



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH KELLYVILLE

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Dear Parishioners, In the scriptures we see that Jesus satisfies our thirst for eternal life. Through his Spirit his grace has been poured into our hearts. God satisfies the thirst of the Israelites whose hearts had become hardened and rebellious.

As I have mentioned to some of you I have been asked to carry on as your parish priest for another 4 years until mid-2030; of course I am happy to do so.

Let us continue to pray for one another and our parish. **Fr. Christopher Shorrock, 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 Emannuel 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](mailto: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

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  
10:30am Stations of the Cross  
3:00pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

4 April, Holy Saturday (no confessions on this day)  
7:00pm Easter Vigil

5 April, Easter Sunday  
Masses at 7:00am, 9:00am and 11:00am  
3:00pm Filipino First Sunday Mass  
**No evening 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

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

**Our Lady Of The Rosary Parish, Kellyville**  
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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!  
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**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"

NOVENA MASSES

**Women's Breakfast**  
Celebrating the Feast of St Joseph

Saturday 21 March 8:00am - 10:00am  
Mary MacKillop Spirituality Ministry, 33 Barina Downs Rd, Baulkham Hills  
Cost: \$20 per person (breakfast included)

All women are warmly invited to a special community breakfast celebrating the Feast of St Joseph and honouring the legacy of Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph.  
Guest speaker: Sr Virginia Bourke rsj.

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### Youth and Young Adults

Last Sunday marked a fantastic start to the year for OLOR Youth, with all groups returning in great spirit and with wonderful attendance.



Our **Junior Youth Group** launched following the 11:00am Mass and was a tremendous success. It was a joy to see so many young people in Years 3-6 gathering in the Old Hall for an afternoon filled with faith, fellowship and fun. The energy and enthusiasm in the room were incredible, and sharing lunch together made it all the more special.

We are so grateful to our youth leaders, parents, and all the young people who made the day such a success.

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

For one easy link with everything you need to know about OLOR Youth, visit: [linktr.ee/olorkellyvilleyouth](http://linktr.ee/olorkellyvilleyouth).



### MI Meeting

The (MI) meets every first Saturday of the month from 10:30am onwards at the Parish Office. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact Josephine Calangi on 0402 216 884 or Br Louis through the Parish Office.

**FRIARS BUILDING PROJECT:** The friars will be undertaking a MAJOR building project. Selling some of their land for subdivision [the land to be sold is marked in red on the plan. The current friary is probably on block 4 and 5] The friars will be seeking 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) This project is going through a company and the friars will not be directly involved in any land sale.



## Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, 12 April 2026

You are warmly invited to join us 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 on this special feast day. All are most welcome.



## 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](http://www.olorvillage.org)



### GUADALUPE

MOTHER OF HUMANITY

Special Screening  
Guadalupe: Mother of Humanity  
Friday 20 March, 7:00pm -  
Cloister Hall St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

Discover the miraculous story of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the enduring mystery of the tilma of Juan Diego.

Tickets \$10 (payable on the night). Popcorn and snacks available. Recommended PG 13+.

Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm prior to the screening.  
Seat reservations appreciated but not required.

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### PARISH CALENDAR

09 Mar	6:45am Mass 10:30am Bible Study with Fr Chris 7:00pm Mass followed by confession & Divine Mercy Chaplet
10 Mar	6:45am & 7:00pm Mass
11 Mar	6:45am & 9:30am Mass 10:00am Knitting Group (Parish Office)
12 Mar	6:45am & 9:30am Mass
13 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
14 Mar	9:30am Mass followed by Confession 6:00pm Vigil Mass
15 Mar	7am, 9am, 11am & 6pm Mass 10am Vinnies Morning Tea

### 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.

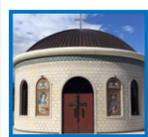
All counselling is strictly confidential.

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

07 MARCH— 14 MARCH 2026

Sat 07	9.30am Peter Upton 6.00pm Joseph Sultana
Sun 08	7.00am Nerida Bombardiere 9.00am Nicola and Joshua Caruso 11.00am PRO POPULO 6.00pm John Federici and Fr Alessandro Federici
Mon 09	6.45am Ben Cassar 7.00pm Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland & Sam Bugeja
Tue 10	6.45am Bassema Saadeh 7.00pm Bob Garratt
Wed 11	6.45am Paul & Rita Mizzi 9.30am Bassema Saadeh
Thu 12	6.45am Lawrence Apap, Charlie & Jane Refalo 9.30am Maria Linda Catimbang
Fri 13	6.45am Elisa Cruz-Jamias 9.30am Leopoldo Zaballero
Sat 14	9.30am Intention of donor 6.00pm John Saliba



### 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

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / A

8 MARCH 2026



'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done,' so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*Longer form 4:5-5-42*

## 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 OF 3RD 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: 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

Jn 4:13-14

**For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.**

### 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, and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

#### FOR WHAT DO WE THIRST?

The first two Sundays of Lent are from Matthew's Gospel, the Gospel of this liturgical year. They recall Jesus' temptation (*Mt 4: 1-11*) and his experience of being transfigured (*Mt 17: 1-9*). For the remaining Sundays of Lent, we listen to John's Gospel. These Sundays will explore the central religious and theological questions especially relevant for contemporary disciples in their Lenten journey: For what do we truly thirst (today's Gospel)? How might our eyes be opened to Jesus (next Sunday)? What is the life for which we deeply desire (the final Sunday of Lent)?

In today's Gospel a Samaritan woman comes to a well at noon—the brightest moment of the day—and encounters the source of Light, Jesus. She comes to draw water and only later realises that she has met the one who can quench her deepest spiritual thirst. The whole scene is replete with theological symbolism, a characteristic of John, as Jesus invites the woman to explore the depths of her thirst that only he can address. We learn that she has had several 'husbands'. This is not an admission of the woman's adventurous liaisons, as many commentators have interpreted, but an acknowledgement of her attraction to the 'husbands' (the 'Baal's') of religions that are 'not her own'. She is looking for the true one from God, not these other counterfeits.

Jesus reveals himself to her: He is the 'I AM', the Old Testament name for God. Through him the woman comes to encounter the Sacred and sets her on a journey back to her townspeople. Like the woman, we, too, thirst, for God and for a deeper religious life as we journey through Lent.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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THE WATER OF LIFE. Jesus is the saviour of the world. In today's Gospel he offers the water of life to a Samaritan woman who, in turn, becomes the first missionary of Jesus. She hurries to tell the people of her town about him. We, who have received the life of God in baptism, are also called to be missionaries by inviting others to come and see Jesus.

### 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. P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**R. For we have sinned against you.**

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

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, may always be lifted up 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 17:3-7

**A reading from the book of Exodus**

*Give us water to drink.*

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

### SECOND READING

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 4:42, 15

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! / Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; / give me living water, that I may never thirst again. / Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### GOSPEL

Jn 4:4-5, 19-26, 39-42

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 water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink,

you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water

will get thirsty again;

but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give

will never be thirsty again:

the water that I shall give

will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: