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## VERITAS



# First Sunday of Lent

**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

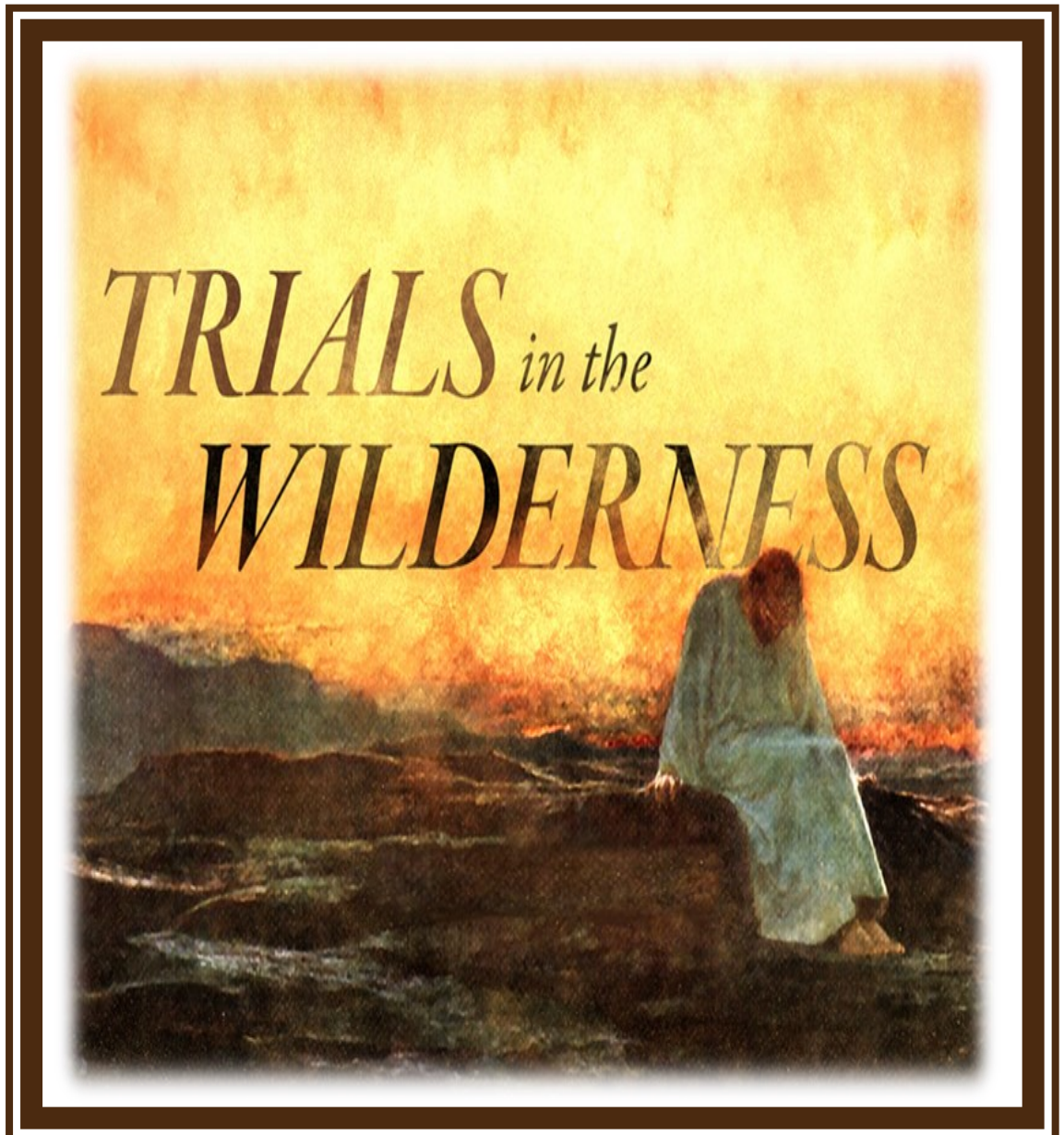
**Reconciliation**

Saturday  
4pm - 4.45pm

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

**Pray the Rosary**

Before 10am Mass on Sundays



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**NOON TUESDAY**

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 90: 15-16

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 2:7-9,3:1-7

#### A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 50(51):3-6,12-14,17

**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me

Against you, you alone, have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done.

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,

O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

## SECOND READING

### Second reading - Romans 5:12-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

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 - Matthew 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

*Man does not live on bread alone  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'*

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

*He will put you in his angels' charge,  
and they will support you on their hands  
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'*

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

*You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'*  
Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil

Cont...showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

*You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'*

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Communion Antiphon is NOT recited when hymns are sung.**

**Communion Antiphon - Matthew 4: 4**

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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## LENT

**This week we begin our annual observance of Lent.** We may want to consider: 'How am I to celebrate this season in 2023?' The word 'Lent' comes from the Old English word *lencten* meaning springtime or 'the lengthening of days'; it is a time of renewal. In keeping with the season, our Lent can be one of invitation to our own renewal in the ways of living with and for God; a time to recognise the love of God made visible to us in creation; a time to notice those ways in which we fall short of the desires that God has for each one of us and for our world, and to pray for the grace to live more fully according to God's ways.

## LET YOUR HEARTS BE BROKEN, NOT YOUR GARMENTS TORN



This week we begin once more the holy season of Lent. I say 'holy' season as the activities required of us by this time of our liturgical year are meant to draw us closer to God and God's holiness. Just as one who comes closer to the fire to warm his chilled

body so the believer, through the actions of fasting, prayer and good works, draw one closer to the living God.

Yet, our actions are our own. Sometimes people see Lent as some kind of spiritual Olympics, a contest whereby we can become more abstemious than others, more devout than others, more charitable than others. Jesus has some instructive words for this mindset:

*Be careful not to parade your good deeds before men to attract their notice; by doing this you will lose all reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give alms, do not have it trumpeted before you; this is what the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win men's admiration. I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward.*

Our Lenten activities are our own business. We do them in secret, we do them not to please our neighbours but

Cont...to honour God. It is for this reason the prophet Joel commands wayward Israel.

*Let your hearts be broken, not your garments torn.*

Let your heart be broken means that it is the interior spiritual life between God and ourselves that ought to be made vulnerable. Our Lenten duties are about an interior spiritual renewal not a cosmetic, outward "makeover". Our garments should remain the same, our hearts must change. As we commence this Lenten discipline may our hearts then become broken, so that the Lord may enter in, and may our prayer, fasting and charity be done discreetly and sincerely so that we may cultivate a spirit of penance throughout our lives, not just an outward show for forty days.

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

## LENTEN PROGRAM

This year, the Parish is joining with Holy Cross and St Margaret's to run a joint Lenten Program based on Missional Spirituality.

Each week of Lent sessions are planned as follows:

- Each Monday evening from 27 Feb - a face to face meeting commencing at 7.30pm at Hackett coordinated by Adrian and Rachel;
- Each Tuesday evening from 28 Feb - a face to face meeting commencing at 7.30 pm at Ainslie coordinated by Richard and Siobhan;
- Each Wednesday evening from 1 Mar - an online (Zoom) meeting commencing at 7.30pm coordinated by Roger;
- Rev Tim has confirmed that his weekly meetings will be on Thursdays from 10.30 - 11.30 at Holy Cross.

A reference book called "Missional Spirituality: Embodying God's Love from the Inside Out" can be obtained from Amazon.

It isn't necessary to purchase the book to participate in the Lenten program as material for each week will be provided by meeting co-ordinators prior to each weekly session.

Please identify the session that you would like to join and sign up on the sheets provided at Holy Rosary, OR Book online at [holycrosshackett.org.au/lent](http://holycrosshackett.org.au/lent) and follow the link.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising appeal, **Project Compassion**, has launched.

During the six weeks of Lent, Caritas will highlight a number of different projects where the organisation assists communities. This week, Project Compassion focuses on 16-year-old Nepalese student Laxmi (pictured above) and her involvement with a child's club at her school.



Your donation can make a true difference!

