



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH KELLYVILLE

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Dear Parishioners, In the scripture readings Moses is called by God from the burning bush to lead his people out of slavery into freedom. The parable of fig tree speaks on the one hand of God's patience, but of the urgency of the call to conversion on the other. Once again thanks 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 is the 2nd weekend of our parish survey. Please return the completed survey as soon as you can or pick up one to fill. Of course it can be completed online as well. We have received a tremendous response to our proposed Parish pilgrimage in 2026. We might have some costs by the end of June. Let us continue to pray for our parish community and one another.

Fr. Chris Shorrock, OFM Conv.

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

Are you able to help the Good Shepherd Catechists on Tuesdays between 4 and 6pm (to take notes) in the old hall? Contact Beth on 0402 304 451.

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 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 (20 April)

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

Youth Group returns for this Sunday, 23 March, in the Old Hall following the 6pm Mass until 8:45pm! All youth in Years 7-12 are warmly invited to join us for Lenten faith, fellowship, fun, and pizza! To join our mailing list, email youthgroupolor@gmail.com or follow @olorkellyvilleyouth on Facebook and Instagram. OLOR Youth Leaders Team. **ONE EASY LINK** for everything you need to know about OLOR Youth! linktr.ee/olorkellyvilleyouth



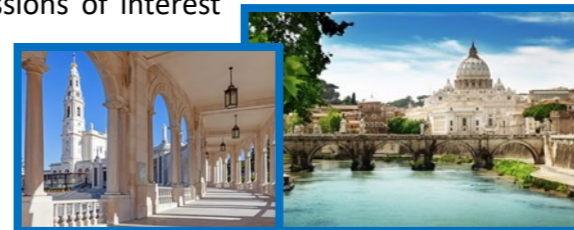
Let's Pray for the Sick - Michael Griscti, Greg Dimmock, Michael Carter, Norma O'Sullivan, Fidelino de Freitas, Brendan Twomey, Marivic Valderama Monica Doyle, Tina Mastrodemenico, Christopher Ferro, Frances McDonald, Tyler Amadeus Lianto, Pamela Lawrence, Gail, Grant Harrison, Barbara Apa, Ariana, Callum 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, 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? Have you completed the 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. **Completed Survey sheets can be deposited in the boxes at the doors of the Church.**

Registrations for First Holy Communion are now open

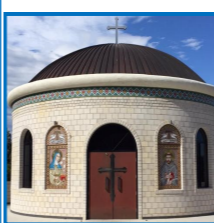
We invite all parents with children in Year 3 or above who have been baptised and received sacrament of reconciliation, to register their children to prepare and receive First Holy Communion in June 2025. Register your child by filling in the form attached to the QR code displayed or making a click here. Please complete it by Monday 28 April, to reserve a place. If you have any questions, contact us at: sacraments@olorparishkellyville.org.au.



NO BEVERAGES IN THE CHURCH PLEASE

Parish Online donations are accepted through our parish website. Click here or visit olorparishkellyville.org.au to donate.
Parish Support helps pay our bills, staff salaries; **Franciscan Friars** helps pay our friary bills, food, water, electricity;
Fundraising Donation to Parish helps pay the Church loan.

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/shrineoftheholyyinnocents>) (8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville) For Shrine Booking Enquiries visit here

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Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care. This Lent, will you be a pilgrim of hope to people who may break in the face of suffering? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help our chaplains at Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains offer pastoral care, comfort and Christian companionship that can bring healing and transformation. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you. **A collection will take place to support this Appeal, at all Masses next week. Please help us reach our parish quota.**



Women of St Clare, a community of women (+18yo) invite you to our gathering on **Sunday 23 March** from 6:30pm-9:30pm at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents for an informative Q&A on **'Living as a Catholic woman in a secular world'** with speakers from the vocations of marriage, religious life and single life. For more information, please contact us at womenofstclare@gmail.com



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.

MASS INTENTIONS: 22 - 29 MAR. 2025

Sat. 22	9.30am	Merrianty Harjono
	6pm	Sam Cavaleri
Sun. 23	7am	Sam, Victoria, Horace and Joyce Bugeja
	9am	Mabel Carter
	11am	PRO POPULO
	6pm	Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland, Sam Bugeja
Mon. 24	6.45am	Intention of donor
	7pm	Romeo de Guzman
Tues. 25	6.45am	Irene Flavia Dassanayaks & Jeannette Samarawiekka
	7pm	Cooke family
Wed. 26	6.45am	Intention of donor
	9.30am	Noonan family
Thur. 27	6.45am	Ray Lombardo
	9.30am	Tony Marshall
Frid. 28	6.45am	Intention of donor
	9.30am	Intention of donor
Sat. 29	9.30am	Giovanni, Cecilia, Tony, Therese and Angela Vasta
	6pm	Joseph F Mizzi

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Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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.

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, ‘Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.’

He told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, “Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?” “Sir,” the man replied “leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.”’

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 these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. 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 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: 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. Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from

on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. 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, \times and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

A CHANGE OF HEART

Last week our Lenten focus was on prayer. This Sunday is about conversion and a change of heart. In the first part of today’s reading, Jesus reminds his audience that suffering or persecution is not the result of guilt or sin. Terrible events remind us to have a spirit of repentance. “Repentance” is more of an openness of heart and mind to God, the essential and primary quality of a disciple, and less the codified legalistic need to address one’s infringement of ethical or moral standards.

The second part of today’s Gospel moves in an ecological direction. Repentance implies ecological conversion. The parable of the fig tree and its owner highlights the attitude of its owner to what is grown on his property. He sees the tree as unproductive and therefore unable to provide a cash return. The owner is greedy. Earth’s gift, the tree, is seen as a commodity whose lack of fruitfulness means for the landowner that it is to be “cut down” because it is “taking up the ground” (literally in the Greek, “using up Earth”).

What appears as ecological sensitivity is rather an economic or materialistic agenda. But the one who cares for the Earth and the tree, its gardener, offers a more viable and environmental friendlier solution. Leave the tree, offer it fertiliser, and it may bear fruit in the future. He pleads for patience for Earth’s fruitfulness. This is instructive for contemporary disciples: tender horticultural practice that cares for Earth is preferred to pragmatic, utilitarian destruction.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / C

23 MARCH 2025

UNLESS YOU REPENT. When misfortune strikes people considered to be sinners, others might say: ‘They had it coming! God is punishing them!’ In today’s Gospel Jesus criticises such attitudes on two grounds. Firstly, it is wrong to see the wrath of God in every tragic event. Secondly, we need to recognise that we are all guilty of sin and in need of conversion. Instead of judging others, let us ask God to forgive our sins and help us as we undertake the difficult task of reform.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

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.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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 Lent.

COLLECT

P. O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, by your mercy.

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 Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. ‘I must go and look at this strange sight,’ Moses said ‘and see why the bush is not burnt.’ Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. ‘Moses, Moses!’ he said. ‘Here I am’ he answered. ‘Come no nearer’ he said. ‘Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,’ he said ‘the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.’ At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, ‘I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.’

Then Moses said to God, ‘I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, “The God of your fathers has sent me to you.” But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?’ And God said to Moses, ‘I Am who I Am. This’ he added ‘is what you must say to the sons of Israel: “The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.” This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.’

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11. R. v. 8

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. **R.**



2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**
3. The Lord does deeds of justice, / gives judgement for all who are oppressed. / He made known his ways to Moses / and his deeds to Israel’s sons. **R.**
4. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow to anger and rich in mercy. / For as the heavens are high above the earth / so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.