



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH KELLYVILLE

Under the Pastoral Care of the Friars Minor Conventual

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Dear Parishioners,  
This Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and are reminded that Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit. Having ascended to his Father amid cries of gladness, we are to be his witnesses for we have been gifted with his Spirit of wisdom and revelation. Let us, therefore, live in a manner worthy of the call we have received.

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



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We can't wait to welcome you!



**We pray for the sick:** Ariana, Irene Barry, Vince Borg, Vince Bosco, Michael Bright, J; Amira Cooke, Lynette Mary Crowley, Emilio Cruz, Fidelino de Freitas, Peggy Dalgleish, Greg Dimmock, Natasha Donaldson, Christopher Doyle, Eugene, Fernando, Gail, Michael Griscti, Grant Harrison, Rudy Harso, Jordan Hunter, Myra Veloso Ladia, Pamela Laurence, Callum Lee, Tyler Amadeus Lianto, Pravani, Pierrick Martel, Rodney Martel, Franca Masciotra, Frances McDonald, Maria Milagros, Jeremiah Nickols, Michelle Nickols, Clara Mondares Pineda, Eduardo Mayuga Pineda, Teodora Postaski, Michael Sampedro, 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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*"Dear Lord,  
We pray for families and children who are preparing to receive You in the sacrament of the Eucharist.  
May their minds and hearts be prepared to receive Your grace in this Holy moment.  
We humbly ask You to give our sacramental team Your wisdom, knowledge and faith to deliver Your message. Through Your Holy Spirit, make us all understand that the price of Your death was to give us the opportunity to be reunited with You one day.  
Meanwhile, let us feel the joy of being a tabernacle of Your immeasurable Love.  
Amen"*

**Monthly Mass for Life—Shrine of the Holy Innocents  
40 Hour Adoration for the Month of Mary**

**Friday 29th**  
7:00 PM Mass, followed by All-Night Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday 30th**  
10:45 AM Benediction

**11:00 AM Mass for Life**, followed by a reception in the Undercroft Adoration will continue until 7am Sunday 31st May

If you would like to join us for Eucharistic Adoration, please scan the QR Code to register your hour or text Cecille on 0415 253 771.

**Bishop's Good Works Appeal**

Across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, people turn to the Church for care, hope, guidance and belonging. Through the Bishop's Good Works Appeal, our Diocese supports vital ministries including Holy Spirit Seminary, Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Over the coming weeks, this Appeal will support Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your generosity provides education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they answer God's call. Please give generously at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or scan the QR code. Thank you for supporting the future priests of our Church.



**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: Send a text to **Sylvia 0411 546 953** or ring the **Parish Office 9629 2595**

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# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH DINNER DANCE

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We offer our sympathy and hold the family and friends of the late Vincent Vella in our prayers. May the Lord give the family peace and grant Vincent eternal rest.

**Volunteer needed on Tuesdays during school term** approx 6pm-6:55pm to assist with packing away, lifting and carrying Catechesis of the Good Shepherd resources in the OLOR hall. Would suit attendee at the 7pm Mass. Please contact Natasha 0409 621 817. God bless you!

**Schoenstatt Marian Pilgrimage**  
**MARY, LIGHT OF OUR HOPE**  
**SUNDAY 17 MAY**

9.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation  
10.00am Welcome & Opening Prayer  
10.30am Holy Mass with Bishop Tony Percy  
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2.00pm Eucharistic Procession  
Anointing of the Sick  
3.00pm Benediction

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- Online training option: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>
- Face-to-face training : <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training/>
- For more information, please visit the Diocese of Parramatta Safeguarding website: <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/>

We ask everyone over 18 years old except our SRE's to fill the Acknowledgement Code of Conduct [Form](#). Please submit documents to the office via email or hard copy. Thank you for helping keep our parish a safe and welcoming place.

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## PARISH CALENDAR

- 18 (Mon) 6:45am Mass  
7:00pm Mass followed by Confessions & Divine Mercy Devotions
- 19 (Tue) 6:45am Mass  
8:00am Children's Catechesis (Old Hall)  
7:00pm Mass followed by St Anthony Devotion
- 20 (Wed) 6:45am & 9:30am Mass  
**Parish Office closed on Wednesdays**  
10:00am Knitting Group (Parish Office)
- 21 (Thu) 6:45am & 9:30am Mass
- 22 (Fri) 6:45am & 9:30am Mass  
10:00am Women's prayer group
- 23 (Sat) 9:30am Mass followed by Confession  
6:00pm Vigil Mass
- 24 (Sun) 7am, 9am, 11am & 6pm Mass

