

Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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First Sunday in Lent

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

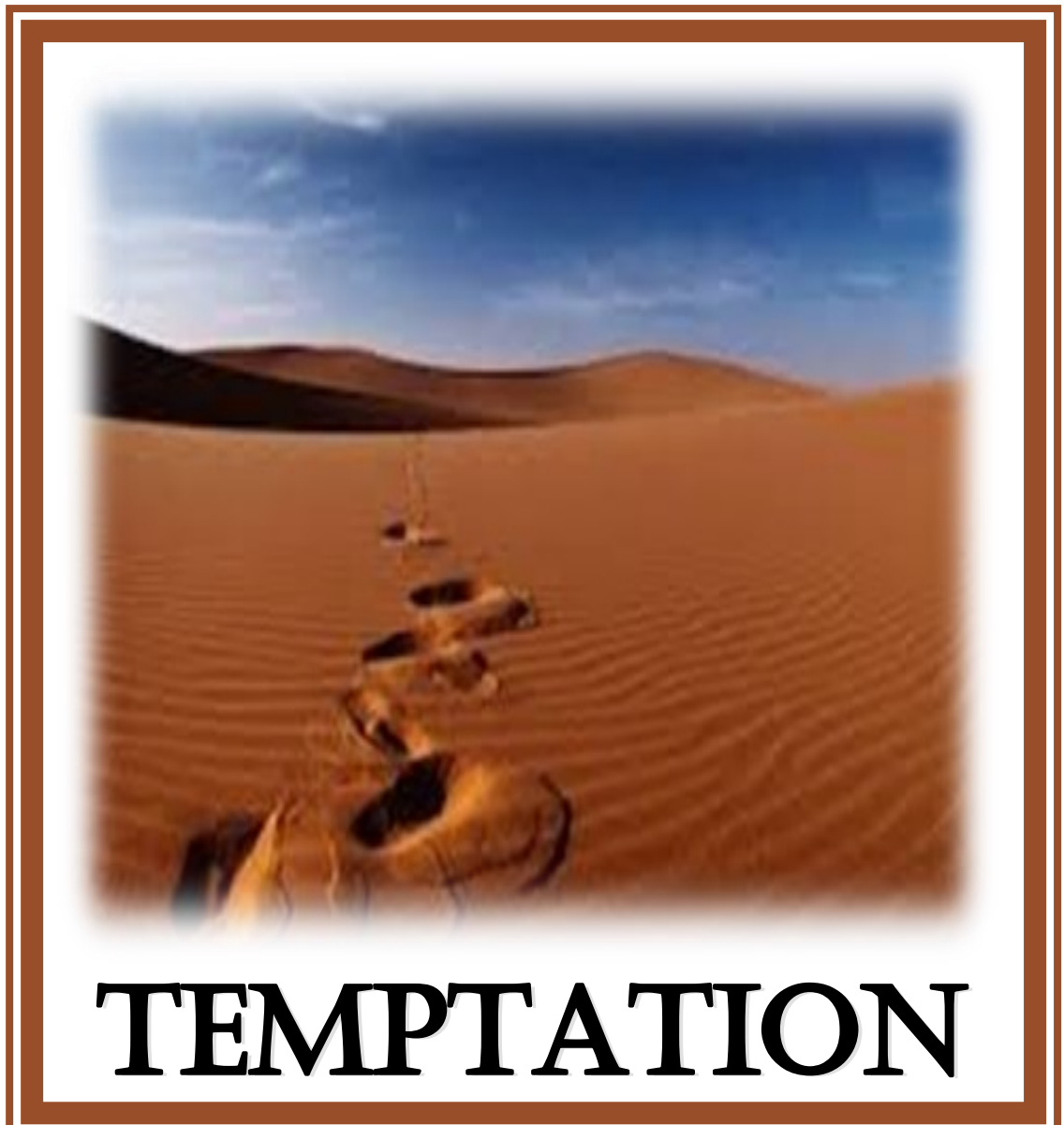
Adoration - Holy Hour

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



TEMPTATION

**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

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm: 24:4-9

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

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.

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will conceal you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will trust.

[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.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

As we begin Lent we find ourselves marking a year of living with pandemic. It was just after Ash Wednesday last year that we went into the first lockdown, which meant we were not able to celebrate Easter celebrations as a community. This loss of community is being brought to mind again as Victoria has a snap lockdown and Ash Wednesday commemorations will be more muted and solitary. While the coronavirus has brought loss, sadness and hardship, it has also given us time to understand the value we put on our communities. In our scripture reflection we consider how our Lent is closely associated with God's Covenant and with baptism.



THE PURPOSE OF FASTING



I often marvel at the discipline and determination that athletes, especially, give to their profession. I remember hearing an anecdote about the training drills of an AFL footballer who spent hours after training kicking tennis balls through the goals just to hone his goal kicking skills - that's dedication!

Rarely do we make the jump from the discipline of the sports field and the gymnasium to the Church, and yet we

are called to be spiritual athletes. St Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians writes:

24 You know well enough that when men run in a race, the race is for all, but the prize for one; run, then, for victory. 25 Every athlete must keep all his appetites under control; and he does it to win a crown that fades, whereas ours is imperishable. 26 So I do not run my course like a man in doubt of his goal; I do not fight my battle like a man who wastes his blows on the air. 27 I buffet my own body, and make it my slave; or I, who have preached to others, may myself be rejected as worthless.[8]

This analogy is perfect for Lent. It is not for nothing that the opening collect for the Mass of Ash Wednesday prays:

Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint.

Both texts, from scripture and the liturgy, point to the practice of discipline as a cornerstone of our Lenten observance. These days discipline is a dirty word. The 'do what you like as long as you don't hurt anyone' mantra that has been chanted for the last five decades has borne no fruit whatsoever, its offspring are insobriety, addiction, promiscuity and unrestrained license. The concepts of 'self restraint' or that 'every athlete must keep all his appetites under control' seem foreign to many of the current generation.

Lent instructs us that the only way to advance in the spiritual life and give God any glory whatsoever is to restrain ourselves and look outwards.

The practice of fasting is done so that we may not allow any created thing dominion over us. Created things like food, drink, etc. are good in moderation but must be utilized according to right reason, right reason being that outlook which understands human flourishing to be primary; from experience the flourishing of the human persons is always derailed by intemperance. Self-restraint practiced through fasting helps us to reset and focus on how we can love ourselves and look after ourselves better. From the spiritual aspect, as noted before, fasting puts into focus our use of created things. Fasting helps us to see created things for what they are, namely, infinitely inferior to God himself. Fasting dethrones created things as our 'gods' and makes room for the presence of the God living and true.

As we commence Lent let us engage in some fasting, not so that we can seem that we are doing without but rather making space for God.

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

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

First Sunday of Lent

Except fr Brendan Slevin OP suggests that we allow the Spirit to drive us out into the wilderness.

In today's world we are all too often forced to focus on the conflicts between peoples and nations and yet the source of all conflict, that conflict taking place in our own life is all too readily ignored or explained away. In Lent we put ourselves to the test, we put ourselves in temptation's way. We take a hard look at how we live, we seek out those things that have taken possession of our lives and then we drive them out. We purge ourselves of those things which interfere with our freedom in following Christ in order to be possessed fully by him.

I must be clear here, I am not saying that we lose our free will by being possessed by the Spirit but as in the case of two lovers we share in the same bond one to the other; a bond that does not restrict but expands our life. The infinite all-powerful Creator united to his creation in a bond of undying love.

There is always the danger, of course, that we turn our own distorted will into God's so for forty days each year we enter into our wilderness, our Lent, to do battle with our own demons only then can we begin to see if we are more like the ministering angels than like the beasts.

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

LENTEN RENEWAL EXPERIENCE WALK IN THE SPIRIT

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.

Walk in the Spirit started last Thursday, and continues weekly until 25 March. Presentations will be livestreamed every Thursday evening, 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://cgatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/>. If you would still like to register: contact the Parish Office at watson@cg.org.au or phone 6248 5925 or attend on the night.

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

Next weekend 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.

RAISING FATHERS

Raising Fathers is a special evening event with Robert Falzon exploring fathering from the frontline.

When: Tuesday 2 March, Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Where: Haydon Hall, Ground Floor, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin St, Forresst.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "**Be More**". As Saint Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

Through your generosity and by aspiring to "Be More", you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

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. 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 1st, 2nd & 4th **Thursdays** in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP will meet on **Tuesday** evenings during Lent in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 / 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=eVBQR0hnZ05CLlYzWU93YmJLNm53UT09](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

REGENERATION DINNER - March 3rd

Scripture Union ACT (SU ACT) is a Christian organisation that unites a wide range of Christian churches to work together. SU ACT has been working in ACT Public schools for over 40 years and also runs holiday programs, camps, and community activities. Our goal is to make God's Good News known to children, young people and families, and to encourage people of all ages to meet God daily through the Bible and prayer. The Regeneration Dinner is our annual fundraising night where we invite our supporters to join their friends and church members to as we enjoy an evening with Christians from all over Canberra. **WHERE:** The Dinner will be held at the Hellenic Club, 1 Matilda St, Phillip, **WHEN:** 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start. The formal part of the evening will finish at 9:30 pm. **RSVP:** By Tuesday 23rd February, 5pm. Please call or email Cate at 0477 091 973 and cate@suact.org.au Please visit www.suact.org.au/regeneration-dinner-2021

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 Laughton, Paul Neddrie, Pamela Sandy, Beth Delos Santos, Terry Stephens, Maureen Blood, Chelsea Guillot, Joe Schimizzi, Anne Corver, Anna Linard, Bernard Druett, Ruth Burke, Veronica & Paul

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, Norma Roach

In loving Memory

Kevin Nolan, Jose Rico

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will be held Tuesday Evenings during Lent from 6.00pm—7.00pm.

Listening is often the only thing needed to help someone.

DOMINICAN FATHERS

FIRST COLLECTION CHANGE OF BANKING DETAILS

Account Name: Dominican Fathers Watson
BSB: 083 347
ACN: 97 310 5044

ROSTER 27 / 28 February 2021

Saturday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	J. de Riva O'Phelan	

Sunday 8am

Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson

Sunday 10am

Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	M. Fitzgerald	K. McCluskey

Sunday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	K. Watson	J. Curnow
Counters	J. Smith	W. Wade