

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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## VERITAS



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## Third 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



'Every Lent is an invitation to journey once again to the heart of the Paschal Mystery and expose ourselves to a fresh appreciation of the Cross as the saving power and wisdom of God'. As we move through our journeys of Lent, let us pray for discernment and renewal in our Church and faith.

**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.**

## 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.

## RELIGIOUS RESPONSE TO CLIMATE

Some of you will know that churches throughout Australia have been asked to organise prayers for climate justice on Thursday 11 March at 11am, and to ring their bells. This event is part of a Global Day of Action being coordinated in Australia by the Australian Religious Response to Climate.

Holy Cross Anglican and St Margaret's Uniting will be holding a simple outdoor prayer service by our joint church bell on Thursday 11 March at 11am. We would be delighted to invite your churches to attend and be part of this, and we would also be very happy to promote any prayer events that you are holding on Thursday 11 March.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When I prove my holiness among you,  
I will gather you from all the foreign lands;  
and I will pour clean water upon you  
and cleanse you from all your impurities,  
and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

## FIRST READING

**First Reading: Exodus 20:1-7**

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the house of slavery.  
'You shall have no gods except me.  
'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Responsorial Psalm: 18:8-11**

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

## SECOND READING

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
God loved the world so much,  
he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## GOSPEL

**Gospel: John 2:13-25**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

**Cont...**During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## COMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for her young:  
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.

Labora - Brisbane Liturgy

## THE PURPOSE OF ALMSGIVING

The case for an active, socially minded faith is very well rooted in the scriptures. For instance, we see in the twenty-fifth chapter of St Matthew's Gospel the well-known story of the separation of the sheep from the goats.

In this parable of the final judgment Our Lord does not discuss whether people prayed or fasted a lot but rather were they active in their generosity towards others:

***he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. 34 Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? 38 And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? 39 And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'***

When we speak of charity we often mean doing good to others, a rather horizontal arrangement. Yet charity is first and foremost our relationship with God. I recently quoted in a homily this fine illustration of what I propose here from Pope Benedict XVI who wrote the following in his encyclical *Deus Caritas est* (God is Love):

***Love of neighbour is thus shown to be possible in the way proclaimed by the Bible, by Jesus. It consists in the very fact that, in God and with God, I love even the person whom I do not like or even know. This can only take place on the basis of an intimate encounter with God, an encounter which has become a communion of will, even affecting my feelings. Then I learn to look on this other person not simply with my eyes and my feelings, but from the perspective of Jesus Christ. His friend is my friend. Going beyond exterior appearances, I perceive in others an interior desire for a sign of love, of concern. This I can offer them not only through the organizations intended for such purposes... [rather] Seeing with the eyes of Christ, I can give to others much more than their outward necessities; I can give them the look of love which they crave.***

Our almsgiving is motivated and primarily urged on by our encounter with Christ. "Love of neighbor is shown to be possible in the way proclaimed by Jesus... It consists in the very fact that, in God and with God, I love even the person whom I do not like or even know. This can only take place on the basis of an intimate encounter with God..."

**Cont...**Then I learn to look on this other person not simply with my eyes and my feelings, but from the perspective of Jesus Christ."

It is through an encounter with God in prayer that we can more readily and easily assist those in need. We should not, however, as Benedict teaches, rely solely on "the organisations intended for such purposes" but rather see with our own eyes the needs of the needy. Perhaps the needy aren't the people we think we're looking for, perhaps they're not the vagrant wandering around the local shopping centre, perhaps the needy is a parishioner, a neighbour, a relative? It is good to recall here the Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy too, these are the practical ways we can assist someone this Lent:

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are:

**Instructing the ignorant ;  
Advising or counselling the doubtful;  
Admonishing the sinner;  
Consoling & comforting the sorrowful;  
Forgiving injuries;  
Bearing wrongs patiently; and  
Praying for the living and the dead.**

Hence with these works of mercy it may be teaching in the School of Religion or helping in a parish organized programme like Alpha. It may be visiting a parishioner who's been recently bereaved or even praying for the deceased of the Parish and the forgotten souls in Purgatory, having a Mass offered for them too is a spiritual work of Mercy.

The corporal works of mercy are:

**Feeding the hungry;  
Giving drink to the thirsty;  
Sheltering the homeless;  
Clothing the naked;  
Visiting the sick and imprisoned;  
Burying the dead; and  
Giving alms to the poor.**

These works are fairly self-explanatory. However, they must always be motivated not out of sentiment or ticking boxes but out of a love of Christ who urges us to serve these the least of his brethren, and in doing so we are serving Him.

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

## THE LIVING TEMPLE

The Gospel for today from St John is sometimes called 'The cleansing of the Temple'. It is not just about the upsetting of the traders in the Temple: the money changers and the sacrificial victim sellers. It bodes the destruction of the Temple. It bodes the renewed establishment of the Temple in the resurrected body of Jesus Christ, the new sanctuary. It is an event in Jesus' life leading into his future, but also pointing to the fulfilment of the past.

'The Temple was the sign of the presence of God in a special way. The presence of God was linked to the Covenant with God, the Commandments of God. This Covenant united a whole people in unity with the One True God. Their unity reflected His unity.

'St John in the Gospel sees the death of the Temple as foreshadowing the death of Jesus, but also the resurrected Jesus will be the New Temple of worship. For the Christian the resurrected Jesus is especially present in the Eucharist. This is a fulfilment of the Old Testament. Churches of a certain period and tradition would have the Ten Commandments printed on the walls of their churches. As we go towards Easter the catechumens' spiritual completion will be in receiving the Eucharist. The Old Testament elements are there in a new way.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Jonathan Fleetwood OP

## VINNIES APPEAL – THE KNOCK ON EFFECT

Vinnes will be collecting for the Appeal after all Masses this weekend. If you have not already contributed please consider making a donation.

## LENTEN RENEWAL EXPERIENCE WALK IN THE SPIRIT

Blackfriars Parish Lenten Renewal Experience, *Walk in the Spirit*, *Walk in the Spirit* continues weekly until 25 March. If you would still like to register: contact the Parish Office at [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au) or phone 6248 5925 or attend on the night.

## LENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

## EASTER SINGING

Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, Choir Practice will be in the church, 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm, on Mondays. 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 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](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=eVBQROhnZ05CLiYzWU93YmJLNm53UT09](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)

## PROJECT COMPASSION

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**BE MORE**



Please make a donation to Project Compassion this Lent either in box or a set of donation Envelopes to support Caritas Australia. Through your generosity you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

## 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, Ruth Burke, Moya McGrath, Carol Hallam, Mary Martin, Barbara Wilson, Mark Thompson, 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, Paul Neddrie, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Terry Stephens, Chelsea Guillot, Joe Schimizzi, Anne Corver, Bernard Druett, Anna Linard, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Patricia Sargent

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

Vincent Liston, Elsie Loughton, Marion Bolin, Carlene Easley, Leonora Pilar, Bill Harris, Terry Leech, Norma Roach

## In loving Memory

Chimere Mercieca, Noel Falk, Mildred Willey

## 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.

## DOMINICAN FATHERS

### FIRST COLLECTION CHANGE OF BANKING DETAILS

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

Life is so ironic, it takes sadness to know what happiness is, noise to appreciate silence and absence to value presence.

ROSTER 13 / 14 March 2021		
Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	Sr Veronica	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	K. Linard	
Readers	Webb Family	
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer	
Readers	A. O'Donnell	L. Fardel
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	S. Sedgwick	
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	T. de Luca
Counters	I. Buckley	G. Gleeson

To be rich, is not what you have in your bank account, But what you have in your heart.