period of Advent as a preparation time for this great event. To help with our preparation we will be having an extended time of Confession on Saturday, 21st December. On Monday and Tuesday of this week we will celebrate the Graduation of our Year 6 students from Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Angela's Primary school. We wish them well as they continue their journey into High School next year. Hope we all had the opportunity of joining in our Christmas Carols on the 14th. This weekend we will present our annual Financial report to the parish - as you note a major part of our expenses is the repaying of the loan (principal and interest) on the Church renovations.. Thanks for your generosity and continued support of our parish . Let us continue to pray for one another and our parish community.

Fr. Christopher Shorrocks, OFM Conv.

Important information regarding Masses on Monday and Tuesday evenings next week. Due to the Year 6 Graduations from our two Primary Schools, there is NO 7PM EVENING MASS on Monday, 16th Dec or Tuesday 17th Dec. Thank you for understanding.

Don't miss out!
Prepare for Christmas with a good Confession.
On Saturday, 21 December, three Priests will be hearing Confessions in the Church between 10am and 12 Noon.
Hope you can make it.

Our Condolences to the family and friends of Dr Gary Harker whose funeral will be held on Thursday 19 December at 11am.

Our Condolences to the family and friends of Rodrigo Tandingan whose funeral will be held Friday 20 December at 11am.

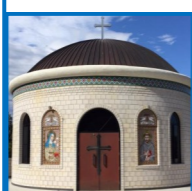
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of the all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Liturgical Ministry Courses return in 2025 in Blacktown and Penrith. This free formation is open to anyone in the diocese 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. To enrol and for more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org. Registrations close 28th January, 2025 but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment

The Divine Retreat Centre NSW is hosting a variety of single-day and weekend residential retreats throughout December. All are welcome, no bookings required. For more information, visit www.divineretreatcentre.org or contact (02) 4372 1598

Calix Society: 12 Step Recovery and Catholic Spirituality
Know someone troubled by addiction or alcoholism? The Calix Society is a way to recovery that incorporates 12 Step recovery and Catholic Spirituality. Sydney Unit meets Monthly at St Joseph, Enfield. Mass (5:30pm) and "About Calix" talk (6:30 - 7:30pm). We also meet weekly via zoom and have an annual retreat. Contact: Tim 0401 600 422/Kevin 0435 668 382/calixsydney@outlook.com. See: <https://www.calixsociety.org/>

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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COME CELEBRATE WITH US!
FEAST OF STO NIÑO
Sunday, 5 January 2024, 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, Lechon food feast, entertainment and games in the old parish hall. Please bring a plate to share.
Join us for a 9 day daily online St. Niño Novena
Thurs, 26 December 8pm - 9pm
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/mfp-xohc-wke>
For more information or if you wish to donate food or prizes, please call
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Mass for the Holy Innocents on Saturday 28 December at 9.30am at OLOR Parish Kellyville Join us at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, on Saturday 28 December at 9.30am Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents. A procession of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the Mass to the Shrine of the Holy Innocents. Please bring a plate to share. For more information call Br. Louis 0422 028 647

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

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Open 9am-4pm, Tuesday - Friday
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Our Lady of the Rosary Advent and Christmas Mass Schedule
Tuesday 24 December 2024 - Morning Mass at 6.45am
Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24 December
5.30pm Children's Mass
(Children are invited to dress up as Nativity figures and process down the aisle with Fr. Chris)
8pm Family Mass
11.30pm Christmas Carols sung by Youth Choir
Midnight Mass begins at Midnight
Christmas Day
7am, 9am and 11am Masses
(There is NO Evening Mass on Christmas Day)
Boxing Day, Thurs 26 December - 8am Mass only
Friday 27 December - 6.45am and 9.30am Masses
Saturday 28 December: MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS
at **9.30am** in the Church followed by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Shrine. Please bring a plate to share.
6pm Vigil Mass
Wed. 31 December - 6.45am and 7pm Vigil Mass for MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
on Thurs, 1 January 2025 - 8am Mass only
Unmarked days have regular schedules

Let's Pray for the Sick - Christopher Ferro, Anil Bhareti, Tim Schindler, Frances McDonald, Tyler Amadeus Lianto, Pamela Lawrence, Gail, Grant Harrison, Barbara Apa, Ariana, Callum Lee, 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:letusknow@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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Christmas Carols
This 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 sizzle 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)

We're decorating the Church for Christmas Join us on Saturday, 21 Dec after the 9.30am Mass. We need as many volunteers as possible to make sure this goes quickly and smoothly. Many comment on how beautiful the decorations are - but they do require some heavy lifting to prepare the trees etc. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes and as the saying goes "many hands make light work."

Militia Immaculata (MI) will meet on the first Saturdays at 10.30am in 2025, in the Parish Office. First meeting is on 4 January.

MASS INTENTIONS:
14 - 21 DEC 2024

Sat. 14	9.30am	Intention of donor Edward Jones
Sun. 15	7am	Margaret & Allan Shorrocks
	9am	Vincenzo & Maria Carmela Mesiti
	11am	Intention of donor PRO POPULO
Mon. 16	6.45am	Intention of donor Maximino Calangi
	7pm	
Tues. 17	6.45am	Ron & Gwenny Sinclair
	7pm	Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland & Sam Bugeja
Wed. 18	6.45am	Phylis Cini
	9.30am	Natalie, Terry, Elizabeth & Sam Caruana
Thurs. 19	6.45am	Giuseppe & Erminia Vumbaca
	9.30am	Netta & Joseph Galea & Joseph Dempsey
Fri. 20	6.45am	Intention of donor
	9.30am	Joe & Terry Cassar & Joseph & Netta Galea
Sat. 21	9.30am	Caridad & Maximo Bables & Susana Glorioso
	6pm	PRO POPULO

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we do?’ He said to them, ‘No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!’

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.’ As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.

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 OR II 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: Save us, Saviour of the world,

for by your Cross and Resurrection

you have set us free.

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. Isa 35:4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults

and prepare us for the coming feasts.

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

SHARING THE EARTH’S GOODS

This Sunday’s Gospel continues with John Baptist. His voice now becomes more demanding, urging his audience to live in ways typified by generosity, kindness and justice, themes which will appear throughout the Gospel. Those whom John addresses reflect the audience of Luke’s Gospel, including tax agents and soldiers, with a focus on wealth. This will be a major theme in the Gospel.

Luke intends to speak to those who have rank and influence, to bring about change and status reversal, themes that begin here in today’s Gospel. John responds to his enquirers coming for baptism about how they are to live. He encourages them to share their clothing with those who have nothing and food with those who are hungry. This presumes that his audience (and Luke’s Gospel audience) have possessions and food to share. They are not impoverished. When similarly asked by tax collectors—agents of Rome’s imperial household—they are told not to extract taxes beyond what is due. In other words, they are not to become wealthy at the expense of others. Soldiers (again members of Luke’s community) are told to act without violence and extortion, content with their pay.

All these that John addresses are invited on to a path of economic restraint and generosity. This will allow them to be ready for the coming of the one whom John prepares his audience for, and the focus of the second half of the Gospel. Today’s Gospel offers us an Advent moment to reflect on our own use of Earth’s goods and possessions and how we share them.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

15 DECEMBER 2024

REJOICE IN THE LORD! A theme of joy always runs through the liturgy of the Third Sunday of Advent. The joy of this day springs from our anticipation and excitement that the Lord’s coming is very near. We ask the Lord to remove any sadness from our hearts that may hinder us from embracing the peace and hope which his presence will bestow on us this Christmas.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Phil 4: 4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.

Indeed, the Lord is near.

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.

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

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. O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord’s Nativity,

enable us, we pray,

to attain the joys of so great a salvation

and to celebrate them always

with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Zeph 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;

he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:

Zion, have no fear,

do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you,

he will renew you by his love;

he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Isa 12:2-6. R. v. 6

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly, God is my salvation, / I trust, I shall not fear. / For the Lord is my strength, my song, / he became my saviour. / With joy you will draw water / from the wells of salvation. **R.**

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! / Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! / Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord / for he has done glorious deeds, / make them known to all the earth! / People of Zion, sing and shout for joy / for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

The Lord is near.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness.



Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Isa 61:1; Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 3:10-18

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.

What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John, ‘What must we do?’ he answered, ‘If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.’ There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, ‘Master, what must we do?’ He said to them, ‘Exact no more than your rate.’ Some soldiers asked him in their turn, ‘What must