### Queen of Heaven (Regina Caeli)

- V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
- R. For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia.
- V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
- R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
- R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the whole world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

### MASS INTENTIONS 16 - 23 MAY 2026

- Sat 16 9:30am Salvatore & Maria Rosa Murdocca  
6:00pm Giuseppe Valenti
- Sun 17 7:00am Christino Giordmaina, Giordmaina & Sammut Families  
9:00am Salvatore & Giovanna Maria Frasca, Teresa Crucitti  
11:00am PRO POPULO  
6:00pm Mercedes Remiendo
- Mon 18 6:45am Domenico & Giuseppe Galluzzo  
7:00pm Andy Zahra, Wayne Holland & Sam Bugeja
- Tue 19 6:45am Carmela & Vincenzo Bombardiere  
7:00pm Maximino Calangi
- Wed 20 6:45am Intention of donor  
9:30am Anna Thamboe
- Thu 21 6:45am Stella Dcruz  
9:30am Saliba Family
- Fri 22 6:45am Lenka Sarac  
9:30am John Foley
- Sat 23 9:30am Sam, Victoria & Horace Bugeja  
6:00pm Joseph Sultana

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 28:19, 20

**Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Mt 28:16-20

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.**

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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 offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. 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 OR II OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

*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 28:20

**Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you. 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**

**I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS**

When reflecting on Jesus' Ascension, our liturgical focus has been heavily influenced by Luke's double version of the Ascension; one set on Easter Day in the concluding scene in Luke's Gospel (24:50-52) as Jesus' blesses his disciples at Bethany and departs from them; the other in the opening chapter of Acts (Acts 1:6-11) as Jesus leaves the disciples and is carried into heaven.

Our Gospel today is quite different. It is the concluding verses of Matthew's Gospel. The Risen Jesus gathers with the Eleven on 'the' mountain, the place of divine encounter, already familiar from earlier in the Gospel in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Here, at the Gospel's conclusion, Jesus is with the *Eleven*—not the Twelve, a reminder of the failure of one of the key members of the apostolic leadership group (Judas). It is to this group of failed leaders that Jesus, God's authoritative agent, entrusts his final teaching and missionary endorsement. They are to make disciples of all nations. This is an important injunction, given that Matthew's audience which is predominantly Jewish is now encouraged to move into the gentile world.

In Matthew's Gospel Jesus offers a universal vision. Baptism and Gospel ethical teaching will become key notes for incorporating members into this renewed community of Jesus. The Gospel concludes on a promise of divine companionship. Jesus, called 'Emmanuel' ('God with us') in the birth narrative (Matthew 1:23), reminds his audience that 'I am with you always ... to the end of time.' This affirmation of Jesus' eternal presence is comforting to Matthew's audience, and us, dealing with life's struggles and cultural challenges.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / A

17 MAY 2026

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS. When Christ ascended into heaven he did not abandon his disciples. Matthew's Gospel begins with the angel's words that Jesus will be called Emmanuel, which means God-is-with-us, and it ends with Jesus' promise: 'Know that I am with you always, yes, to the end of time.' In a special way Emmanuel is with us in this Eucharist for 'where two or three are gathered in my name, I shall be there with them.'

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Acts 1:11

**Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.**

**GREETING**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. The Lord be with you.

**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. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

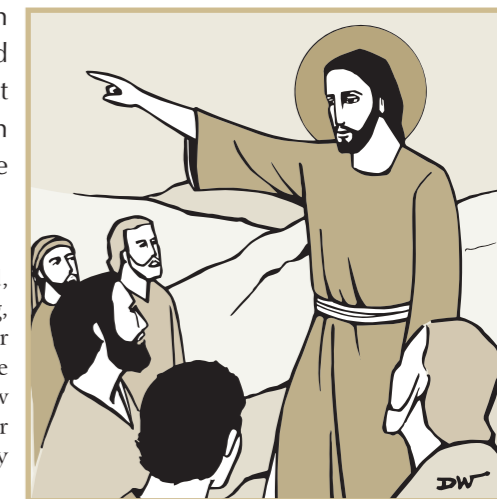
**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

**GLORIA**

**Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.**



**COLLECT**

P. Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. 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** Acts 1:1-11

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (or Alleluia!)**

1. All peoples, clap your hands, / cry to God with shouts of joy! / For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, / great king over all the earth. **R.**  
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; / the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. / Sing praise for God, sing praise, / sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**  
3. God is king of all the earth. / Sing praise with all your skill. / God is king over the nations; / God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Eph 1:17-23

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

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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