

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars



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## VERITAS



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### HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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**Mass Times**  
Monday - NO Mass  
Tuesday & Thursday  
8.00am  
Wednesday & Friday  
5:30pm  
Saturday - 9:00am  
Vigil - 5:pm  
Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,  
5:00pm

**Reconciliation**  
Saturday  
4pm - 4.45pm

**Adoration - Holy Hour**  
Friday's 6pm - 7pm

**Pray the Rosary**  
Before 10am Mass on Sundays  
**ACU MASS** - 12pm Wednesday

If you are in Urgent need of a Priest  
out of office hours call - 6248 8253

## Second Sunday of Advent



PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is  
**NOON TUESDAY**  
Please contact the office Ph. 6248 5925  
or Email: [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au)

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Is 30: 19, 30**

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.

## FIRST READING

**First reading - Isaiah 11:1-10**

**A reading from the Prophet Isaiah**

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,  
a scion thrusts from his roots:  
on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and  
insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge  
and of the fear of the Lord.  
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)  
He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict  
on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity,  
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.  
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring  
death to the wicked.  
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt  
about his hips.  
The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the  
kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead  
them.  
The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down  
together. The lion eats straw like the ox.  
The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair  
the young child puts his hand.  
They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain,  
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters swell the sea.  
That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the  
peoples.  
It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be  
glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17**

*Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace for ever.*

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor.

May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name.

*Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace for ever.*



## SECOND READING

**Second reading - Romans 15:4-9**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was  
meant to teach us something about hope from the exam-  
ples scripture gives of how people who did not give up  
were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we  
refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each oth-  
er, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in  
mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each  
other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The  
reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews  
was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the  
promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pa-  
gans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in  
one place: *For this I shall praise you among the pagans  
and sing to your name.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Gospel Acclamation - Luke 3:4,6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**Gospel - Matthew 3:1-12**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in  
the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message:  
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This  
was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:  
*A voice cries in the wilderness:*

*Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.*

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a  
leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and  
wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole  
Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were  
baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their  
sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Saddu-  
cees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers,  
who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming?  
But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit,  
and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham  
for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children  
for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to  
the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to pro-  
duce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I  
baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who fol-  
lows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to car-  
ry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and  
fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his thresh-  
ing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff  
he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon is NOT recited when hymns are sung.

Communion Antiphon - Bar 5: 5; 4: 36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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## 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Regional 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation for Advent  
Wednesday 14 Dec 7:30  
at St Brigid's Church Dickson

### PREPARE

This week's scripture reflection '**Prepare a Way for the Lord**' says, one of the main themes for this time of the year is Peace. Both the First Reading and the Psalm for the Second Sunday of Advent readings speak of the hope for peace and justice for all.

### A GOSPEL OF REPENTANCE

Today we see St John the Baptist preaching a gospel of repentance:

'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

The issue with the Baptist's statement is what do we repent of? How do I know what to repent of?

What St John is preaching on is the grace to know one's sins, one's faults, one's failures, not so much to wallow in them but to seek forgiveness for them and to change one's manner of life.

God has kindly given us some assistance in coming to know what sin is. God does this through giving us the Ten Commandments.

The first three commandments regard the very nature of our relationship with God:

1. I am the Lord thy God thou shalt have no false gods before me
  - 1) Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain
  - 2) Remember thou keep holy the Lords day.

These commandments demand that we give God right worship as is his due in justice, that we keep Gods name holy (that is we do not blaspheme, which is taking light the things of God or holy things, or using the Lords name as a curse word), and lastly that we keep the Sunday as a day of worship and rest. A more explicit obligation for us is the attendance at Holy Mass on Sunday. The Sunday obligation has now been restored by the Archbishop and thus all Catholics are obliged to Mass unless they have a legitimate reason not to; eg sickness or some other grave impediment.

The last seven commandments regard the treatment of our neighbour

**Honour thy Father and Mother-** we need to give due reverence to our parents, and we need to make sure that their needs are looked after if they're in old age. If they are deceased it would be laudable to have Mass offered for the repose of their souls.

**Thou shalt not kill:** whilst we may not be in the habit of actually engaging in such brutality this commandment covers other actions too-hatred of others, revenge, reckless or drunk driving, and unjust anger

**Thou shalt not commit adultery:** this commandment obliges us to be respectful of married life and the use of

Cont...the sexual faculty. This commandment forbids all sexual activity outside of natural marriage. It likewise forbids impure looks or deliberate entertainment of impure thoughts. Looking at immodest pictures, magazines, books, or movies are also not in keeping with this Commandment.

**Thou shalt not steal:** this commandment is fairly self explanatory, we are forbidden to unjustly take another's property. It also includes being faithful to business agreements and paying our debts. This commandment also forbids any kind of deception or cheating.

**Thousand shalt not bear false witness against our neighbour.** We are commanded here to tell the truth and especially respect the reputation of others. Included under this commandment is the obligation to desist from lies, rash judgments of others and to keep secrets that we've sworn to uphold.

**Thou shalt not covet thy neighbours wife:** much like the sixth commandment it forbids adultery of the mind and generally against deliberate impure thoughts.

**Thou shalt not covet thy neighbours goods:**The tenth commandment forbids all desire to take or to keep unjustly what belongs to others, and also forbids envy at thei success of our neighbours. This commandment positively encourages us to be grateful for the things we've received.

With these commandments in mind let us reflect sincerely on them so that we may heed the words of the prophet Isaiah:

**Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.**

God love you all. You're all in my prayers.  
Fr Mannes OP

### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

**(3 December) reflects a deeper recent understanding of the human reality of disability.**

For Jesus people with disabilities were especially precious. He cured, encouraged and showed them that they are special in God's eyes. He marked out a response that he wanted Christians to follow. Churches, Church schools, hospitals and other institutions should be outstanding in the way they welcome people with disabilities and make a space in which they can be at home and flourish.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPER DONATIONS

This is the last weekend for Christmas Hamper donations. Donations wont be accepted after this weekend. Thank you for your support in putting together Christmas Hampers for local families in need.

### CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding its annual Christmas Appeal as a leaving collection at Masses this weekend. For cash donations, please donate into the donation buckets. If you require a receipt, please donate to our volunteers in the foyer. For electronic donations, there is an effpos machine in the foyer and there is a QR code on the appeal posters in the foyer for those wishing to donate online. If you want to donate online, you can make an internet donation as follows:

BSB: 062786.

Account no: 14760.

Account name: St Vincent de Paul Society.

Description: [Donor name] [Conference name or code, ie Watson or 416] [Christmas Appeal].

There are also envelopes in the pews for those unable to donate on the day. These can be returned next week.



## BAPTISM

### *Arianna Fiorese*

will be baptised this weekend.  
 May her life be filled with God's peace,  
 and her heart with God's love...  
 on this Baptism day and always.



## PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Mary Martin, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Mimma Gia, Philip Bailey, Veronica Cornelly, Rosa Maria Santos, Beth Delos Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Peter Catlin, Sue King, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Elizabeth Webster, Una Ford, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Una Bell, Anthony Parsonage, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Alphonsa Bankovsky, Doug Gaudencio, Dennis McKeon, Michelle Brotohusodo, Gabe Savas, Carmel Slammon, Suzanne Brown, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP

## NORTH CANBERRA NATIVITY FESTIVAL

**9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> DEC: MULTICULTURAL NATIVITY EXPO**

200 Nativity scenes from 45+ countries, showcasing diverse cultures that embrace the Christian story: from the Occupied Palestinian Territories to the Amazon rain forests, from India to the Inuits of the Canadian Arctic. An entrée to family discussion on the true meaning of Christmas.

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup>:** 12 noon to 5pm - **Sat 10<sup>th</sup> & Sun 11<sup>th</sup>:** 10am-7pm -

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup>:** 9am-5pm - St Margaret's Hall, Hackett.

Contact: Keith at linard.keith@gmail.com.

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> - Sun 11<sup>th</sup> DEC: CHRISTMAS CONCERT, SAUSAGE SIZZLE & CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

**Sat & Sun 10am-7pm:** Exhibition 200 nativity scenes

**Sat 5.30pm:** Looking Glass Percussion Concert

**Sun 6.30pm:** Community BBQ free & open to all.

**Sun 7.30pm:** Carols by Candlelight

Venue: St Margaret's - Holy Cross, Hackett

Contact: **Tim Watson** at rector@holycrosshackett.org.au

**Find us on Facebook:** www.facebook.com/northcanberranativityfestival

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Woden Valley Youth Choir - **Canberra Carols by Candlelight** - Stage 88, Commonwealth Park, on December 10, from 7pm. Those attending are invited to bring a picnic. The Carols booklet will be made available in coming weeks in The Canberra Times newspaper, and online.

## NATIVITY SCENE LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME

If anyone would like this free nativity scene (h30xd26xw31) to bring the spirit of Christmas into their home please call Chris on 0402074765 to arrange collection/delivery.

## CHOIR

Join the parish choir now and have the joy of singing Christmas music for one hour every Monday night until Christmas. For more information, phone Maureen 61617100. Or just come along to practice at 7.30 pm in the church Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

## ADVENT BOOKS

There are Wollongong Advent Books available from the Parish Office cost \$5.00. Contact the office if you wish to purchase one.

## DONATIONS TO PARISH & PRIESTS

**Parish details** to contribute to the Planned Giving.  
 Bank details - Account Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson  
 BSB: 062786 - A/C : 000013341 - Reference: Name

**Priests details** to contribute to the First Collection.  
 Details - Account Name: Dominican Fathers Watson  
 BSB: 083 347 Account number: 97 310 5044  
 Reference: Your Name - Donation

**DONATIONS TO ST DOMINICS GARDEN CAN BE MADE USING THE PARISH BANKING DETAILS ABOVE BANK DETAILS - REFERENCE GARDEN**

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.  
 Rosa Ting Siew Ying, Mary Phillips

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Vin Murphy

**BIBLE STUDY** Verbum: Bible study for Young Adults (18-35) Tuesday nights at 6.30pm in the Parish Office a group of young adults from around North Canberra come to study the scriptures and pray. **On break at the moment.**

**PRAY THE ROSARY** Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. Please join in.

**CRAFT GROUP** meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays.

**DOMINICAN LIBRARY** will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

**BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP** meets on Thursday evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - www.wccm.org

**WEEKLY READER FORMATION** - Formation sessions are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. All parishioners are invited. - Meet in the church Office.

**HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S FAITH CIRCLE** *WhatsApp Group.* By joining the group you can connect with women of all ages from the Blackfriars (Holy Rosary Church) Parish and School community and grow in fellowship within the Blackfriars community. Send me your mobile number to Emily 0422 815 680 to connect.

## ROSTER 10 / 11 December

**Saturday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - M. Tran  
 Reader - C. Barbaro

**Sunday 8.00am** - Acolyte - Volunteer  
 Reader - M. Falk / T. Klekner  
 D. P. - N. Clarke

**Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - T. Johnson  
 Reader - J. Cooke / K. Bergin  
 D. P. - J. Cortese

**Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - Volunteer  
 Reader - J. Curnow / K. Watson  
 D. P. - T. Malone

## MASS CANCELLATIONS

Fr Mannes will be on retreat from the 19<sup>th</sup> Dec to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Mass on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Adoration will be cancelled.