



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH KELLYVILLE

Under the Pastoral Care of the Friars Minor Conventual

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Dear Parishioners, The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens (those preparing for Baptism or to enter the Church at the Easter vigil) and all the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. In the scriptures this weekend we see that like Adam and Eve, Jesus was tempted but did not sin. Our sinfulness is acquitted through one man, Jesus Christ, in whom we are justified.

Let us continue to pray for one another and our parish. **Fr. Christopher Shorrock, OFM Conv.**

Women of St Clare **FACING THE YEAR WITH CHRIST**

SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY
6:30 PM – 9:15 PM

FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS
8 GREYFRIAR PLACE, KELLYVILLE NSW
WOMENOFSTCLARE@GMAIL.COM

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 10:10 AM—Shrine of the Holy Innocents
Fridays at 7:00 PM—Our Lady of the Rosary Church

We pray for the sick: Ariana, Irene Barry, Vince Borg, Michael Bright, Josephine Caruana; Amira Cooke, Lynette Mary Crowley, Fidelino de Freitas, Peggy Dalgleish, 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, Jesusa Pineda Trinidad, Brendan Twomey, Barbara Vella, and Michael Vella 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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THE BIBLE and the SACRAMENTS

Join Us for an Inspiring Bible Study
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Centre

Mondays 2,9,16,23,30 March & 13 Apr
10.30am to 12 Noon
Fr. Christopher OFM Conv
Contact the Parish Office to Register
Study Guide available for purchase

THE SACRAMENTS SEEN IN THE LIGHT OF SCRIPTURE

- Discover the Old Testament roots of the Sacraments instituted by Christ.
- Grow in knowledge of the Sacraments central to the Catholic faith.
- Learn how the seven Sacraments have the power to transform our lives and shape us for eternity.

Save The Date
Saturday, 11th July 2026
6 pm Onwards

Our Lady Of The Rosary Parish, Kellyville

Fontana Amorosa
49 Balmoral St, Blacktown

Dinner Dance & Live Entertainment

Live Entertainment
3 Course Menu
Unlimited Drinks (Non-Alcohol)
Great Prizes for the Raffles

Reserve your seats now!
Parish Office - 02 9629 2595

First Sunday Filipino Mass
1st March at 3pm
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville.

Please join us in prayer and blessing
You are most welcome to bring a plate to share in fellowship!

OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2026
4PM OR 6PM

Enrolments for Year 7, 2027 close on Friday 27 March, 2026.
marianenrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au

Visit the College website:

THE FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY
DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

Saturday, 14 March 2026
St Patrick's Church
Mary Queen of the Family Parish
51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown 2148
Solemn High Mass @ 10:30 am
Followed by Lunch & Entertainment

Theme:
"St Joseph: Guardian of the Holy Family, United in the Mission of Christ"

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Youth and Young Adults

Introducing our **Junior Youth Group** which starts next Sunday, 1 March following the 11am Mass until 1:15pm! All youth in Years 3-6 are welcome to join us in the Old Hall for an afternoon of faith, fellowship and fun, with lunch provided.

Youth Band returns to serve on Sunday 1 March with practice at 4:30pm before 6pm Mass. All young people of any musical ability are welcome to join!

Senior Youth Group will be back next Sunday, 1 March following the 6pm Youth Mass until 8:45pm! All youth in Years 7-12 are warmly invited to join us in the Old Hall for an evening of faith, fellowship, and fun, followed by pizza.

To join our mailing list, email youthgroupolor@gmail.com or follow @olorkellyvilleyouth on Facebook and Instagram.

ONE EASY LINK for everything you need to know about OLOR Youth: linktr.ee/olorkellyvilleyouth



FRIARS BUILDING PROJECT: As you may have heard the friars will be undertaking a MAJOR building project. Selling some of their land for subdivision and building a new Friary. [See plan on church doors]. This will mean that they need to find alternative accommodation for a year or more. If you know anyone with a rental property in the area contact the friars (probably needed towards Sept/Oct 2026]

If you are able to help an elderly parishioner and pick her up from a North Kellyville address so she can attend the 11am Mass, OR assist by driving her to and from the shops occasionally, please call the parish office on 9629 2595.
Thank you for being Jesus' hands and feet!

Monthly Mass for Life
Shrine of the Holy Innocents

Friday 27th –
7:00 PM Mass , followed by All-Night Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 28th
10:45 AM Benediction
11:00 AM Mass for Life, followed by a reception in the Undercroft

If you would like to join us for **Eucharistic Adoration**, please text **Cecille** on 0415 253 771 to register your time and receive reminder messages for your hours and future **Monthly Mass for Life**.

Counselling Services Available
Individual and couple counselling is available through the Parish Office.
Counselling is offered for a range of concerns, including addictions (alcohol, drugs, and gambling), grief and loss, or general counselling needs.
All counselling is strictly confidential.
Contact: Sylvia – 0411 546 953 (call or send a message)
Alternatively, please contact the **Parish Office** on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday**.

OLOR Village CAFE & PLAYGROUP
for mums with toddlers & bubs

Every 2nd Thursday in the Parish Hall: 8.45am - 10.15am
Term 1 Dates: 19 Feb / 5 March / 19 March / 2 April

OLOR Village is a parent-led initiative of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish and School, focused on bringing families together through a variety of events and outreach.

For more information please visit: www.olorvillage.org

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St Angela's Primary
40 Harrington Ave, Castle Hill 2154
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PARISH CALENDAR

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| 23 Feb | 6:45am Mass 7:00pm Mass followed by confession |
| 24 Feb | 6:45am & 7:00pm Mass |
| 25 Feb | 6:45am & 9:30am Mass |
| 26 Feb | 6:45am & 9:30am Mass 8:00am OLOR Village (Mums Group) |
| 27 Feb | 6:45am & 9:30am Mass 10:10am Stations of the Cross at the shrine of the Holy Innocents 10:00am Women's Prayer Group 7:00pm Stations of the Cross at the Church |
| 28 Feb | 9:30am Mass followed by confession 6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| 29 Feb | 7am, 9am, 11am & 6pm Mass |
| 02 Mar | 10:30am Bible Study with Fr Chris |
| 05 Mar | 10am Morning tea with the Aguilera's |
| 15 Mar | 10am Vinnies Morning Tea |

2026 MASS INTENTIONS
If you would like to book Masses for your loved ones in 2026, please call or email the parish office to check available dates and times and to arrange a donation.

MASS INTENTIONS
21 FEBRUARY— 28 FEBRUARY 2026

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| Sat 21 | 9.30am 6.00pm | Salvatore Egiziano Baiada Family |
| Sun 22 | 7.00am 9:00am 11:00am 6.00pm | Joanna Barry PRO POPULO Luis, Marita & Jeff Sicut Sam, Victoria & Horace Bugeja |
| Mon 23 | 6.45am 7.00pm | Herman, Evelyn, Felipe & Ester Cabaña Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland & Sam Bugeja |
| Tue 24 | 6.45am 7.00pm | Margaret & Michael Berry Martha & Wolf Cuzucvar |
| Wed 25 | 6.45am 9.30am | Jaiden Selvan Marilou Cecilia |
| Thu 26 | 6.45am 9.30am | Ernesto & Cosimo Murdocca The Spiteri Family |
| Fri 27 | 6.45am 9.30am | Intention of Donor * Intention of donor: Judith-Grace Vella |
| Sat 28 | 9.30am 6.00pm | Joseph & Louise Bonello Efren and Ariel Torres |

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](#) or go to: www.franciscanfriarsaustralia.org/shrineoftheholynnocents

Shrine of the Holy Innocents
8 Greyfriar Place, PO Box 21, Kellyville, NSW, 2155
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For Shrine Booking Enquiries visit [here](#).

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / A

22 FEBRUARY 2026

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the
test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these,' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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. Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. 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 1ST 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: 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

Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. 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

SELF-CENTRED SEDUCTIONS

As is traditional on the First Sunday of Lent, the Gospel passage is about Jesus' temptation, an appropriate theme as we begin our own journey in Lent and begin to explore our own seductive temptations. We are all prone to these, and Matthew presents us with a Jesus similarly tested: an egoism exclusive of others especially God, the attraction to power and the seduction of wealth. These temptations are crafted in Old Testament terminology and imagery, particularly present in the Book of Deuteronomy, and ones that Israel experienced in the wilderness.

In today's story, Satan enters the scene, originally a member of the heavenly court (see Job) but, by the time of Matthew, God's adversary who tests the intention and fidelity of those who belong to God. Jesus is his target in three temptations. The first is about food and the temptation to break covenantal fidelity to God due to hunger. The second seeks to question Jesus' conviction of God's care of him. From the parapet of the temple, Jesus is told to throw himself from it, and test God's protection of him. In the third, with a vision of all the earth's kingdoms and seduction of wealth, Jesus is tempted to change his allegiance from God to Satan.

Matthew's point is quite clear writing to a Jewish audience most familiar with Israel's desert failures: Jesus is an authentic Jew who belongs to the Israelite people, knows and experiences their temptations, but resists the seduction of egoism, power and wealth in fidelity to God and his covenantal relationship. In this first week of Lent, today's Gospel invites us to reflect on those self-centred seductions that may compromise our true relationship to God.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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A TIME OF PREPARATION. The forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness can be likened to the season of Lent. Jesus' time in the wilderness was a time of preparation for his ministry, a time in which he confronted the temptation to choose self and not the Father. For us Lent is a time of preparation for the feast of Easter. It is a time in which we are invited to examine whether the will of God is central to our lives.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

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. Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis
Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 3

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**
2. My offences truly I know them; / my sin is always before me. / Against you, you alone have I sinned; / what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

3. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**



4. Give me again the joy of your help; / with a spirit of fervour sustain me. / O Lord, open my lips / and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 5:12, 17-19.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned.

If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Longer form 5:12-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! / No one lives on bread alone, / but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mt 4:1-11

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 fasted for forty days and nights.