



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH KELLYVILLE

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Dear Parishioners, In the scriptures we note that Samuel does not see as God sees in the choice of David, who is anointed with oil. As Jesus cures the blind man, so too are we brought from darkness into light through the grace of baptism. This 4th Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as *Laetare* (*Rejoice*) Sunday and why Rose coloured Vestments may be worn and this sets a tone of joyful anticipation of the Easter mystery.

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



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.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

All are warmly invited to join us 30 minutes before every weekday and Saturday 9:30am Mass.

We pray for the sick: Ariana, Irene Barry, Vince Borg, Vince Bosco, 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, Michael Sciberras, Natalie Sereno, Mario Emmanuel Setiawan, 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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Our Lenten Journey

28 March
10am - 12pm Easter Confessions

29 March, Palm Sunday
Regular Masses at 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

2 April, Holy Thursday
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Procession to the Old Hall for Silent Prayer until 11:00pm

3 April, Good Friday
11.00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

4 April, Holy Saturday (no confessions on this day)
9.30am Our Lady of Sorrows Devotion
7:00pm Easter Vigil

5 April, Easter Sunday
Masses at 7:00am, 9:00am and 11:00am
No evening Mass/ No Filipino Mass

Stations of the Cross every Friday from 20 February to 27 March
10:10am (Shrine of the Holy Innocents) and 7:00pm (OLOR Church)

6 April, Easter Monday (public holiday)
8:00am Mass only

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

All are warmly invited to celebrate the Feast of St Joseph at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents Thursday, 19 March 2026.

Devotions in honour of St Joseph will begin at 6:30pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm.

Women of St Clare

22 MARCH 2026
SUNDAY 6:30PM

CONTEMPLATIVE DISCUSSION NIGHT
LOVE, SUFFERING AND HOPE:
REFLECTIONS ON THE 15 STATIONS OF THE CROSS
WITH GLENICE LUI

FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS
8 GREYFRIAR PLACE, KELLYVILLE NSW
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Youth and Young Adults

Living Stations of the Cross Practices

It's that time of the year again when our Youth prepare to lead our Parish in a re-imagining of Christ's Passion. Practices start **this Friday, 13 March, 7pm - 8:45pm** in the Parish Office.

- Friday 20 March, 7pm - 8:45pm, in the Old Hall

- Friday 27 March, 5pm - 7pm, in the Parish Office (before our Palm & Pizza Party)

Whether you're a skilled actor or prefer the backstage, we need YOU! All school students in Years 3-12 are welcome. To find out more or join our "cast and crew", please email youthgroupolor@gmail.com or scan the QR code to join our WhatsApp community.



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A profound journey into the Passion of Jesus
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SHALOM WORLD

Palm & Pizza Party - our much loved annual tradition - is back for both our Junior & Senior Youth Groups on Friday 27 March from 7pm - 9:30pm in the Parish Office. Join us to fold palm crosses for the Palm Sunday Masses!

New to the Parish?

Please take a moment to complete the Census Form on our website. [here](#)

You can also request a form by writing to the Parish Office [here](#).

By completing the form, you help us understand how to serve you better.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, 12 April 2026

You are warmly invited to join us from 1pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish for a beautiful celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. The day will include Holy Mass, a solemn Procession, the opportunity for Confessions, and Veneration of the Relic of Saint Faustina Kowalska. Religious items will also be available for purchase.

Come and experience the grace and mercy of the Lord

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

Lost property

A number of **lost items** have recently been placed at the **back of the church**. If you believe you may have misplaced something, please check the lost property area after Mass.

Any items that remain unclaimed after a short period may be donated or disposed of.

Our Lady of the Rosary Primary
8 Diana Ave, Kellyville NSW 2155
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olorkellyville.catholic.edu.au

St Angela's Primary
40 Harrington Ave, Castle Hill 2154
Tel: 9407 6400
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PARISH CALENDAR

16 Mar	6:45am Mass 10:30am Bible Study with Fr Chris 7:00pm Mass followed by confession & Divine Mercy Chaplet
17 Mar	6:45am & 7:00pm Mass
18 Mar	6:45am & 9:30am Mass 10:00am Knitting Group (Parish Office)
19 Mar	6:45am & 9:30am Mass 8:45am OLOR Village (Old Hall)
20 Mar	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 First Friday Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross
21 Mar	9:30am Mass followed by Confession 6:00pm Vigil Mass

Counselling Services Available

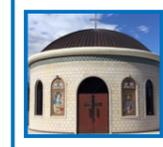
Individual and couple counselling is available through the Parish Office. Counselling is offered for a range of concerns, including addictions (alcohol, drugs, and gambling), grief and loss, or general counselling needs.

All counselling is **strictly confidential**.

Contact: Sylvia - 0411 546 953 (send a message) Alternatively, please contact the **Parish Office**

MASS INTENTIONS 14 MARCH— 21 MARCH 2026

Sat 14	9.30am Intention of donor 6.00pm John Saliba
Sun 15	7.00am PRO POPULO 9.00am Salvatore & Giovanna Maria Frasca, Teresa Crucitti 11.00am Doris Spiteri 6.00pm Anthony Zoccoli
Mon 16	6.45am Bassem Saadeh 7.00pm Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland & Sam Bugeja
Tue 17	6.45am Bassem Saadeh 7.00pm Erminia Vumbaca
Wed 18	6.45am David Leung 9.30am Bassem Saadeh
Thu 19	6.45am Herman, Evelyn, Felipe & Ester Cabaña 9.30am Noel Dmello
Fri 20	6.45am John Foley 9.30am Charles & Grace Vella and Joseph Scicluna
Sat 21	9.30am Tony & Dalila Mansour 6.00pm Baiada Family



Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents

Open daily from 7:00am to 6:00pm. Come and pray in quiet beauty — all are welcome to visit throughout the day. To book a weekday retreat or conference, please enquire via our website at <https://www.franciscanfriarsaustralia.org/shrineoftheholynnocents>
Address: 8 Greyfriar Place, PO Box 21, Kellyville NSW

who used to sit and beg?’ Some said, ‘Yes, it is the same one.’ Others said, ‘No, he only looks like him’. The man himself said, ‘I am the man’.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man’s eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, ‘He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see’. Then some of the Pharisees said, ‘This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.’ Others said, ‘How could a sinner produce signs like this?’ And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, ‘What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?’ ‘He is a prophet’ replied the man.

Are you trying to teach us,’ they replied ‘and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!’ And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ ‘Sir,’ the man replied ‘tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.’ Jesus said, ‘You are looking at him; he is speaking to you’. The man said, ‘Lord, I believe’, and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Longer form, 9:1-41

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 OF 4TH 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

cf. Jn 9:11, 38
The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

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

‘WE ARE NOT BLIND!’

The rich theological symbolism evident from last Sunday’s Gospel of John continues in today’s drama between light and darkness. Jesus meets a man born blind and tells him to wash in the sanctified pool of Siloam south of the temple. The blind man returns able to see. Over several scenes in one of the most dramatic and engaging stories in all the Gospels, the man who now has vision is consistently interrogated by the religious authorities who, though they are supposed ‘to see’, move into spiritual blindness.

The dynamic evident in the story is that each time the man is interrogated, he goes back to his experience of being healed by Jesus. Each reflection moves him to a deeper realisation of what has happened and who Jesus is: at first he calls Jesus simply ‘a man’, then later, that Jesus is ‘from God’, until finally, the man worships him. This movement of faith into light is accompanied by a similar movement into darkness by the religious leaders. They fail to see that they have become blind to Jesus and his deeds of healing (which John calls ‘signs’). ‘We are not blind, surely?’ they retort.

This drama is acted out in our day. Jesus’ final words to his antagonists and John’s audience are forever relevant. ‘Blind?’ questions Jesus, ‘If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, “We see”, your guilt remains.’ This clarity of understanding and insight is important in a world where truth is camouflaged as falsehood and lies proclaimed as truth. We need to journey with the man born blind, to reflect on our experiences, to be with Jesus and ‘see’.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / A

15 MARCH 2026

‘NOW I CAN SEE!’ In today’s Gospel it is the man born blind who gradually comes to see that Jesus is Lord. Meanwhile the Pharisees, the custodians of the traditional faith, fall steadily into blindness. Self-confident in their own knowledge, the Pharisees refuse to see the workings of God in Jesus. Let us humbly ask Christ to open our eyes that we may see his presence in our Eucharistic community and in our world.

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 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, ‘Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.’ When Samuel arrived, he



caught sight of Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed one stands there before him,’ but the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.’ Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen these.’ He then asked Jesse, ‘Are these all the sons you have?’ He answered, ‘There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.’ Then Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.’ Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, ‘Come, anoint him, for this is the one.’ At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22. R. v. 1

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. **R.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING Eph 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try

to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 8:12

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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

GOSPEL Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.

He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, ‘Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam’ (a name that means ‘sent’). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, ‘Isn’t this the man