

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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## VERITAS



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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH**

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**Mass Times**

Monday - NO Mass  
Tuesday & Thursday  
6:45am

Wednesday & Friday  
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am  
Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,  
5:00pm

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 12pm-12.30pm  
and 4pm-4.30pm

**Adoration - Holy Hour**

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

**Pray the Rosary**

First Saturday each month 3.30pm

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



**If you are feeling unwell please DO NOT come to church.  
Please scan the QR Code & record your name, alternatively please write  
your name and contact number on the register provided.  
PLEASE sanitise your hands on entering the foyer or parish centre.  
Please DO NOT return your bulletin to the basket, if you are not taking  
it home put it in the bin.**

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

## FIRST READING

### First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5. 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm: 24:4-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor.

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

## SECOND READING

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

[Labora - Brisbane Liturgy](#)

Encouraging Others

Sometimes that kind word, that smile,  
that listening ear can make a difference in a person's life.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets, he called them at once, and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## COMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me  
will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.

## QR CODE - CHURCH CAPACITY

Please make sure you arrive before the start of Mass to register either by scanning our QR CODE with your mobile phone AND leaving your name on the register or writing your name and telephone number on the register. Our capacity has increased but we are still required to record numbers.

## AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

**Australia Day Mass will be on Tuesday  
26th January at 9:00am.  
There will be NO 6:45am Mass.**

## CALLED BY GOD

As is always the case when people are called by God in the Scriptures before they can follow the call they must leave significant aspects of their former life behind. Here the disciples immediately leave their old livelihood (nets, boats, hired men) and their family (father). They will find a new 'boat' – the Church – and new 'family' – the band of disciples gathered around Jesus, who he will induct into the intimacy of his familial relationship with God. Hearing the call of Jesus today may not, as in the case of those four disciples, involve leaving one's present occupation. But it may so deepen the way one lives that occupation as to transform it into a true catching of 'fish' for the Kingdom.



## ANSWERING THE CALL

*Third Sunday of the Year.*

*Fr Duncan Campbell OP urges us all to respond freely to God's call, regardless of the risk.*

The Gospel was written to help explain how there began a 'Christ' movement -- what has come to be the Church. It began with the son of a village odd-job man, or carpenter, walking past hard-working fishermen, calling on them to follow him.

He would have been known to them. They may have heard rumours of his visit to the wonderful preacher John, and having some sort of second-birth experience in a public washing-ceremony ('baptism') that John performed. This may explain, partly, why they answered his call.

In doing so, they transformed our whole world.

What would it have been like to follow him? It could look foolish. It could even be dangerous. It must have been tough -- sleeping rough, for instance. On one occasion, one man who volunteered was warned that 'foxes have holes and birds nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head'. On another occasion they were so hungry that they tried to get a meal 'plucking ears of corn'. An eager, rich young man just couldn't face it.

But it was urgent. Others were warned, to come at once -- not to delay for farewells; in another, shocking, account, not even to do the most solemn duty of all - bury a parent. Presumably they had to leave behind all thoughts of marriage or family life. So much so, that many, even his family, were convinced he had gone mad. And all heard of his crucifixion; and later, there were even more disturbing accounts of him. What do we think of this call?

The world's writers and poets have understood, and echoed it. Wordsworth said

'The world is too much with us? Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers.'

In Matthew Arnold's poem 'The Scholar Gypsy', a man who left college life to live with gypsies is addressed in a memorable line:

'Thou hadst - one aim, one business, one desire.'

The feeling way in which my English Master read out those words helped me decide to try to follow this same call and become a Religious Priest. To spend my life trying to spread knowledge and love of God; to celebrate God's Life-with-us, in daily worship; and to make God's (real) World really come about, in our time and space, in singing 'psalms and hymns and spiritual canticles', with readings about God, prayers to God, in the Prayer of the Church, so that every day is echoing with God.

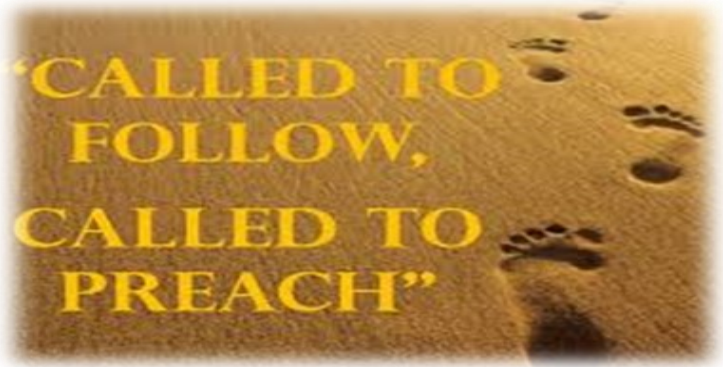
But what about those who don't follow this way? What can it mean in your lives? Quite a lot, I have to suggest. We are not meant to gaze and admire the apostles and saints, but to try to follow them.

Think very hard about this, and the call and direction needed in your lives, at work and at home. Think over your life at work. Eric Gill remarked:

'They're slaves, who do what they like to do only in their spare time, and in working time what they are required to do. This happens when what they want is only to please themselves.

They're free, who do in their working time what they want to do, and only in their spare time what is required of them. This happens, when what they want is to please God.'

Can you then 'see' your work a real form of service, or creation, or inspiration - something for God? If so, sweeping the streets, stacking shelves, driving a bus, are all to the good,



## ANSWERING THE CALL

Cont...done this way -- no matter what many think.

Your home life, too, should have prayer. You also might try our Religious Community practice of 'Chapter' where everyone sits round and discusses frankly the work needing doing around the house; and, carefully, any faults that need correcting in family members.

It will be hard and dangerous. But as a modern philosopher, Wittgenstein, summed it up: 'We obviously aren't here just to have a good time'. We are here to answer the same wonderful call from God, in the many different and wonderful ways we can find.

<http://english.op.org/torch>

## PLANNING

It's said that if you fail to plan, you plan to fail! Another similar expression is "a lack of planning on your part does not justify an emergency on my part." I suspect that last one might have been first uttered by an exasperated parent, contending with the demands of rearing children. The trouble with planning is that you can become so focussed on the what, where, why, when, and how behind your goals and objectives that you can lose sight of what else could present itself. When Jesus showed up on the shore of Galilee, I have no doubt that those two fishermen were preoccupied with their nets and the day's catch. And yet when He called, something in His voice compelled them to drop everything. They responded, the Gospel tells us, "immediately." As Christians, we have to be ready, willing, and able to respond to God's call upon our lives. This is what the picture describes as 'the adventure of discipleship.' Being open to that call allows us to be flexible and to respond with enthusiasm, joy and hope. And it shows that we are willing to be part of a plan bigger plan than anything we could ever imagine.

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## UNDERSTANDING

The call to follow Jesus establishes a relationship between what the disciples are now, and what they are to become. Their ordinary work, drawing sustenance from the darkness of the sea, becomes a sign of a deeper reality, drawing men and women from the darkness of sin and death, into the torrent of wind and flame manifested at Pentecost.

'That which defines them now is not bypassed or ignored, but becomes the scene of an urgent call to a deeper self-understanding, the call of grace. So the disciples don't leave fishing nets and boats upon the shore so that they can escape the daily struggle to make a living.

'Grace does not take us from one identity to another, but opens out a new and surprising depth of identity in the life of God. The disciples then leave everything behind not to escape, but to discover the true depths of the Spirit's call. This Spirit, pouring from the Risen Christ, doesn't replace our natural desires and hopes. Sharing in the Divine life does not mean that we are not called to live a fully human life.'

*Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Timothy John Calvert OP*

## THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

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*Homily Excerpt by Fr. Timothy John Calvert OP*

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Parish Vinnies Conference would like to thank parishioners for their support over recent months.

At our annual Christmas Appeal, we raised more than \$8465 with your help to assist struggling families in Canberra. In addition, we provided Christmas hampers to 18 local families and significant food support to both Samaritan House at Hackett and the Blue Door at Ainslie Village.

All this assistance makes a huge difference to the Christmas of individuals and families doing it tough."



## WEEKLY READER FORMATION

Weekly Reader Formation sessions have resumed on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. All parishioners are invited. – Meet at the door of the office at 7.30pm OR join us online using Zoom. Zoom details are - <https://zoom.us/j/91493407836?pwd=eVBQRohnZ05CL1YzWU93YmJLNm53UT09>  
The Meeting ID is 914 9340 7836 and the Passcode is 389526.

## PARISH

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION** - Parish School of Religion is in recess. Families wishing for children to receive Sacramental preparation should contact Nicole Webb on 0414139170.

**MASS INTENTION** - please email or phone the Parish Office.

**PRAY THE ROSARY** - First Saturday each month 3.30pm

**HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP** meets 2.00pm **Thursdays** in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.

**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](http://www.wccm.org)

**CRAFT GROUP** meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on the **first, second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month .

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

## SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please check the notice board in the foyer for Covid 19 rules for the Church.

## In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

Alexia Harris, Maria Martiniello, Greg O'Neill, Moya McGrath, Carol Hallam, Mary Martin, Barbara Wilson, Marion Bolin, Ursula Ramsay, Edith Jensen, Frank Zobec, June Pollard, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Mimma Gia, Awny El-Ghitany, Rosa Maria Santos, Margaret Sullivan, Mary Lou Pentony, Zelma McManus, Elizabeth Webster, Bob Hackett, Elsie Loughton, Paul Neddrie, Pamela Sandy, Beth Delos Santos, Terry Stephens, Maureen Blood, Chelsea Gillot, Joe Schimizzi, Anne Corver, Anna Linard, Bernard Druett,

## Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.

## In loving Memory

Maureen Dawes , John Collett, Jack O'Brien, Mary Johnson Carolyn Prosser, Vivian Lynda Ruiz

## IMPORTANT

It is important that you contact the office by email or in writing (even a note on the collection plate) if you require a booking - for a Mass Intention, Booking of the Church or Parish Centre, Weddings (6mths) and Baptisms. **It is difficult to keep track of Parishioners requests if they do not come through the Office.**

If you would like to add a name to the prayers for the sick, anniversary or death list in the *Bulletin*, details must be with the Parish Office **NO** later than **Tuesday** of that week. For all other bookings, Mass for an Anniversary or to use the Parish Centre etc. a minimum two weeks notice is required. If communion is required for a sick or elderly parishioner please contact the office with details.

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

## Fate Creates ~

opportunities for new spiritual growth and a higher understanding.

ROSTER 30 / 31 January 2021		
Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	J. de Riva O'Phelan	
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	K. Linard	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	M. Fitzgerald	K. McCluskey
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	K. Watson	
Counters	I. Buckley	J. Smith