Donate today by: Completing and returning your parish appeal envelope  
Scanning the QR code - Giving online

At [catholicmission.org.au/thailand](http://catholicmission.org.au/thailand)

Text **GIVE** to **0488 854 436**



## ST DOMINIC'S GARDEN LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE POSTPONED

### Last of the Summer Wine Function Postponed.

Regrettably due to unforeseen circumstances our Parish Wine Tasting & Picnic needs to be postponed from Saturday 4 March to later in the year. Purchased tickets can be reimbursed by contacting the Parish Office. Another function is being planned for 1 April to replace it. Details to follow soon.

### SING FOR EASTER !

Singing gives us a richer experience of the liturgy, especially the liturgy of Holy Week and Easter. You can enrich your Easter experience by joining the choir for this very special time in the church year. There are just five practices to attend, Mondays at 7.30 pm in the church. You can register your interest, or get further information, by phoning Maureen Robinson (phone 61617100) or just come along on Monday.

### Celebrate Life - Our Golden Links of Friendship

50 Year Reunion of St Christopher's Coffee House. Saturday 25th March. For those who were part of the Coffee House during the years 1973-1977 we would love you to join us. Please RSVP by 11th March. Sue Woods Email: [smwoods6@gmail.com](mailto:smwoods6@gmail.com) Phone: 0438 811 742. OR Tricia O'Keeffe Email: [oktricia0@gmail.com](mailto:oktricia0@gmail.com) Phone: 0414 627 267

**International Womens Day Breakfast** - Canberra's international authority on human rights, Dr Helen Watchirs, will be the guest speaker at the annual International Women's Day Breakfast hosted by the Archdiocese's Women's Taskforce. The event is free but any monies raised will go to MacKillop House, a CatholicCare project and a place of safety for women and children.

Date: Thursday, 9 March 2023 from 7.30 am. Canberra Seniors Centre, 10 Watson St, Turner Registrations can be made by phone 0487388873 or online <https://www.cgwomen.com.au>

**Part Time Parish Secretary** - For St Joseph's O'Connor This is a temporary position for 10-12 hours per week for approximately 4 months with the possibility of extension. Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award.

Please email Deborah Foote, Parish Support Manager, Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn, for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above with attached resume to the Deborah Foote must be received by cob Wednesday 8 March.

### 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  
BANK DETAILS - REFERENCE GARDEN**

### 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, Peter Catlin, Beth Delos Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Sue King, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Elizabeth Webster, Una Ford, Terry Stephens, Maureen Blood, Una Bell, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Michelle Brotohusodo, Carmel Slammon, Katey Tuite, Brian & Suzanne Brown, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP

### RECENTLY DECEASED

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

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Mildred Willey, Noel Dawes  
Chimere Mercieca, Carmelo Mercieca

**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. Contact the office for details.

**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 [www.wccm.org](http://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** The Holy Rosary Women's Faith Circle returns on Thursdays. Please join us as we share life, break open the word, pray for and with each other. Contact Emily at [emilykathryn@gmail.com](mailto:emilykathryn@gmail.com) for further information.

### ROSTER 4 / 5 March

**Saturday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - M. Tran  
Reader - K. Markcrow  
**Sunday 8.00am** - Acolyte - K. Linnard  
Reader - M. Falk, T. Klekner  
**Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - L. Kim  
Reader - J. Cooke, K. Bergin  
**Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - Volunteer  
Reader - M. Proctor

### VERBUM BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-35

We are starting up a new series of bible studies on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. Topics will include:

- St Matthew's Gospel
- The Eucharist in Scripture

Please join us at 7pm in the Parish Centre. We hope to run the bible studies throughout the year.

**Vocations Dinner at Archbishop's house:** Thursday 2nd March at 6pm. An informal evening comprising of a talk on the priesthood, Eucharistic Adoration, and a hearty meal. All those seeking to discern a vocation to the priesthood/religious life are welcome. Please contact one of our three vocations directors: (rsvp required) Fr Emil Milat [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au) 6248 5472, Fr Joshua Scott [joshua.scott@cg.org.au](mailto:joshua.scott@cg.org.au), Fr Eden Langlands [eden.langlands@cg.org.au](mailto:eden.langlands@cg.org.au).