

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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## VERITAS



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Year B

## Fifth 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 - 5pm

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.**

Don't wait for a better time to make God's Word a regular part of your life. Start your commitment today.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

## FIRST READING

**First Reading: Job 7:1-4. 6-7**

A reading from the prophet Job

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,  
his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade,  
or the workman with no thought but his wages,  
months of delusion I have assigned to me,  
nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,  
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath,  
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Responsorial Psalm: 146:1-6**

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;  
sing to our God for he is loving:  
to him our praise is due.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and brings back Israel's exiles,  
he heals the broken-hearted,  
he binds up all their wounds.  
he fixes the number of the stars;  
he calls each one by its name.

Our Lord is great and almighty;  
his wisdom can never be measured.

The Lord raises the lowly;  
he humbles the wicked to the dust.

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

## SECOND READING

**Second Reading: Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23**

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

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 8:17**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**Gospel: Mark 1:29-39**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## COMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

[Labora - Brisbane Liturgy](#)

## 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.

## TAP & GO MACHINES

TAP and GO machines for donations to the First and Second Collections will be introduced this weekend and parishioners will then have the choice of using Credit/Debit cards or cash for donations to these collections. The machines are set at a minimum donation of \$10.00 and to donate more tap additional times. A machine is located in the Foyer and on the Offertory Gifts table. Based on historical records for the First and Second Loose collections donations through the machines will be split 40% to the Priests and 60% to the Parish.

## LENTEN BOOKLETS

Booklets for the Wollongong Lenten Program "Comfort" are available from the Parish Office for \$8.00 per book.

## OBEDIENCE AND LIFE

*Fifth Sunday of the Year.*

*Fr Denis Geraghty OP considers  
the meaning of the Kingdom of God  
proclaimed by Jesus in word and in power.*

In the opening chapter of St Mark's Gospel, Jesus is driven into the wilderness by the Spirit – a vivid and dramatic opening of his ministry. He is not *led*, he is *driven*, almost as if by a power beyond his control.

'The Kingdom of God is at hand: repent and believe in the Gospel', he tells us. What is this Kingdom? Essentially, it is a proclamation of the *rule* of God. Today's Gospel seems to tell us what this rule looks like. Our acceptance of the Kingdom calls both for belief and for obedience to God's rule, and Jesus offers us today the perfect pattern of obedience. This pattern lies in the submission of Jesus to his Father, not as a mindless drone or a victim but as one who perfectly reflects the love that unites the Son to the Father. As St Paul tells us in Philippians 2, Jesus was 'obedient even unto death, death on a cross', and this obedience is the root and cause of his exaltation, *because* it is an expression of love. And this is what he asks of us, in order that we may belong to his Kingdom.

With this in mind, we can see how the Gospel shows us the marks of God's rule in the person of Jesus: he speaks with an authority never seen before; he has power over sickness, shown when he heals Peter's mother-in-law; he has dominion over the powers of evil, as when the disciples bring to him those who are possessed by demons. He performs his miracles not simply for their own sake but to give us signs that 'the Kingdom of God is at hand'. These signs point, too, towards who Jesus is – to his identity as the Christ.

There is something sad as well as dramatic about this description of Jesus's ministry. We are called to understand and to feel compassion towards those who are brought to him: desperate people, who perhaps do not really understand who Jesus is. But they have nothing to lose, and when they encounter him and his healing power they find their lives transformed. So, we are given in today's Gospel an image of Jesus as totally self-giving, holding nothing back of his power to heal and to transform. He accepts with extraordinary patience the intrusions into his life that do not even give him time alone to pray. His rule and his Kingdom are to extend to all people, to the whole world, not just to Galilee. As we consider these signs of God's Kingdom, let us reflect on the obedience of Jesus to his Father that makes it manifest, and consider also our own obedience to the Father as members of his Kingdom. It must be an obedience that goes beyond merely obeying laws, just as Jesus is far more than simply another moral teacher. The obedience of Jesus is the love that unites him to the Father. And the Spirit that drove Jesus, in obedience, out into the wilderness is the source of our divine life. The Trinitarian life that is within us is therefore dynamic: it drives us forwards. Through the Holy Spirit we are untied with Christ. We are his friends, his brothers and sisters, for through him and in him we are able to call God our Father.

We can be sure that, just as the exaltation of Jesus sprang from his obedient love, so it will be with us; from the pain and even the wreckage of our human existence, there will be a transformation to eternal life and happiness.

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

Even the smallest act of kindness matters. It's like a ripple in a pond flowing positive energy forever outward...

## NO CLICHÉS IN CHRIST

*Fifth Sunday of the Year.*

*fr Robert OP explains why there are no clichés in Christ.*

In St Mark's Gospel, it might at first seem that St Mark is describing a relentless sequence of events in Jesus's life, one thing happening after another. A total of twenty five times, St Mark uses the expression 'kai euthys' which means 'and immediately,' 'as soon as' or 'at once.' In today's Gospel we have two such occurrences of this expression: *as soon as* they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, ... and *at once* they told Jesus about Simon's mother-in-law. But St Mark's repeated use of the expression 'kai euthys' doesn't in fact make the Gospel in any way dull; rather, it heightens the sense of urgency. There's a dynamism and a direction to St Mark's Gospel. Jesus is going somewhere, and the place where He's going is Jerusalem where He will be crucified. The last time St Mark uses the expression 'kai euthys' is when Jesus is handed over to Pilate. Thus, the immediacy in Jesus's life reaches its climax in His Passion, the sacrifice we celebrate in the Eucharist.

