



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH KELLYVILLE

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Dear Parishioners, On behalf of all the Friars I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. May 2025 be for all a very blessed and holy year as we also celebrate the Great Jubilee Year (24 Dec. 2024 to 6 January 2026). This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the **Epiphany of the Lord** - the readings remind us that all nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises and worship the long-awaited Messiah and King, with the gift of their lives. Once again thank you for your generous donations and gifts to the Friars and also continued support of our Parish - it is greatly appreciated. I will be in Melbourne this weekend and return on 7 January. Let us continue to pray for our parish and for one another.

Fr. Christopher Shorrocks, OFM Conv.

## The Epiphany of Our Lord and Saviour



We are in need of new **Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** in our Parish. Are you interested in serving as one? Please attend the necessary course offered by the Office for Worship in Blacktown. Contact them on 0460 037 795 or write to them at [lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org). Registrations close 28 January, 2025.

Youth Group and Young Adults return in February 2025. In the meantime, keep in touch by signing up to our mailing list ([youthgroupolor@gmail.com](mailto:youthgroupolor@gmail.com)), liking 'OLOR Kellyville Youth' on Facebook and following @olorkellyvilleyouth on Instagram!

There will be no **Taize** in January. Taize will resume on the **FIRST** Wednesday of February i.e. 8 February.  
Would you like to receive your **weekly bulletin via email**? Please send us your request [here](#).

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**Professional Counselling** is available for addictions, grief, loss, couple and family issues. Please call the parish office to enquire or to book an appointment. **Are you new to the Parish?** Please complete the Census Form on our website [here](#) or write to the Parish office requesting such Form [here](#).  
**Would you like to serve as a volunteer in your Parish?** Please contact the Parish office or write to us [here](#). We need volunteers to **vacuum** the Church (we'll put you on a monthly or 8 weekly roster), others to serve as **collectors** at Mass, others to share responsibility for **mowing** the Church lawns, etc. If you have **expertise or a desire to help** in any field in which you can volunteer, please let us know if you are available to serve.

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

**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.**



**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](#). ([Franciscanfriarsaustralia.org/shrineoftheholynnocents](http://Franciscanfriarsaustralia.org/shrineoftheholynnocents))

**Let's Pray for the Sick** - Fidelino de Freitas, Marivic Valderama Monica Doyle, Tina Mastrodemenico, Christopher Ferro, Anil Bhareti, 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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**Are you looking to donate to your Parish ?**  
If you would like to support the parish and/or friary, please send this form to the parish office. Alternatively, please call the office to leave your details.  
Please accept my monthly / once-off donation to the parish and friary as follows:  
1st Collection (Church) \$.....  
2nd Collection (Friary) \$.....  
Card No. ....  
Expiry date: .....  
Tel. ....  
Name: .....  
Signature: .....  
**Thank you**

**Christ's Catholic Community** resumes on Wednesday 29 January, 2024. If you would like to join the prayer group which meets via Zoom each week at 7pm, contact Joe Apap on 0402 089 555.

**Regular Confessions** are offered on Saturdays at 10am, Mondays at 7.30pm or by appointment.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**  
**4 - 11JAN. 2025**

Sat. 4	9.30am	Dorothy and Roland Samoy
	6pm	Virginia and Ben Posadas
Sun. 5	7am	Jubilans 2025
	9am	Christino Giordmaina, Giordmaina, Sammut families
	11am	William Houghton-Boreham
	6pm	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
Mon. 6	6.45am	John and Tessie Ripa
	7pm	Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland, Sam Bugeja
Tues. 7	6.45am	John and Angelina Ferreira
	7pm	Rodrigo Tandingan
Wed. 8	6.45am	Intention of donor
	9.30am	Emma, Angelo & Jane Zuleni
Thurs. 9	6.45am	Holy Souls
	9.30am	Joseph Sultana
Fri. 10	6.45am	Garry Harker
	9.30am	Lloyd Carter
Sat. 11	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6pm	Baiada family

**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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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / C

5 JANUARY 2025



And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,

for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.’

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. ‘Go and find out all about the child,’ he said ‘and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.’ Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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. Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and

received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**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 OF EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*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

cf. Mt 2:2

**We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. 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

### FOLLOWING THE STAR

In the ancient world, stars were seen as living creatures. They had their own energy and life cycle, offered navigational movement and were gazed upon and studied for life’s direction. Our story today is taken up with star gazers seeking the one to whom one particular star (“his star”) refers. For the Israelites, God controlled astral energy and movement. These easterners, perhaps Zoroastrian Persian astrologers, called “Magi”, follow “his star” which directs them to the newborn Jesus. He is the focus of their search. Consultation with the Jewish scriptures through Herod’s appointees confirms the direction of their astral search—to Bethlehem.

While Matthew notes Herod’s jealousy towards any other claimant to royalty, a fact which the first-century Jewish writer, Josephus, also affirms, our attention, like that of the Magi, is on the star. It halts over a house where the birth of the child has taken place. Jesus, like all Jewish babies, is born in a house, albeit the stable of a house, an important reminder at Christmas time when St Francis’ crib scenes are displayed in our churches.

The Magi offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, symbols of Jesus’ nature: his royalty (gold), divinity (frankincense) and mortality (myrrh). The three gifts later gave rise to the thought of three Magi, who eventually become named (Melchior, Caspar, Balthazar) with one (Caspar) being dark skinned. This later development affirms the attraction of all people to Jesus, including non-Jewish and those of oriental backgrounds. Like the Magi, we, too, are attracted to stars. We are all on the search to follow that star that leads us to Jesus.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS. For some Christians the feast of Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today’s Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we can ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chron 19:12

**Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.**

### 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. Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God’s kingdom: Lord have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You come in word and in sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy: Christ have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

P. You will come again in glory with salvation for your people: 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.**

### GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.**

## COLLECT

P. O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. 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

Isa 60:1-6

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-13

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

- O God, give your judgement to the king, / to a king’s son your justice, / that he may judge your people in justice / and your poor in right judgement. **R.**
- In his days justice shall flourish / and peace till the moon fails. / He shall rule from sea to sea, / from the Great River to earth’s bounds. **R.**
- The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts / shall pay him tribute. / The kings of Sheba and Seba / shall bring him gifts. / Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, / all nations shall serve him. **R.**
- For he shall save the poor when they cry / and the needy who are helpless. / He will have pity on the weak / and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.**

*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

**Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mt 2:1-12

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

**P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*We have come from the East to worship the King.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. ‘Where is the infant king of the Jews?’ they asked. ‘We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.’ When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ‘At Bethlehem in Judaea’, they told him ‘for this is what the prophet wrote: