



# Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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Year A



## VERITAS

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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*Office Hours*

**Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, Friday**

**9.00am—12.30pm**

*Mass times*

Wed 5.30pm

Tues & Thurs 6.45am

Fri 5.30pm

Saturday 6pm (Vigil)

Sunday 8am, 10am & 6pm

Saturday & Public

Holidays Mass excluding

Mondays 9am

*Pray the Rosary*

Wed & Fri before 5.30pm Mass

Saturday after 9am Mass

*Reconciliation*

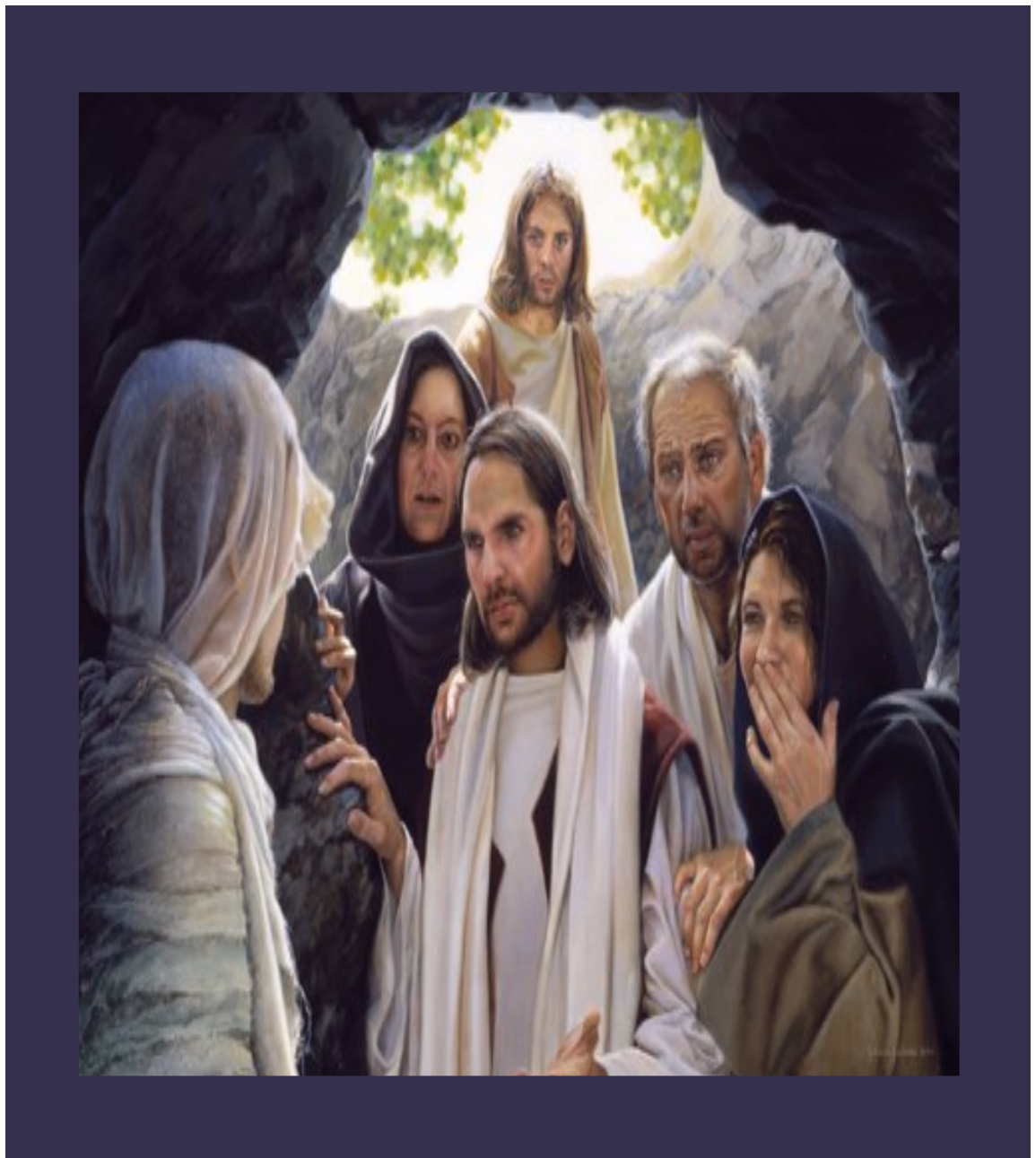
Saturday 12pm—12.30pm

and 5pm—5.30pm

*ACU Chapel Signadou*

Tues 1.30pm

Wed & Thurs 1.30pm



## RAISING OF LAZARUS

**If you are in Urgent need of  
a Priest Call - 6248 8253**

A warm welcome is extended to guests & parishioners celebrating our Eucharist today.

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.
<b>READINGS</b>	Ezekiel 37:12-14    Romans 8:8-11 Gospel: John 11:1-45

## 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION



2nd Rite of Reconciliation  
on Tuesday 11 April at 7pm  
St Brigid's Church, Dickson

## CHRISM MASS



Join the Archbishop and the  
Clergy of the Archdiocese on  
Monday 7.30pm in  
St Christopher's Cathedral, this  
most important Holy Week  
ceremony. It is this mass that the **Holy Oils**  
used in the various Sacramental Rites of the  
Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone  
welcome.

## PSALM: 129

With the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ear be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.  
(Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity.

With the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption.

## LENTEN GROUP

Parish Lenten Group, will meet each Tuesday  
evening at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre  
throughout Lent.

## SING THE EASTER LITURGIES!

Come join the parish choir  
and enrich your Easter.

No musical experience  
necessary. There will be  
just four practices in the  
church on the following Monday evenings at  
7.30 pm: 20 & 27 March, 3 & 10 April.  
Enquiries: M Robinson 61617100



