



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH KELLYVILLE

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Dear Parishioners,

This weekend I am in Melbourne as the parish of Springvale/Dingley give thanks for the ministry of the Franciscan Friars. It is with sadness that we are withdrawing from this parish early in January, after almost 50 years of ministry. I was based in our two friaries for almost 18 years, off and on, over the 42 years that I have been a friar.

We are also saddened by the horrific and senseless shooting that took place at Bondi Beach this past weekend. There is no place in our society for such terrible actions against any individuals or group of people. Let us continue to pray for the victims, their families and all people affected in any way by this tragedy.

As we approach the great celebration of Christmas may we use our time of preparation to continue to pray for peace in our world and to remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. Let us continue to pray for our parish and one another.

Fr. Christopher Shorrock, OFM Conv.

## Youth and Young Adults

ONE EASY LINK for everything you need to know about OLOR Youth: [\[linktr.ee/olorkellyvilleyouth\]](https://linktr.ee/olorkellyvilleyouth)

Write to [youthgroupolor@gmail.com](mailto:youthgroupolor@gmail.com) to join our mailing list, or follow @olorkellyvilleyouth on Facebook and Instagram.



**We pray for the sick:** Ariana, Raymond Barrios, Vince Borg, Michael Bright, Michael Carter, Josephine Caruana; Lynette Mary Crowley, Fidelino de Freitas, Greg Dimmock, Christopher Doyle, Eugene, Fernando, Gail, Michael Griscti, Grant Harrison, Rudy Harso, Jordan Hunter, Myra Veloso Ladia, Pamela Laurence, Callum Lee, Tyler Amadeus Lianto, Pravani, Rodney Martel, Franca Masciotra, Frances McDonald, Maria Milagros, Jeremiah Nickols, Michelle Nickols, Norma O'Sullivan, Clara Mondares Pineda, Eduardo Mayuga Pineda, Teodora Postaski, Michael Sampedro, Natalie Sereno, Maria Short, Baltazar Pineda Trinidad, Brendan Twomey, Peter Upton, Barbara Vella, Michael Vella, Tony Weinman and all those who are suffering illness in our community. Please write to us [here](#), and let us know your loved ones' names to be added on or removed from our list.

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## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY KELLYVILLE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Wednesday December 24 Christmas Eve

6:45am Morning Mass  
9:30am Morning Mass  
5:30pm Children's Mass  
8:00 Christmas Vigil  
11:30pm Carols with the Cherubim

### Thursday December 25 Christmas Day

12:00mn Midnight Mass  
7:00am Christmas Day Mass  
9:00am Christmas Day Mass  
11:00am Christmas Day Mass  
No 6:00pm Mass

### Friday December 26 Boxing Day

8:00am Mass only

### Saturday December 27

9:30am Holy Innocents Mass and  
Eucharistic Procession to the Shrine  
6:00pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday December 28 (Feast of The Holy Family)

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 6:00pm Masses

### Wednesday December 31 New Year's Eve

6:45am and 9:30am Morning Masses

### Thursday January 1 New Year's Day

8:00am Mass only (Mary, Mother of the Lord)

## From the Christmas at the Shrine Fundraising Committee

Thank you everyone for all your prayers and support, donations of food, drink, prizes, and your time, talent (for cooking, baking, decorating and organisation) and treasure.

We raised \$7,896.00 for the maintenance of the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, and all seventeen (17) raffle prize winners have been notified.

May God be praised!



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Are you able to assist our lovely Family Choir who serve at the 11am Masses? They are in need of a mixer and Powerpoint operator for next year and would love to hear from you! Please contact Michelle on 0429 954 340 for more details.

## Commemoration of the Holy Innocents, Saturday 27th December

Join us for the annual Commemoration of the Holy Innocents. 9.30am Holy Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, followed by Eucharistic Procession to the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents and Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament.

The celebration will conclude with a shared lunch in the Shrine Undercroft and gardens. Please bring a plate to share if you are able.



Join our choir! Do you love to sing or play an instrument? We're looking for joyful voices and talented musicians to help our parish in worship. No experience needed - just a willing heart and a love for music! Please call Tina on 0432 737 808 or Rachel on 0414 730 861.



Holy Water

**HOLY WATER** — We have introduced bowls with Holy Water at the front and side of the Church. As you can see the other dispensers are rusty and don't always work. We will replenish the Holy Water on a regular basis and see how this works.



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

All children aged 5 to 13 are warmly invited to join the OLOR Children's Choir for the Christmas Vigil Mass  
2 rehearsals only - in the Church:  
Mon 22 December: 9.00-10.30am &  
Wed 24 December: 4.30pm  
(Mass begins 5.30pm)  
For more details please contact  
Bernie: 0403 092 715

## COME CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO WITH US!

Novena Masses from Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> January to Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> January: join us in prayer and fellowship!

7:00pm Novena Mass at  
Our Lady of the Rosary Kellyville  
on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Please see the Novena Mass Schedule posted on the Church noticeboards.



**Our Lady of the Rosary Primary**  
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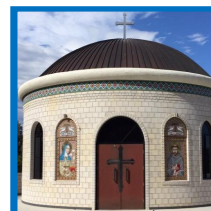
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40 Harrington Ave, Castle Hill 2154  
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## PARISH CALENDAR

19-22Dec	Fr. Chris in Melbourne
20 Dec	10am Christmas Reconciliation
24 Dec	6:45 Morning Mass 9:30am Morning Mass 5:30pm Christmas Vigil (Children's Mass) Children to dress as Shepherds or Angels 8:00pm Christmas Vigil 11:30pm Carols with the Cherubim
25 Dec	12:00am Midnight Mass 7:00am Christmas Mass 9:00am Christmas Mass 11:00am Christmas Mass <b>No evening Mass</b>
27 Dec	9:30am Holy Innocents Mass with Fr Paschal followed by Eucharistic Procession to the Shrine
28 Dec	Feast of the Holy Family
31 Dec	6:45am and 9:30am Masses
1 Jan	8:00am Solemnity of Mary, Mother of the Lord
2 Jan	7:00 First Friday Mass

## MASS INTENTIONS 20-27 DECEMBER 2025

Sat 20	9.30am 6pm	Joseph Sultana Joseph F. Mizzi
Sun 21	7am 9am 11am 6pm	PRO POPULO Salvatore & Giovanna Maria Frasca, and Teresa Crucitti Roland Banning & Family, Michael & Maryanne Attard, & Filomena Attard Olivia & Alfonso Del Rosario
Mon 22	6.45am 7pm	Merrianty Harjono & Luciana Indrawati Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland & Sam Bugeja
Tue 23	6.45am 7pm	Sam, Victoria & Horace Bugeja Intention of donor ( Robert Bareham)
Wed 24	6.45am 9.30am 5:30pm 8.00pm	Celebrants Mass Celebrants Mass Celebrants Mass Celebrants Mass
Thu 25	12am 7.00am 9.00am 11am	PRO POPULO Celebrants Mass Celebrants Mass Celebrants Mass
Fri 26	8am	Joseph, Martha & Joe Mizzi
Sat 27	9.30am 6pm	Intention of donor ( Fulop, Placko and Barlow Families) Marietta & Patricio Ceballos



## 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/shrineoftheholynnoccents) or go to: [www.franciscanfriarsaustralia.org/shrineoftheholynnoccents](https://www.franciscanfriarsaustralia.org/shrineoftheholynnoccents)

## Shrine of the Holy Innocents

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publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.’ Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means ‘God-is-with-us’. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

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. May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 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 II 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** Isa 7:14  
**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
P. Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son’s Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**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 WITH US**

With Christmas only days away, today’s Gospel announces Jesus’ birth. Unlike the perhaps more familiar story from Luke’s Gospel, with the annunciation by Gabriel to Mary, Matthew’s focus is on Joseph, a heroic character for the Gospel’s Jewish audience, reminiscent of the Old Testament patriarch, Joseph. Matthew’s story is different from Luke’s. In Matthew’s Jewish world marriage occurred in two stages. The first was engagement; the second, cohabitation. Mary and Joseph are married according to Jewish law, though not living together. We must remember, too, that the Gospel in general and this story in particular is a *theological* narrative. Matthew is not concerned with gynaecology, but *theology*. It is about God and the Holy Spirit. Mary’s pregnancy is the fruit of God’s action. As this becomes known to Joseph, he wants to step out of the scene and divorce her quietly without bringing her shame—an option open to him from Jewish law. Through an angel in a dream—reminiscent again of the Old Testament patriarch, ‘the dreamer’— Joseph comes to a profound theological truth. Mary’s conception is the work of God’s Spirit. This is God’s act. Joseph is then instructed to name the child, an important Israelite convention that incorporates the one to be born into Joseph’s kinship group. Matthew concludes the scene with a second naming, now provided by the prophet Isaiah. The child will be ‘Emmanuel’, ‘God with us’, a theme that will continue throughout Matthew even to the Gospel’s concluding scene on Easter day. We celebrate and affirm God ‘being-with-us’ this Christmas. We want this God to ‘be with us’ for the year ahead.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

21 DECEMBER 2025

A MAN OF HONOUR. Today’s Gospel invites us to reflect on Joseph, the husband of Mary, who played such an important role in God’s plan of salvation. Joseph was a man of honour who combined respect for the law with compassion for Mary. He was open to hear God’s word to him. He is an example for us all.

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Isa 45:8  
**Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.**

**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 Advent.*

**COLLECT**  
P. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. 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 7:10–14  
**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**  
*The virgin will conceive.*  
The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, ‘Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself

coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.’ ‘No,’ Ahaz answered ‘I will not put the Lord to the test.’

Then Isaiah said:  
‘Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means “God-is-with-us”.  
The word of the Lord.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 23:1–6. R. cf. vv. 7, 10  
**R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**  
1. The Lord’s is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R.**  
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **R.**  
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Rom 1:1–7  
**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**  
*Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.*  
From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from



the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God’s beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**  
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 1:23  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**The virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Mt 1:18–24  
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.**  
*Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.*

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her