



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH KELLYVILLE

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Dear Parishioners, In the scripture readings this weekend Abram's faith is sealed with a covenant initiated by God, our light and our salvation. The Transfiguration of Jesus prefigures the transformation in glory to which we are called by our sharing in the paschal mystery - the dying and rising of Jesus. Thank you to all who are supporting our fundraising endeavours - the Easter Egg raffle and who have offered to bake for our Mother's Day stall - still plenty of opportunities - every little bit helps. This weekend we will begin a parish survey over the next 3 weekends to give all parishioners an opportunity to express how we are doing as a Parish and what we could do better and what you might like to see in our parish. Please take the time to fill it out and return it as soon as you can or complete it online. We have received a great response to our proposed Parish pilgrimage in 2026. Let us continue to pray for our parish community and one another.

Fr. Chris Shorrock, OFM Conv.

Youth Group returns soon Thank you for your patience as we prepare for the year ahead.

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



Easter Egg Raffle We continue with our Easter egg fundraiser this weekend and each weekend until Palm Sunday, 13 April. Tickets for the huge Jars of eggs and baskets: \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Please support us as we work to support our parish. **Please keep your winning tickets as you will need them to claim your prizes.**

Mothers' Day - 11 May If you would like to bake for our cake stall, please contact the parish office on 9629-2595 or write to us [here](mailto:admin@olorparishkellyville.org.au)

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Our Lenten Journey to Easter

Each Friday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 7pm with Confessions during the Stations.

On the First Friday of March (7th) and April (4th) there will be Holy Mass with Stations of the Cross and Confessions during the Stations.

At the Shrine: Each Friday during Lent there are Stations of the Cross led by Br Louis at 10.15 (after 9.30am Mass in the Church).

Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday (17 April)

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm
Silent prayer in the old hall until 11pm

Good Friday (18 April)

11am - Stations of the Cross in the Parish Church
3pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday (19 April)

Easter Vigil at 8pm

N.B. There will be no Confessions on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday

Masses: 7am, 9am and 11am.

No evening Mass on Easter Sunday

There will be 8am Masses only on both
Easter Monday, 21 April and Anzac Day, Fri. 25 April

Are you able to help the Good Shepherd Catechists as a "note taker" on Tuesdays between 4 and 6pm, with children's Catechism in the old hall? Contact Beth on 0402 304 451.

Does anyone have **steam cleaning facilities** to clean the carpet in the old hall? Your help will be most appreciated.

Let's Pray for the Sick - Michael Carter, Norma O'Sullivan, Fidelino de Freitas, Brendan Twomey, Marivic Valderama Monica Doyle, Tina Mastrodemenico, Christopher Ferro, Frances McDonald, Tyler Amadeus Lianto, Pamela Lawrence, Gail, Grant Harrison, Barbara Apa, Ariana, Callum Lee, Eugene, Pravani, Janice Larsen, Teodora Postaski, Michelle Nickols, 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:admin@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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Pilgrimage to Holy Sites of Europe

17 Sept. to 2 Oct. 2026 Fr. Chris is leading a 16-day Pilgrimage to **Portugal, Spain, France and Italy**. We'll be visiting Padua as an alternative to Turin. See the bulletin boards

outside the Church for more. We're still accepting expressions of interest at the parish office (9629-2595) or via email using the parish office email address below.



What can your parish do for you?

Parish Survey



Fr Chris and your Parish Council are asking for your valuable insights to guide their planning efforts. You are invited to participate in an anonymous survey designed to capture your views on what you value most from our parish community. Your feedback is important so that our plans reflect the true needs and desires of our Kellyville Parish community. The survey takes just 5-10 minutes to complete and will close on Monday, 31 March 2025. Please use the Survey sheets at the doors of the Church, the QR code above or the link below, to complete the Survey. Thank you for your continued support and prayers during this important time. <https://forms.gle/DDPx7dyaCHC4GVpm9>

Completed Survey sheets can be deposited in the boxes at the doors of the Church.

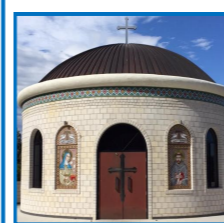
Prayer for children preparing for their First Reconciliation

Dear Lord, We pray for families of 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.

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](https://www.franciscanfriarsaustralia.org/shrineoftheholynnocents) (<https://www.franciscanfriarsaustralia.org/shrineoftheholynnocents>) (8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville) For Shrine Booking Enquiries visit [here](https://www.franciscanfriarsaustralia.org/shrineoftheholynnocents)

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Donations to support the parish can be made through our website, using the Tap-and-Go machines at the doors of the Church and by using the collection bags during Mass.

The First Collection supports the Parish

BSB 067 950,
Account No: 0000370,
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The Second Collection supports our Priests

BSB 067 950
Account No. 0002046
Account Name: Franciscan Friars

We're going to Berrima on Tuesday, 13 May.

Join us. A luxury bus will depart OLOR carpark at 7.30am and return 5pm. Please pack some lunch and a drink. Stop at McDonalds on the way for coffee. Tickets are available from the parish office at \$40 each. Simply call the office to reserve your seat. Payment can be made over the phone.



Do you know someone

who has access to a cherry picker which can be used to reach palms to be by Friday, 11 April 2025? The use of the cherry picker will be for one hour only. Other details are available from the parish office [here](mailto:admin@olorparishkellyville.org.au).



MASS INTENTIONS: 15 - 22 MAR. 2025

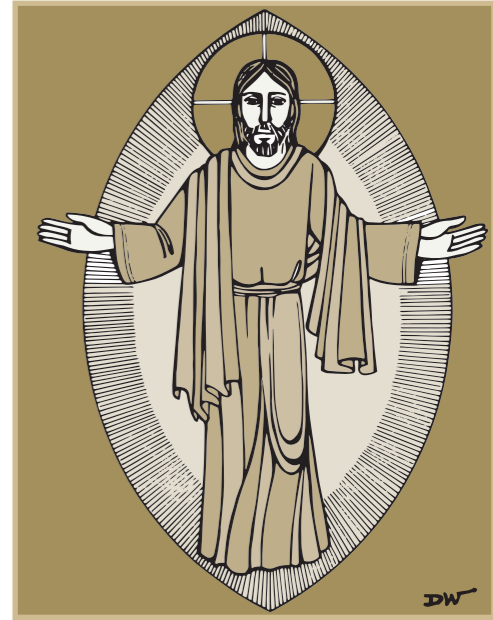
Sat. 15	9.30am	Intention of donor
	6pm	Baiada family
Sun. 16	7am	Nerida, Carmela and Vincenzo Bombardiere
	9am	Salvatore, Giovanna Maria Frasca Crucitti and Teresa Crucitti
	11am	Michael Caravino
	6pm	PRO POPULO
Mon. 17	6.45am	Erminia Vumbaca
	7pm	Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland, Sam Bugeja
Tues. 18	6.45am	intention of donor
	7pm	Doreen Nanayakkara
Wed. 19	6.45am	Michael Caravino
	9.30am	intention of donor
Thur. 20	6.45am	Tony & Maria Cini
	9.30am	Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph
Frid. 21	6.45am	Michael Caravino
	9.30am	Charles, Grace Vella, Joseph Scicluna
Sat. 22	9.30am	Merrianty Harjono
	6pm	Sam Cavaleri

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / C

16 MARCH 2025



STRENGTHENING OUR FAITH. In today's Gospel Jesus takes three of his disciples aside and reveals himself to them in his glory as the Son of God. His aim is to strengthen their faith in him as they make the difficult journey to Calvary. Jesus does something similar for us in the Sunday Eucharist. He invites us to step aside from our daily chores to pray, to listen to his word and be nourished by him. Strengthened, we go out from Mass ready to take up our journey along the way of the cross.

Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1
R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; / whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / have mercy and answer. / Of you my heart has spoken: / 'Seek his face.' **R.**
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; / hide not your face. / Dismiss not your servant in anger; / you have been my help. **R.**
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING Phil 3:20-4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.
For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from

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

PRAYER IS KEY

On this Sunday we accompany Jesus up a mountain with three of his first-called disciples, Peter, John and James. The intention of Jesus' mountain-ascent, as Luke notes, is 'to pray'.

Luke locates this event at the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, where suffering and death await. This journey will occupy almost half the Gospel. The journey is one of instruction. Jesus instructs his disciples, Luke's audience and us on how to be authentic in a culture where status and materialism seduce. Prayer is key. Like the prophets of the First Testament, Jesus, the prophet, speaks truth and confronts compromised leadership. This will come at a high cost. Luke's Jesus knows this. The mountain is sacred, perceived as closer to the Heavens and God's abode. Jesus prays to God seeking discernment in what will unfold.

This prayer, in which the disciples are also caught up, brings him into communion with two First Testament figures, Moses and Elijah, representatives of the Torah (Moses, whom Israelites believed inspired the first five books of the Bible) and the Prophets (Elijah). Their presence is Luke's reminder that God's loving accompaniment of and revelation to the Israelites continued through Jesus into Luke's day. This scene is helpful for our Lenten journey. Prayer, especially in times of struggle and the search for discernment, is key.

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which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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, / and 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 this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. 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 OF 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

 Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.