## HOLY WEEK / EASTER ROSTER

The Rosters are now in the foyer for parishioners  
who would like to volunteer over Holy Week/  
Easter Liturgies. Special help is needed after  
Holy Thursday and on Holy Saturday morning.

## CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK

Be part of our parish journey  
through the great mysteries of Easter,  
beginning on

### *Palm Sunday*

When Christ's rode into Jerusalem

### *Holy Thursday*

When Christ ate with his family and friends  
for the last time before he died

### *Good Friday*

When Christ was condemned to death,  
and carried his cross to Golgotha to die

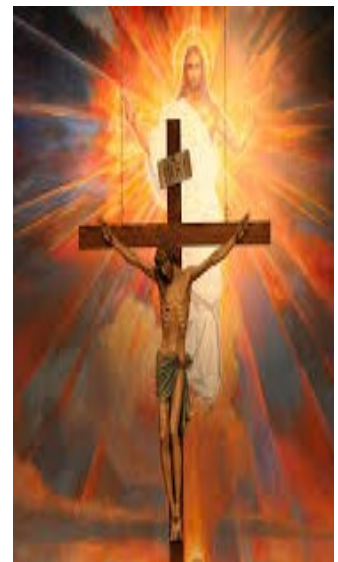
### *Easter Vigil*

When we gather as a spiritual family to herald in  
the biggest celebration of the year, and,  
as families do when they gather to celebrate,  
we re-tell the stories of our spiritual ancestors  
and their journey through darkness into light

And we welcome the light that came out of the  
darkness to show us the Way

### *Easter Morning*

When we celebrate Christ truly risen!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!



## THE DESIRES OF THE HEART

Physical death isn't the only thing that frightens people. It's hard to face a relationship that is dying and work to revive it. It can also be hard not to give up when hopes die after a personal failure. That's why we need to bring Jesus to our personal tombs, just like the sisters of Lazarus did. Martha and Mary knew Jesus could restore their dead brother to health. So, in the midst of their pain, they cried out for Jesus. Jesus is our friend too. He weeps with us when we hurt. Just as he raised Lazarus, he can breathe life into our broken relationships and shattered hopes. So call out to him. Lazarus got his life back. Many people have a somewhat similar experience: e.g. those who have come out of a coma or who have recovered from a serious illness or accident. Such people have their life given back to them. How precious life appears to such as these. All seems a grace, a blessing, a miracle. They know what Lazarus felt like. Against all the odds, they wake, come round and start to recognise the place and their loved ones. It's like being reborn.

