

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

Under the care of the Dominican Fathers



## VERITAS



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## Fourth 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

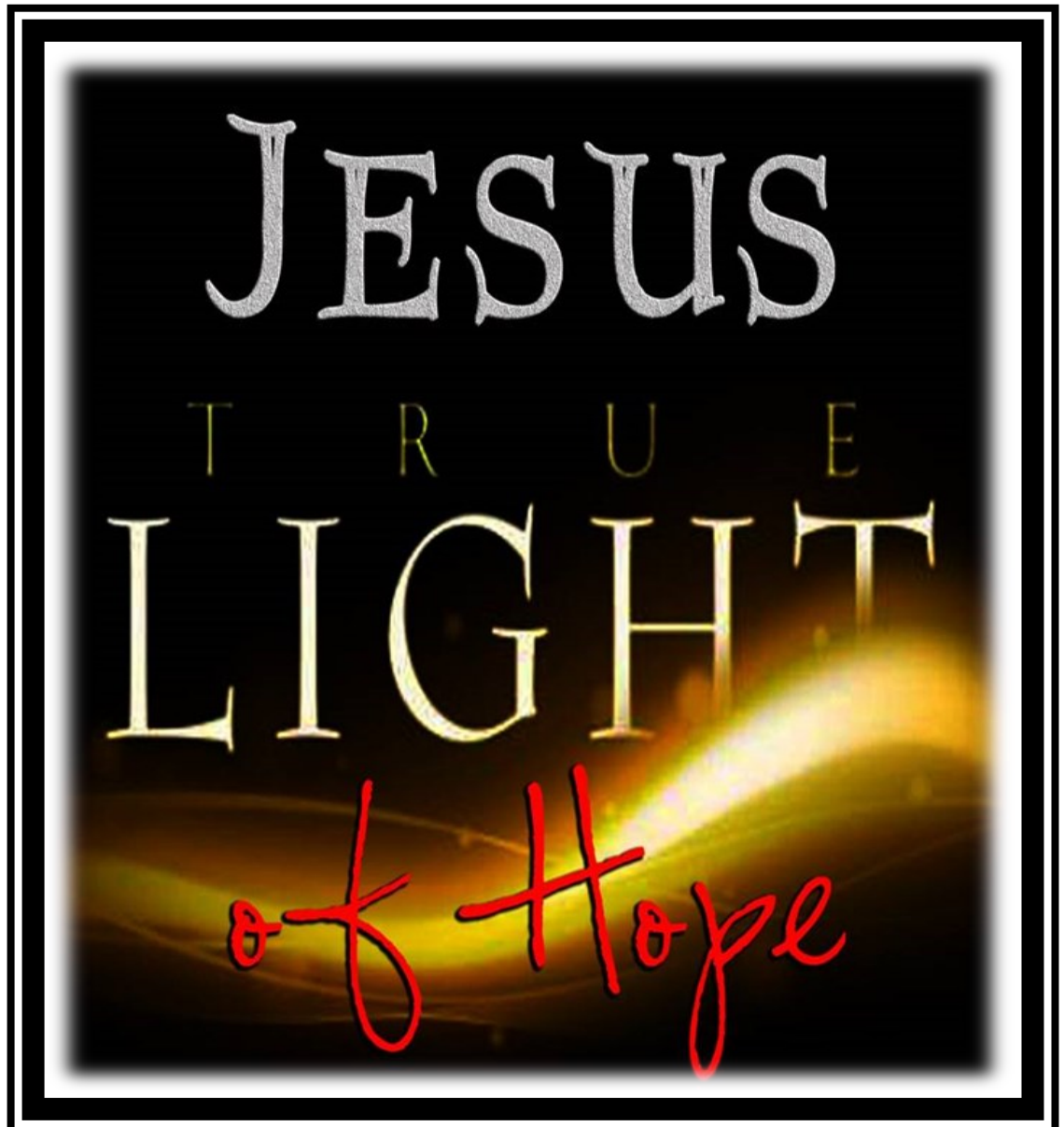
**Adoration - Holy Hour**

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



**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

It is now **MANDATORY** for parishioners & visitors to use the *Check In CBR App*. to attend Mass. If you do not have the App you must record your name and telephone number on the sheet and the names will be added to our Business App. All names are still needed to be recorded for numbers attending as the capacity is capped at 200.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

## FIRST READING

**First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23**

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Responsorial Psalm: 22**

**R:** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept,  
remembering Zion;  
on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps.

