



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH KELLYVILLE

Under the Pastoral Care of the Friars Minor Conventual


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**Dear Parishioners,** In the scripture readings the Hebrews, having reached the promised land, celebrated their deliverance from affliction and distress in the Passover. Christ, our Passover, has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation: let us forgive one another and celebrate the unconditional and abundant love of God our Father.

We will not be pushing the Easter Egg raffle but tickets are still available on request (the raffle will be drawn after the Vigil Mass on Palm Sunday 12 April). There will be a "Hot Cross Bun" sale after the 9am and 11am Mass on Palm Sunday (13th April) as well as our Mother's Day stall on 11 May).

This is the LAST weekend of our parish survey. Please return the completed survey as soon as you can or pick up one to fill out. Of course it can also be completed online. Let us continue to pray for our parish community and one another.  
*Fr. Chris Shorrocks, OFM Conv.*

 Next week we turn clocks back 1 hour at 3am on 6 April

**Note: There is no Evening Mass on Easter Sunday.**

**Youth Group Living Stations of the Cross Practices.** It's that time of the year when our youth prepare to lead our Parish re-imagining Christ's Passion. Practices start **this Sunday, 30 March, 7pm - 8:45pm** in the Old Hall. Our remaining practices will be held in the Old Hall on:  
- Sunday 6 April, 7pm - 8:45pm  
- Sunday 13 April, 7pm - 8:45pm



Whether you're a skilled actor or prefer the backstage, we need YOU! All high school students and young adults welcome. To find out more or to join our "cast and crew" email us [here](mailto:youthgroupolor@gmail.com) (youthgroupolor@gmail.com)  
**ONE EASY LINK**  
[linktr.ee/olorkellyvilleyouth](http://linktr.ee/olorkellyvilleyouth) for everything you need to know about OLOR Youth!

**Taize** is on this Wednesday, 2 April, at 7pm in the Church. Please join us if you have an hour for quiet prayer and reflection

**Parish Online donations** are accepted through our parish [website](http://olorparishkellyville.org.au). Click [here](http://olorparishkellyville.org.au) or visit [olorparishkellyville.org.au](http://olorparishkellyville.org.au) to donate.

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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**

## Our parish is very blessed to have so many families receiving their sacraments here.

Each year we have around **160 candidates per sacrament**. That means we are reaching out to around 500 families per year. We need your help to help them! If you think you might have skills to engage listeners, have a passion to deliver God's message and would like to impact their spiritual lives, please join us as a volunteer team member. Requirements will be informed on request and preparation will be provided by our sacramental coordinator, Angela Rosero. Please respond via email to [sacraments@olorparishkellyville.org.au](mailto:sacraments@olorparishkellyville.org.au)

**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](mailto: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**. 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. We now have an approx. cost of \$8,000 per person twin share. A refundable holding deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure a place on this trip. Please contact the parish office for details of the bank account into which the holding deposit should be paid.



## What can your parish do for you?

Have you completed the Parish Survey?

**THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY**

Fr Chris and your Parish Council would like 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 your 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.**

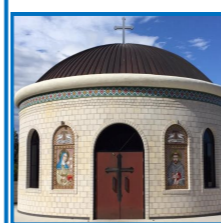


## Registrations for First Holy Communion are now open

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](http://here). Please complete it by Monday 28 April, to reserve a place. If you have any questions, contact us at: [sacraments@olorparishkellyville.org.au](mailto:sacraments@olorparishkellyville.org.au).



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

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## Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal this weekend

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](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you. **A collection will take place to support this Appeal at all Masses this week. Please help us reach our parish quota.**



**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.



### First Sunday Filipino Mass

Please join us on 6 April at 3pm for Mass followed by fellowship in the old hall. **Everyone is welcome.** Please bring a plate to share

**Please take a few minutes to complete the Parish Survey. We value your input.**

## MASS INTENTIONS: 29 MAR. - 5 APR. 2025

Sat. 29	9.30am	Giovanni, Cecilia, Tony, Therese and Angela Vasta
	6pm	Joseph F Mizzi
Sun. 30	7am	Joseph, Martha & Joe Mizzi
	9am	Felipe Polito
	11am	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
	6pm	John & Alesandro Federici
Mon. 31	6.45am	Felix Weinman
	7pm	Rosa Poalucci
Tues. 1	6.45am	Those enrolled in the Franciscan Mission Association
	7pm	Intention of donor
Wed. 2	6.45am	Alfred Cruz
	9.30am	Intention of donor
Thur. 3	6.45am	Saliba family
	9.30am	Deceased relatives of Friars
Frid. 4	6.45am	John & Angelina Ferreira & family
	9.30am	Charlie Abela & Joe Borg
	7pm	Stella D'Cruz
Sat. 5	9.30am	Intention of donor
	6pm	Joseph Sultana

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See the booking instructions in body of bulletin

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”’

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. We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. 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 AND 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: 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 Lk 15:32

**You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy

and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. 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

### GOD'S LAVISH DELIGHT

This Sunday's Gospel brings us to the very heart of Luke's teaching—forgiveness and God's delight in the return of the sinner. The Gospel's introduction sets the scene: Jesus attracts and dines with moral reprobates. Is this mirroring what's happening with Luke's householders as they gather for the Lord's Supper? Like Jesus, are they too being criticised by religious legislators?

Three parables follow. Our focus is on the third, the parable of two lost sons. Preachers often exclusively focus on the young son who demands his inheritance to leave the farm for a life of pleasure. The son is virtually treating his father as though dead when inheritances were usually bequeathed. He wants to completely cut family ties. We know what follows. The son's need to address his chronic hunger and loneliness sitting with Earth's most unclean creature, the pig, brings him to acknowledge his wrongdoing. He wants to return to his father's farm not as a son but as a hired hand.

The father's longing for his son's return is palpable and completely upturns social expectation. It reflects God's visceral response to the lost one who returns. The second older son is also lost. His adamant rejection of his younger brother's behaviour and his unwillingness to join the celebration of the brother's return flags an attitude circulating in Luke's world. The father's plea to this son for a change of heart is also a plea to the Gospel audience: Are we able to celebrate the joy of God's lavish delight over those we would prefer to exclude?

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 66:10-11

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

## 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 Lent.*

## COLLECT

P. O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 Josh 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua  
*The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.*

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.”

THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS. The story of the prodigal son confirms Jesus' words that there is great rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner. The joyful and lavish banquet prepared by the father to celebrate his son's return is a symbol of the heavenly banquet. In this story the older son cuts himself off from the banquet. Unable to forgive like his father, he chooses to stay outside in his own private hell. May we know the joy of forgiveness and the joy of forgiving.

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 33:2-7. R. v. 9

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

2. Glorify the Lord with me. / Together let us praise his name. / I sought the Lord and he answered me; / from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

3. Look towards him and be radiant; / let your faces not be abashed. / This poor man called; the Lord heard him / and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Cor 5:17-21

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

*God reconciled us to himself through Christ.*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 15:18

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**I will rise and go to my father and tell him:**



**Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## GOSPEL

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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.**

*Your brother here was dead and has come to life.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. “This man” they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:

‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring