



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH KELLYVILLE

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Dear Parishioners, Just a few days until we celebrate the great joy of the Birth of our Saviour. We congratulate the Year 6 children of Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Angela's Primary Schools who graduated this past week. I am sure they will meet the challenges of High School. The Friars would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your generous gifts and Christmas greetings - they are all very much appreciated. Thank you to all who have volunteered in our parish over this past year in so many different and diverse ways (many behind the scenes). Our parish could not move ahead without your generous support and assistance. We are always open to accepting new volunteers into so many roles around the parish. Please consider how you might be able to assist as we venture into the New Year. Thanks to you ALL for your generosity and continued support of our parish. Let us continue to pray for one another and our parish community and not lose sight of the fact that **Jesus is the reason for the season**

Fr. Christopher Shorrocks, OFM Conv.



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

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Don't miss out!

Prepare for Christmas with a good Confession. this Saturday, 21 December, three Priests will be hearing Confessions in the Church between 10am and 12 Noon.

Hope you can make it.

Plenary Indulgence 2025

According to the Decree on Granting of Indulgence during the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025, three places are designated in our Diocese to be visited by pilgrims seeking a plenary indulgence who are unable to make a pilgrimage to Rome:

St. Patrick's Cathedral Chapel, Parramatta
The Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville
Mount Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa



A Jubilee is a special and profound year of grace, mercy and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage, and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years.

The **Jubilee of 2025** will commence on 24 December 2024 with the Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and runs to 6 January 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Door.

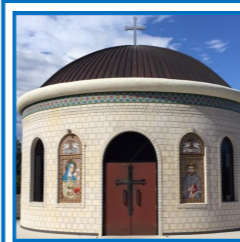
In our Diocese of Parramatta **many events that will be taking place**. In particular, all are invited to take a personal or small group pilgrimage to one or all three of our pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year:

A Jubilee Indulgence is granted to those who make a Jubilee pilgrimage during the year. For those who cannot make a jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances, you are invited to take part in the spiritual movement that accompanies the Jubilee year, offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in reconciliation, prayer, and the Eucharistic celebration.

Please find a leaflet at the doors of the Church with more information.

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



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).

Let's Pray for the Sick - Tina Mastrodemenico, 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, 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.**

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Join us for a **Holy Hour on New Year's Eve** - From 11pm to Midnight in the Parish Church. There will be Adoration with the Rosary and Consecration to the Sacred Heart. **Bring a plate to share at midnight in the Parish office.**

We're decorating the Church for Christmas Join us this **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 of each month at 10.30am in 2025, in the Parish Office. First meeting is on 4 January.

MASS INTENTIONS: 21 - 28 DEC 2024

Sat. 21	9.30am	Caridad & Maximo Bables, Susana Glorioso
	6pm	PRO POPULO
Sun. 22	7am	Nerida, Carmela, Vincenzo Bombardiere
	9am	Salvatore, Giovanna Maria Frasca, Teresa Crucitti
	11am	Olivia Del Rosario
	6pm	Jaden Selvan
Mon. 23	6.45am	Henry, Isabelle, Cecilia, Magdeline, Cosman Costa
	7pm	Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland, Sam Bugeja
Tues. 24	6.45am	CHRISTMAS EVE 5.30pm, 8pm Midnight Mass
Wed. 25	6.45am	CHRISTMAS DAY 7am, 9am, 11am
Thurs. 26	8am	Lawrence Fernandes
Fri. 27	6.45am	Intention of donor
	9.30am	Deceased Conventual Franciscan Friars and families
Sat. 28	9.30am	MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS Br. Dominic
	6pm	Joseph Mizzi

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She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

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. May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 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 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: 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

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;

and his name will be called Emmanuel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
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

FRUITFULNESS AND BLESSEDNESS

With Christmas only days away, this final Advent Sunday Gospel turns its attention to the pregnant Mary, soon to give birth. She goes to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, also pregnant. While the Gospel's Greco-Roman audience is familiar with family structures and lines of patriarchal authority, our Gospel centres on these two women within the patriarchal setting of the house of Elizabeth's husband, Zechariah.

There is something subtly subversive here. Important is the relationship between these two women and the fruitful imagery that permeates the story. The pregnancies of the two mothers anticipate the births of the two central figures in the Gospel's opening chapters. We have already seen one of them, John the Baptist, in the Gospels of the previous Sundays. It is the other, Jesus, whose birth we are soon to celebrate in a few days' time.

Elizabeth attests to the blessedness of Mary and the child to whom she will give birth. It is an affirmation which even Elizabeth's child witnesses to while still in the womb. Elizabeth and the child she carries anticipate the holiness of the one whom Mary will, at the angel's earlier invitation, name 'Jesus'. For the mother to name the child, as Elizabeth will do later in naming 'John' before the speechless Zechariah, is culturally unusual. But there is nothing usual about these births. We are caught up in this story, about fruitfulness and blessedness. Perhaps these are God's much-needed words to us as we seek to be with these two female figures preparing for the birth amongst us of the one from God.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

22 DECEMBER 2024

BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED. From Bethlehem, the least of the clans of Judah, and from a peasant girl, Mary, one of the least of the Jewish people, God prepared a body for Jesus, the saviour of the world. As we rejoice in the saviour who has come to visit us, we also join Elizabeth in praising Mary for her faith, her love and her obedience.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

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 Advent

COLLECT

P. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. 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 Mic 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah.

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. R. v. 4

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, / shine forth from your cherubim throne. / O Lord, rouse up your might, / O Lord, come to our help. R.

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, / look down from heaven and see. / Visit this vine and protect it, / the vine your right hand has planted. R.

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, / the man you have given your strength. / And we shall never forsake you again: / give us life that we may call upon your name. R.

SECOND READING Heb 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said,



just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 1:39-44

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.

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.