



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH KELLYVILLE

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Dear Parishioners, Congratulations to the group of children from the parish who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wed—almost 150 children presented for this Sacrament. Hope you have the opportunity of using the **Advent prayer booklet** that is available at the side and back door of the Church (suggested donation is \$7). I also mentioned the suggestion that during the month of December we read 1 chapter of St. Luke's Gospel each day and by the 24th Dec we would have completed the Gospel, It is not too late to start. Let us continue to pray for one another and our parish community.

Fr. Christopher Shorrocks, OFM Conv.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL
The Devastating and Unrelenting Impacts of the Cost of Living: As households feel the continued brunt of unrelenting cost-of-living pressures and have no expenses left to cut back on, Vinnies members and programs are responding to increasing demand. Close to 100,000 people have been supported across the state by members over the last year. For many, they are living in a constant state of 'survival mode' and cannot envision a brighter future. Everyone deserves access to the essentials needed to live with dignity. Even in difficult times, people should feel secure knowing they can afford a home, put food on the table, pay their bills, and maintain their health. This is especially true at Christmas. Fortunately, the Society can offer the support people need with food, clothing, household bills and more, along with connecting them with ongoing assistance and services. Your donation will ensure the Vinnies OLOR Conference can continue to provide a 'hand-up' and hope to those in need in the local community this Christmas and into the new year. **A collection will be taken by members after Masses this weekend. Donations can be made through the appeal envelopes on pews, cash or card and will be collected by conference members at the church doors. Donations can also be made through this QR code.**



FINAL TAIZE PRAYER SESSION is this Wednesday, 11 December 7.- 8pm. This is a good opportunity to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament with quiet reflective music (chant).

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.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS are on Saturday 21st December from 10am-12noon [3 priests will be available]. This is a good preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

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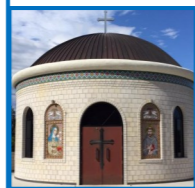
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Tuesday 24th December 2024 – Morning Mass – 6.45am
CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER
5.30pm Children's Mass
(Children are invited to dress up as Nativity figures and process in with Fr. Chris)
8pm Family Mass
11.30pm Christmas Carols sung by 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

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ADVENT AT THE SHRINE FOR YOUNG ADULTS 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.

WIDOWS GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCH is this Tuesday 10th November. Meet in the Parish Office at 10am.

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.

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

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!

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

Feast of the Holy Infant Jesus will be celebrated on Sunday 5th January 2025. Save the date and join us:

Mass, Special Blessing of children and Sto Niño images at 2pm followed by Procession, Sinulog Dance, Fellowship, Lechon food feast, entertainment and games at the Old Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share.

Join us for a 9-day daily online Sto Niño Novena Thursday, December 26 - 8:00 - 9:00pm
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/mfp-xohc-wke>

For more information or if you wish to donate food or prizes, please call Rachel 0414730861 Glenice on 0428859568 Rowena 0430016272 Jennifer 0404460815

Our Condolences to the family and friends of Thelma Gunasekera whose funeral will be held on Monday 9 December at 10.30am.

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, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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, to let us know the name of someone who is ill and we will include their names on our list.

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Youth Group and Young Adults



Last Youth Group for 2024 gathers next Sunday 15 December after 6pm Mass for our Christmas Party! All students in Years 6 to 12 are warmly invited for fun and fellowship until 8:45pm in the old hall.

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FOR THE CHURCH: will take place on Saturday, 21st 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."



MASS INTENTIONS: 7 - 14 DEC 2024

Sat. 7	9.30am	Zobeil & Jacquelin Capdor
	6pm	Joseph F Mizzi
Sun. 8	7am	Joseph, Martha & Joe Mizzi
	9am	Helen Barlow
	11am	Andy Zahra
	6pm	PRO POPULO
Mon. 9	6.45am	Intention of donor
	7pm	Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland & Sam Bugeja
Tues. 10	6.45am	Intention of donor
	7pm	Robert Garratt
Wed. 11	6.45am	Francis Xavier Fernandes
	9.30am	Christino Giordmaina & Giordmaina & Sammut families
Thurs. 12	6.45am	Jeffrey Bennett
	9.30am	Giovanni La Rosa
Fri. 13	6.45am	Zobeil & Jacquelin Capdor
	9.30am	Charles & Grace Vella & Joseph Scicluna
Sat. 14	9.30am	Intention of donor
	6pm	Edward Jones

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Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation
of 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. Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. 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: 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 Bar 5: 5; 4: 36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. 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

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD

Today's Gospel places us squarely within history and competing political leadership. Luke introduces us to the ascetic and enigmatic figure of John the Baptist. There are four elements to Luke's presentation of John. He comes into Luke's Gospel within the context of imperial power, local politics and religious leadership; he proclaims a baptism 'of repentance'; his ministry reflects the liberating words of the ancient prophet, Isaiah, to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Significantly, God's word comes to John in the wilderness. This is the symbolic place of nothingness and struggle. It's a marginal and liminal space and links to Israel's encounter with God in their forty years' wanderings.

These four aspects about John speak to us: We seek to live our contemporary discipleship with authenticity and fidelity within a world of power politics and church struggles; we, too, find ourselves at times in life's 'wilderness'—that symbol of struggle and nothingness; at the same time, we seek to honour our baptismal commitment as we desire to orient our lives towards God; we prepare ourselves, in the spirit of Isaiah, for the coming of our Messiah, Jesus.

This Sunday might become a time to invite John the Baptist to be our companion in preparing our hearts for the birth of Jesus. In the words of Isaiah, we are invited this Sunday to 'Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight'. We ready our hearts for God's coming to us in the anticipated birth of Jesus.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

8 DECEMBER 2024

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD. The season of Advent is a time in which we prepare for the Lord's coming. We prepare for the feast of Christmas which commemorates his first coming as a child in Bethlehem. And we prepare also for his final coming in glory. We do this by heeding John the Baptist's call to repentance, and by striving for 'peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 30: 19, 30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

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.

The Gloria is not said during Advent

COLLECT

P. Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. 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

Bar 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch.

Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,

put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,

put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:

since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.'

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights

and turn your eyes to the east:

see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot,

with enemies for an escort,

now God brings them back to you

like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level

so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade

for Israel at the command of God;

for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory

with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 125. R. v. 3

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, / it seemed like a dream. / Then was our mouth filled with laughter, / on our lips there were songs. **R.**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels / the Lord worked for them!' / What marvels the Lord worked for us! / Indeed we were glad. **R.**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage / as streams in dry land. / Those who are sowing in tears / will sing when they reap. **R.**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears / carrying seed for the sowing; / they come back, they come back, full of song, / carrying their sheaves. **R.**



SECOND READING

Phil 1:3-6, 8-11

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

Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 3:1-6

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.

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of