However, the Gospel story speaks not just to these but to us all. Each morning we wake from the little death of sleep to find out what life has been given back to us. Life is such a surprising thing. But, alas, we tend to take it for granted. What we must try to do is to recognise it daily as a gift from God. Then we will not cease to be amazed at the wonder and mystery of life. But there is much more at stake in the story of the raising of Lazarus than adding a few extra years to one's earthly life. What is really at stake is eternal life. Jesus is the source of eternal life for all who believe in him. He came that we might have life and have it to the full, here and hereafter.

*For those with faith, death is not extinguishing the light; it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.*



**In Your Prayers  
please  
remember  
those in our  
community  
who are ill:**

Elizabeth Cronin, Maureen Blood,  
Fr Ellis Clifford, Dion Convine,  
Edith Jensen, Alexia Harris,  
Joe Schimizzi, Trevor Dennis,  
Mary Harrigan, Elizabeth Webster,  
Philip Bailey, Eileen Liston,  
Rosa Maria Santos, Jim Burgess,  
Mary Bui, Michael O'Callaghan,  
Rosemary Denmead, Colin Jarrett

**Please remember  
our deceased:**

Domenica Cortese,  
Chris Dillon, Jenny Naughton,  
Margaret Nenke, Henrich Knerr

**In Loving Memory:**

Felipe Miragaya, Frank Ford,  
Mavis & Dennis Chapman,  
Richter Family, Daniele Pierucci



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

Semiti grew up in an informal settlement in Fiji. He is now the Director of the People's Community Network (PCN). PCN is increasing the resilience and dignity of the thousands of landless Fijians living in informal settlements. Communities are advocating together successfully for better services, education and housing.



**Please donate to Project Compassion**

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL DOORKNOCK APPEAL

The recent St Vincent de Paul Doorknock collections at St Brigid's - \$1,443.00, Holy Rosary - \$2,400.00 and the Canberra Show \$4009.00 have resulted in \$7,582.00 being collected for the work of the Society in the Canberra-Goulburn Region. Thank you to parishioners for your great generosity and thank you to those volunteers who assisted with the show.

## RALLY FOR REFUGEES

On Palm Sunday, thousands of people across Australia will be rallying for justice for refugees and asylum seekers. We cannot and will not be silent. Rally for Refugees - Be part of this major event! Rally in Civic Square, ACT Assembly, 1pm Sunday 9 April. Join us on Palm Sunday, to make our voices heard. If you would like to attend the rally as a Parish Group or would like transport please contact the office.

## WELCOME FIRST COMMUNION COMMITMENT MASS

We welcome the First Communicants and their families to our Mass this weekend and we join with them as they commit themselves to their preparation program.



**May we as a Parish**

**continue to pray for these children.**

**Important dates:**

Retreat Day - Friday 23 June 9am-3pm

Sacrament Dates - Saturday 24 June @ 6pm

- Sunday 25 June @ 10am

Following 10am Mass there will be a 'Sausage Sizzle & Refreshments', everyone is welcome to 'meet and greet' so please stay on and join us!

Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves,  
for they will never cease to be amused.

## HE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

*Fifth Sunday of Lent.*

*Fr John Patrick Kenrick OP reflects on how  
the raising of Lazarus from the dead  
throws light on the meaning of Christ's death  
and resurrection for each of us.*

What has the Resurrection of Christ to do with all other human beings, both those who have lived and those yet to be born? The readings today help us to answer that question. They tell us that Christ's Resurrection should be seen in the context of the whole narrative of salvation. At the centre of human history there is not just an event but the Word of God, a divine person.

For Ezekiel it was always God's intention to raise his people from their graves. We could take this to mean that it is simply God's nature to raise the dead because God is the life-giver. Ezekiel speaks of the Lord putting his life giving spirit within us - echoes there of the book of Genesis. It is not surprising then, that St Paul also speaks of God's spirit living within us. He identifies the Spirit of God with the Spirit of Christ and it is that Spirit within us that will once more give life to our bodies.

The gospel of the raising of Lazarus is particularly helpful because in this human drama we see in Christ the effective power of God's love and mercy which can conquer death and natural corruption. Each of us is in fact Lazarus, the friend loved by Christ needing to be raised.

The other characters in the story remind us that this is no fanciful tale. Jesus was courting danger in that trip to Judaea and we have the plaintive words of Martha to confirm that Lazarus was well and truly dead.

Jesus summons Lazarus from the grave with a divine authority. His words have a simple confidence about them, 'Lazarus come out!' There are no long entreaties for God to raise Lazarus - there is just a prayer of thanksgiving. Jesus knows the outcome because he is one with the Father.

For St John the raising of Lazarus is significant for a number of reasons; the raising of Lazarus prefigures the resurrection of Christ himself and it is the event which leads directly to Jesus' death. But more than that, the actions of the Son reveal the will of the Father. God not only desires to dwell among us but to lift us up - he really means, in Ezekiel's words, 'to raise us from our graves'. The spiritual death from which we are to be raised is the rejection of this divine initiative - when they hear of the raising of Lazarus the Sanhedrin will plot to kill Jesus.

And so ironically the warnings of the disciples come true. By going to Bethany to raise Lazarus Jesus does indeed seal his own fate but in his death he will pour out his Spirit on all who believe in him. The raising of Lazarus is enlightening but it does not answer all our questions about the Resurrection of the dead. As Martha herself points out, this is not the general resurrection. This is something which prefigures that and presumably Lazarus had to 'die' again. How, we may ask, did he face his inevitable second death?

That question may be missing the point. In death Lazarus had heard a divine command and he recognized in that voice the voice of a close friend. Jesus was not simply reanimating a corpse. He was doing something much more significant than that! It was surely for the sake of Martha and Mary that Lazarus was raised from the dead. Jesus was restoring Lazarus to his close family and to his friends. And since family and friends await us also in the life to come, death is no longer something to fear for God's purpose must lie in reunion.

Sometimes the world around us seems quite chaotic but there is nothing more chaotic than our own death and dissolution. But if we believe that God has created us for a purpose then historical events only matter in so far as they affect the way that we respond to God. It matters that people are being born and that people are dying; it matters even more whether people are being born to a new life in Christ or have yet to respond to His commandment to emerge from our spiritual graves.

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

## LITURGY OF HEALING WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

Gathering for an appropriate Liturgy of Healing and Lament at the Cathedral, just before Holy Week. It is on Tuesday evening (7.30pm), 4th April.

# EVENTS

**4 - April "Desert Morning"** L'Arche Genesaret invite you to attend their Desert Morning 9:50am to 11.00am. at the Genesaret Office, 38-40 Colbee Court, Phillip. Enquiries call 6282 9066.

**6 - April - Calvary Hospital - PLANT SALE** - On Thursday 6th April there will be a Plant Sale from 8.00am to 4.00pm or until sold out. To be held in the Foyer of the Hospital. Enquiries Mary Cruickshank 62544084

**8 - April Amicus**, a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering at the THAI House Weston at 7pm for dinner. Contact Paul - 6231 3121.

**10 - April** - Free Information Session by **Taoist Tai Chi Society** at Calvary Retirement Village, Bruce Monday 10 April at 10:30am. Please Contact Poonam on 6163 7683 if you would like transport. *Seniors In Networked Communities (SINC)*

**19 - April - EVENINGS FOR THE ENGAGED**, a five-week marriage preparation course will be held every Wednesday, 19 April to 17 May, 6.30 pm. Enquiries Kathy and Mark Haseler 61667634.

**26 - April** - Free Information Session by **Deafness Resource Centre** providing information, advice and guidance at St. Vincent's, Aranda 26 April, Wednesday at 10am. Everyone is welcome & morning tea provided. Please Contact Poonam on 6163 7683 if you would like transport. *Seniors In Networked Communities*

**27-30 - April - Canberra Women's Cursillo** Greenhills Conference Centre with Fr Bernie Patterson as the Spiritual Director. Further information and application please contact Irma Jambor (02) 6242 7332 or [irma.jambor25@gmail.com](mailto:irma.jambor25@gmail.com).

**1 - May - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ENROLMENT** For All Catholic Schools, the 2017 Catholic Schools Enrolment Period is from **Monday 1 May - Friday 19 May**. If you know of anyone outside of our school community who has a child at a Pre-school or Early Learning Centre, please notify them of the opportunity to enrol at Rosary Primary School during the above period.

**15 - May "L'Arche Fundraising Card Day"** 10.30am - Forrest Bowling Club. Organise a team of four to play Bridge, Mahjong or any other board game. More information will be forthcoming.

**COELIACS** Parishioners who are coeliac (intolerant to Gluten) If you wish to receive a gluten free host at Mass you should advise the Celebrant or Acolyte prior to Mass.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We have been advised that there are people visiting local churches asking for money. If you are approached by anyone asking for money please do not provide any but refer the person to Samaritan House, 19 Hackett Place, Hackett

**NEW PARISHIONERS** would you like to join our Parish? If you wish to register as Blackfriars Parishioner please fill out a card which you can find on the entrance tables and place on the second plate or give the card to Father.

**Holy Rosary Church is fitted with an audio loop. It is accessible in all seating areas by using T-switch on your hearing aid.**

**PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is **NOON TUESDAY****  
Please contact Jacquie in the office Ph. 6248 5925 Fax.6248 7564 or Email: [holyr.watson@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:holyr.watson@cg.catholic.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 and Baptisms.

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. two weeks notice is required. It is difficult to keep track of Parishioners requests if they do not come through the Office. Fr Kieran

## HOLY ROSARY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**SCHOOL OF RELIGION Sunday** A year long Faith Education Program including Sacraments for children who do not attend Catholic Schools. Term has now begun. Contact the Parish Office.

**BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP** meets on **Thursday** evenings in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 Explore today at [www.wccm.org](http://www.wccm.org)

**CARDS** Play social style 'Cards for fun', **Monday** 10am-1pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome!!!

**CARE OF THE SICK** If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and who would like the Eucharist brought to them, please let the office know. Also, if someone is in need of prayer or a visit at home, in hospital or by the Parish Priest - please, let us know.

**COFFEE GROUP** Our monthly coffee group will meet at Wilbur's, Hackett on the **third Thursday** of each month at 10.30 am. We look forward to seeing our usual friends, newcomers welcome.

**CRAFT GROUP** meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on the **first, second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month.

**DOMINICAN LIBRARY** will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

**HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP** Divine Will Prayer Group meets 2.00pm **Thursdays** in the church. Details Heather 6247 7775.

**WEEKLY READER FORMATION** Reflections on the readings for the following Sunday are held **Wednesday** evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All Parishioners welcome.

**PRAY THE ROSARY** will be held the First Saturday of every month at 4pm in the Church on a trial basis. Confessions available afterwards followed by refreshments in the parish centre. Please bring a plate to share. For more information call Letty on 0418 518 033

**"Executive Assistant" - ACBC** Catholic Health Australia is seeking a highly skilled and motivated Executive Assistant to the CEO. For information on this rewarding full-time position please contact Siobhan Tanzer on 02 6203 2777 or [siobhant@cha.org.au](mailto:siobhant@cha.org.au).

## OPPORTUNITIES ARE SELDOM LABELED.

### PALM SUNDAY ROSTERS 8 / 9 April 2017

#### Saturday 6.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	R. Paul	
Readers	P. English	E. Smith
Gospel Narrator	T. Dennis	

#### Gospel Others

Presentation of Gifts	Vanderzil Family
EMOE	J. Maclean

#### Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson
Gospel Narrator	E. Smith	

Gospel Others	M. Gabbitas
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Presentation of Gifts	P. Zorzi
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EMOE	M. Falk
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#### Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	M. Fitzgerald	A. McCarthy

#### Gospel Narrator

#### Gospel Others

Presentation of Gifts	Vu Family	
EMOE	B. Affas	A. Northcote

#### Sunday 6.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	E. Kralikas	
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	V. Van der Sanden

Gospel Narrator	T. Malone	
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Gospel Others	J. Curnow	
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Presentation of Gifts	J. Curnow	
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EMOE	D. de Luca	T. de Luca
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