

Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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Year B

Sixth 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



Filled with Compassion

**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.**



**There is no other
Who can love me
Like you do.**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm: 31:1-2. 5. 11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart.

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

SECOND READING

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

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

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMUNION ANTIPHON

God so loved the world
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.

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 have been introduced for donations to the First and Second 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 (Weekly Envelopes and Loose) collections donations through the machines will be split 40% to the Priests and 60% to the Parish.

As well, parishioners have the choice of using Credit/Debit cards or cash for donations to those collections.

SIXTH SUNDAY REFLECTION

Jesus offers more than physical healing. 'By stretching out his hand and touching the leper Jesus reaches right across the 'clean/unclean' barrier in all its physical, social and moral dimensions.'

The National Apology to the Stolen Generations, which is remembered this week, was also an act of healing. This week let us pray for healing for those in our families, communities and world who are suffering physical and emotional pain.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Join us to celebrate the beginning of Lent, a time for penance, prayer, and fasting. A day of abstinence from meat.

6.45am

10.00am - School Mass

6.00pm

(NO 5.30pm Mass)

THE CHURCH'S HEALING TOUCH

Sixth Sunday of the Year.

fr David ask us to reflect on how we can bring Christ's healing presence to those most alone in the world.

There is a story, it may be apocryphal, about an upper class lady in Oxford who attended mass soon after the new ruling about the kiss of peace was introduced after Vatican II. When someone turned to her to shake her hand she withdrew rather affronted and said 'I do not believe we have been introduced.'

Crossing social barriers can be dangerous. We see this today in the Gospel when Jesus meets a leper. Leviticus laid down strict rules for dealing with contagious diseases like leprosy. They were harsh but necessary. The leper must be isolated from society and his loved ones until there was a cure. Jesus himself seems to have recognised that it was necessary to have official priestly procedures to monitor the state of the illness. Leprosy struck the healthy with terror just as Aids and Ebola have in recent times. Isolation wards are essential and the victim must not be touched by unprotected human contact.

The Gospel reveals the desperation of this leper and the huge risk he and Jesus were taking in crossing a profound social gulf. The reading from Mark emphasises this. Notice how the leper approaches, pleads, falls to his knees and begs to be healed. He is desperate. Jesus could have just spoken a healing word, he could have raised his hand to bless, without making any bodily human contact. But notice how Jesus's gesture of touch is stressed: he stretched out his hand and touched the leper. And immediately he is healed.

Why does Jesus insist on touching him and what is the significance of this miracle? The reason for touch is simple. Jesus touched him 'out of compassion'. He was able to sympathise with the suffering of the leper so that he willed to bring him out of his isolation. So many of Jesus' miracles involve touch because it expresses powerfully the way the loneliness which comes with illness and stigma is overcome.

Jesus has announced the presence of the Kingdom of God in his ministry. When he exorcises the unclean spirits he is pushing back Satan's kingdom in a very dramatic way. The leper symbolises the isolation and alienation which many who have been made outsiders experience in a hostile society.

The healing is certainly dramatic but it dwells less on the sensational than on the leper who is healed and who can now return to the normal. He is restored to himself and given back to his loved ones. It is a sign of God's kingdom which through Jesus defeats the forces of evil and so breaks through the rigid barriers which a society can set up to protect itself against the outsider.

St Paul speaks in the second reading of respecting both Jews and Greeks. He knew too well how they could hate and stigmatise each other. But the isolating barriers which kept them apart were finally overcome through the death of Christ. St Paul fought hard for the unity of the communities he founded because he saw in that amazing the new unity in the Church

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of Jew and Gentile a witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

Leprosy can still act as a powerful symbol for the isolation which many experience in a society which stigmatises people who suffer from frightening illnesses or who are in some way seen as marginal. Even in the church we can reflect the rigid barriers of colour, class and race which society imposes and we react with fear and prejudice.

A Jesus who makes God's rule present when he reaches out and touches lepers and restores them to health and to family is a powerful challenge to the contemporary church. In a society which is becoming increasingly lonely and isolated, despite the claims of the social media, the Church is called to be what it should, a community where Jew and Gentile coexist and where the lonely, the isolated and today's 'lepers' and untouchables can find a home and a helping hand that is stretched out to them in welcome. <http://english.op.org/torch>

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 – to join as part of our parish, please type 'Blackfriars Parish' in the Parish/group tab on the form; by filling in the sign-on form to be found on the exit tables in the church; or by contacting the Parish Office at 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

VINNIES APPEAL – THE KNOCK ON EFFECT

On the weekend of 27-28 February Vinnies will hold an appeal in support of its Knock on Effect campaign. This campaign replaces the annual Doorknock Appeal and is designed to promote the work of the Society, encourage involvement as well as raise money for the Society.

There will be a leaving collection as well as envelopes available on that weekend. More information about the campaign will follow in the coming weeks.

BAPTISM - Phoenix Paler will be baptised this weekend. May his life filled with God's peace, and his heart with God's love... on this Baptism day and always.

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

LENTEN BOOKLETS

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

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

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=eVBQR0hnZ05CLiYzWU93YmJLNm53UT09](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

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.

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, Ruth Burke

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

John Popplewell, Carlene Easley, Leonora Pilar, Bill Harris, Terry Leech

In loving Memory

Norma Roach

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.

COFFEE MORNING - Welcome back everyone to our third Thursday in the month coffee mornings from 10-30 am at 'Gang Gang' in Frencham place Downer We will gather again on 18th February. Everyone welcome.

MERICI COLLEGE ENROLLING NOW!

Merici's new Principal, Anna Masters, and her Executive are looking forward to meeting you at one or all of the College's enrolment events. Register online now! Open Day and Year 7 2022 Information Night: Wednesday 28 April 2-4pm, 5.30-7.30pm - Be a Merici Girl Days: 22 April, 23 April, 6 May - Talk and Tours: 20 February, 27 March, 1 May, 21 August, 23 October. Telephone 02- 6243 4178 for all enquiries.

ROSTER 20 / 21 February 2021

Saturday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	K. Markcrow	M. Kraaz

Sunday 8am

Acolyte / Server	K. Linard	
Readers	T. Klekner	M. Falk

Sunday 10am

Acolyte / Server	Q. Vu	
Readers	C. Barbaro	P. McDonald

Sunday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	P. Tran	
Readers	J. Schwinger	T. Malone
Counters	J. Smith	C. Ryan