It is through the Church's repeated celebration of the Eucharist, week in, week out, day in, day out, that shows us that life isn't just a collection of random events, for every human experience has its ultimate meaning in Jesus Christ. Somehow, through the celebration of the Eucharist, all the hopes and sorrows of mankind are bound up with Our Lord's death on the cross and his glorious resurrection. If a cliché is a common expression that has lost all its freshness and meaning through constant repetition, it must mean the Eucharist is the opposite of a cliché, for no matter how many times we celebrate the Eucharist, it never loses its freshness, it is always full of meaning, it is always new. Clichés may dull one's life, but there are no clichés in Christ.

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## LENTEN RENEWAL EXPERIENCE WALK IN THE SPIRIT

For Lent this year, Blackfriars Parish is joining the Archdiocesan Lenten Renewal Experience, *Walk in the Spirit*, and everyone is invited to participate as part of our parish renewal journey. As Archbishop Christopher Prowse says, the Experience 'will open our hearts like never before to the release of the Holy Spirit deep within our lives'.

*Walk in the Spirit* starts on Thursday, 18 February 2021 (the day after Ash Wednesday) and continues weekly until 25 March 2021. Presentations will be livestreamed every Thursday except on 18 March when there will be an Encounter Night where participants will be encouraged to come together at a hub in their region. At this special evening, prayer teams will be available to pray with participants for a deeper outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. On the other Thursday evenings, there will be an opportunity to discuss and share on the evening's teachings.

Further details of *Walk in the Spirit* can be found at <https://cgcatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/>. Venue and other details of how the Experience will be coordinated in the parish will be provided next weekend (13/14 February).

There are three ways of registering: online via the above internet link; by filling in the paper registration form on the exit tables in the church and leaving the form in the baskets; or by contacting the Parish Office at [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au) or on 6248 5925.

In May, it is proposed that the Lenten experience will be followed by an Alpha course, which enables people to ask questions, share ideas, build friendships and experience the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit (<https://www.alpha.org.au/catholic-context>). Parish Renewal Team

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross following the 5:30pm Mass each Friday starting Friday 19th February.

## EASTER SINGING

The parish choir is looking for new singers to help sing the liturgies of Holy Week. There is so much beautiful music in those eight days from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Practices will be in the church, 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm, on Mondays, from **Monday 15th February** (excepting the Monday of the long weekend). Music will be provided, and covid rules will of course be observed. Last Easter we had no liturgies at all because of the pandemic, so we want to sing it twice as well this year. For further information, or to let me know you are coming so I can have music for you, phone Maureen Robinson 61617100 or email [bamp@webone.com.au](mailto:bamp@webone.com.au)

## PARISH

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION** - Parish School of Religion will recommence Sunday 7 February in the Parish Centre from 9am. All children between from Year 3 – 6 are welcome – especially families wanting their children to prepare for sacraments in 2021, where the child does not attend a Catholic school. Please contact Nicole Webb - 0414139170.

**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 every **Wednesday except the Third week**.

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

## 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=eVBQR0hnZ05CL1YzWU93YmJLNm53UT09](https://zoom.us/j/91493407836)

The Meeting ID is 983 138 1937 and the passcode is 815443.

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

## ADORATION

Would you like to spend some special time with our Lord? Visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will be held each Tuesday from 12 noon until 1:00pm in the Church starting on Tuesday 2nd February.

## OUTREACH ASSISTANTS

Job Vacancies - Are you looking for flexible ongoing part time work? *Aid to the Church in Need* is recruiting for a number of **Diocesan Outreach Assistants** who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Australia. For more details visit [www.aidtochurch.org/work](http://www.aidtochurch.org/work)

**MEMORIAL MASS** - Joe, Jacquie and the extended Cortese Family would like to invite Parishioners to a Memorial Mass for Antonio Cortese to celebrate the life of Antonio who passed on 4th May 2020 during the Covid lockdown. Mass to be held Saturday 13th February at 11:00am.

## 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 Suillivan, Mary Lou Pentony, Zelma McManus, Elizabeth Webster, Bob Hackett, Elsie Laughton, 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.

John Popplewell, Carlene Easley, Leonora Pilar

### In loving Memory

Domenico & Caterina Barbaro, Pasquale Laria, Harry Gaudencio, Victoria Gaudencio, Josephine Gaudencio, John Baptist Gaudencio, Mary Cesary, Julian Hitchcock, Rev. Mother Aime, Rev Bishop Alan deLastic, Stanley Rowe, Christine Kleeberg, Charles Gaudencio, Millicent Gaudencio, Rev Bro. Oswald Ballantyne, Lena Wilson, Patrick Rowe, Viviane Lynda Ruiz, Rev Fr. Jordan Perry, Oswald Beale, Cedric Spanos, Edna Gaudencio, Florence Gaudencio, Margaret Gaudencio,

## 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.

ROSTER 13 / 14 February 2021		
Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	Sr Veronica	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	Webb Family	
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	A O'Donnell	L. Fardell
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	S. Sedgwick	
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	T. de Luca
Counters	I. Buckley	G. Gleeson