For it was there that they asked us,  
our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy.  
'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.'

O how could we sing the song of the Lord  
on alien soil?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

O let my tongue cleave my mouth  
if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys!

## SECOND READING

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

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

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Gospel Acclamation: John 8:12**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## GOSPEL

**Gospel: John 3:14-21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but who ever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## COMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.  
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
to praise the name of the Lord.

*Labora - Brisbane Liturgy*

## AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: Across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith. Could you help stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and help ease their heavy burdens? Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/refugees](http://www.aidtochurch.org/refugees)

## THE SACRAMENT OF MERCY

Hot on the heels of last week's readings concerning the commandments and Our Lord's cleansing of the Temple, it is worthwhile thinking about having our temples cleansed.

We are reminded by St Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians that indeed our own bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit:

**19 Surely you know that your bodies are the shrines of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in you. And he is God's gift to you, so that you are no longer your own masters. 20 A great price was paid to ransom you; glorify God by making your bodies the shrines of his presence.** (1 Cor 6:19-20)

When we combine this rationale with the prophetic action of Jesus in last week's gospel we see that Jesus seeks to cleanse our temples. How does he do this? Jesus has instituted for us the sacrament of Mercy, Reconciliation, or Confession to achieve this purpose.

We're not too keen on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Some people prefer to go directly to God but if that were the case why did Jesus institute this special sacrament? Fear, laziness or a bad experience may be the obstacles to renewing our sorrow for the things we've done, but like some medicines it may taste bad or have strange side effects but its object is to cure us.

First of all, we need to realise our brokenness, our woundedness, and our frailty; humility is the name of the game. Moreover, holy scripture reminds us that we are not being true to ourselves, or to God, if we deny our sinfulness. St John in one of his epistles writes:

**5 What, then, is this message we have heard from him, and are passing on to you? That God is light, and no darkness can find any place in him; 6 if we claim fellowship with him, when all the while we live and move in darkness, it is a lie; our whole life is an untruth. 7 God dwells in light; if we too live and move in light, there is fellowship between us, and the blood of his Son Jesus Christ washes us clean from all sin. 8 Sin is with us; if we deny that, we are cheating ourselves; it means that truth does not dwell in us. 9 No, it is when we confess our sins that he forgives us our sins, ever true to his word, ever dealing right with us, and all our wrong-doing is purged away. 10 If we deny that we have sinned, it means that we are treating him as a liar; it means that his word does not dwell in our hearts.** (1 John 1:5-10)

Remarkably the first fruit of Jesus' resurrection wasn't his love, or a warm and fuzzy hug, but rather peace, peace that comes from knowing one is forgiven now. On that first Easter Sunday Jesus mentions two things to his disciples in that upper room where they remained hidden and afraid. Jesus first of all says '**Peace be with you**' (John 20:19), then he breathes on them bestowing the Holy Spirit saying:

**"Receive the Holy Spirit; 23 when you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven, when you hold them bound, they are held bound."**

Jesus, by his death and resurrection, had merited the infinite forgiveness of sins for all humanity. In this episode in the upper room Jesus associates his disciples with this fact and makes them dispensers of the forgiveness he had attained for all. Yet, how can one forgive if one does not know what another has done? How can the disciple dispense this forgiveness without some knowledge of the offence committed or even if there has been an offence committed? It is with this logic that a person must first reveal his sin orally so as to be then given the forgiveness of Christ. Thus in bestowing the ability to forgive men's sins Jesus gives the disciples the authority to judge and counsel those who come to them seeking this prize. Earlier on in the gospels Jesus had already given Peter first, then the other disciples, the ability to make prudent judgments on how to govern the Christian community. In Matthew 16:19 Jesus gives authority to Peter:

## THE SACRAMENT OF MERCY

Cont... **"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."** (see also Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-20; John 6:66-71)

This power is also given to the rest of the apostolic college as well. In Matthew 18:15-18 Jesus makes a number of statements to the disciples, one of his sayings is made during a discussion on how often one should forgive a brother:

**15 If thy brother does thee wrong, [2] go at once and tax him with it, as a private matter between thee and him; and so, if he will listen to thee, thou hast won thy brother. 16 If he will not listen to thee, take with thee one or two more, that the whole matter may be certified by the voice of two or three witnesses. 17 If he will not listen to them, then speak of it to the church; and if he will not even listen to the church, then count him all one with the heathen and the publican. 18 I promise you, all that you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and all that you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven**

With this declaration authority over the church is given but particularly in relation to the forgiveness of sins, the action in John 20:19 complements Jesus' previous actions; all of the chosen twelve had been given this ministry of mercy.

However, knowing this ministry must continue till Jesus comes again the ministry of forgiveness is passed from the apostles to their successors the bishops and their co-workers the order of presbyters (priests). It is via the apostolic succession and the supreme power to continue the work of forgiveness that all ordained priests have the ability to absolve sin. This power, however, may only be exercised with the permission of the bishop, for it is in the episcopal order that the power to forgive primarily and formally resides.

So let us think about cleansing our temples in the Lenten period, not only is this mandated by the Church (**the so-called Paschal Precept-the command to go to confession and receive holy communion at least once a year specifically in the period from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday**), but because it is beneficial to our spiritual health and our authentic following of Christ.

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

## EASTER LITURGIES

Please remember you will need to book for the Holy Week / Easter Masses that you wish to attend. The timetable and booking sheet are on the table in the foyer. PLEASE book to ensure you will be able to attend as numbers are not to exceed 200.

## EASTER LITURGY VOLUNTEERS

We would really like the Easter Liturgies to be a whole of community project and ask you all to consider being involved in some way. In the foyer the roster for volunteers are now out.

- The Altar of Repose needs to be prepared for Holy Thursday night
- The church needs to be prepared for Good Friday
- Then the church needs to be prepared for Holy Saturday night, a lot needs to be done;
- The ladies who provide such beautiful flowers for us on a regular basis need help with the huge job of preparing the church for this wonderful celebration.
- General cleaning
- Preparing the small candles for the congregation to use.
- And most important of all: keeping the workers watered and fed.

Please consider joining us, any age group we will find something for everyone to do.

## 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

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)

## BAPTISM

*Harlie Francis Hafner*

will be baptised this weekend. May her life be filled with God's peace, and her heart with God's love... on this Baptism day and always.



## PARISH

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION** - Parish School of Religion has recommenced in the Parish Centre from 9am. All children between from Year 3 – 6 are welcome – especially families wanting their children to prepare for sacraments, where the child does not attend a Catholic school. 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=eVBQR0hnZ05CL1YzWU93YmJLNm53UT09

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

Please make a donation to Project Compassion this Lent either in a 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.

## DARAMALAN COLLEGE

- Yr 7 enrolments now open - visit school website.
- Open Evening 25th March - bookings essential
- Try Dara for a day - bookings essential

**MORNING TEA** - Just a reminder that our third Thursday coffee morning will be held on 18th March from 10-30 am at 'Gang Gang' Frencham place Downer. Newcomers welcome.

## 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 Sullivan, 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 Laughton, Marion Bolin, Norma Roach

## In loving Memory

Noel Dawes, Domenica Cortese

## 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

## CHURCH KEYS

Parishioners issued with a church key were recently sent a letter asking them to confirm that they still have their key. If you have a key and did not receive the letter please phone the office. If you received the letter and have not returned it please do so as soon as possible.

### ROSTER 20 / 21 March 2021

Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	K. Markcrow	M. Kraaz
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	E. Smith	J. Smith
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	C. Barbaro	P. McDonald
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	P. Tran	
Readers	J. Swinghamer	T. Malone
Counters	C. Ryan	J. Smith