



Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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Year A



VERITAS

MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

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



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

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

ENTRANCE	He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.
READINGS	Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 Gospel: John 6:51-58

BAPTISM

Rosie Francesca Croker

Francesca Lolohea Manu



who will be baptised this weekend. May their lives be filled with God's peace, and their hearts with God's love... on this Baptism day and always.

PSALM: 147:12-15. 19-20

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you.

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES

Weekly Envelopes for 2017/2018 year are available this weekend. Please collect your envelopes from the Church Foyer before you leave today. **Receipts** for 2016/2017 year will be sent out during the first week in July.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL



THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will hold its Winter Appeal as a leaving collection at Masses this weekend 17/18 June.

Vinnies once again asks for your help in supporting its work with needy families in North Canberra. Receipts available.

WWVP

Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) cards: **REMINDER:** All volunteers within our parish who have a WWVP card are asked to check the expiry date. If your card has expired, please renew it. If you have a new card, you need to bring this card to the Parish Office so we are able to copy your card to update our Parish records. We value the time and efforts you have provided to the Parish and we hope this will continue. Thank you.

QUOTE

'What good is it that Christ was born in a stable in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago if he is not also born in me?'
Meister Eckhart, 13th Century mystical theologian

SEQUENCE

Come, behold, the bread of angels,
This our strength on pilgrims' way.
For the children God is giving,
Manna for our bread each day.
Now the sign of Isaac telling:
Christ has conquered on this day.
Hear our prayers, O kindly Shepherd,
Be for us true living bread.
Grant us peace in all our doings,
To our resting place be led,
Forth with all the saints now dwelling,
We the body, you the Head.



CORPUS CHRISTI

The feast of Corpus Christi is one time when our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed not just to faithful Catholics but to all the world. This is a time when Catholics can show their love for Christ in the Real Presence by honouring Him in a very public way. It is also a wonderful way in which we can show our love for our neighbours by bringing Our Lord and Saviour closer to them. So many conversions are a result of Eucharistic Adoration experienced from inside the Church. How many more there would be if we could reach those who only drive by the church in worldly pursuits.

FIRST COMMUNION

Our Parish School and School of Religion will celebrate the First Reception of the Eucharist for our young parishioners at the Vigil Mass 6pm on Saturday 24th May and Sunday 10am Mass on Sunday 25th May. Both these Masses will be for First Communion. You are welcome to attend or may choose to attend another Parish Mass.

Let us remember these children and their families as we pray that Our Eucharistic Lord may always be a very important part of their lives.



UNDERSTAND

As much as Jesus' listeners didn't understand how Jesus could really mean that they were to eat his body and drink his blood, Jesus made it very clear that that was precisely what he did mean. Once again, it was hard for the people of Jesus' day (and still hard for us today, too) to understand what Jesus tried to say because they only thought in earthly, literal terms. This Gospel passage gives us one of our firm foundations for the institution of the Eucharist so that, in faith, we will eat the bread that will give us everlasting life.

**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, Rosemary Denmead
Awny El-Ghitany, Barbara Wilson
Chelsea Guillot, Beth Delos Santos
Eris Pollard, Elsie Laughton

**Please remember
our deceased:**

Rita Mary Cooper Nicola Darnese,
Barbara Parker, Graeme Barrow

In Loving Memory:

REAL PRESENCE, MYSTICAL BODY

The Eucharist, we now understand, creates the Church; the Church does not create the Eucharist. So the real presence is the sacrament of the unity of the Church and of the presence of the risen and glorified Jesus in our midst, in our world. 'What is happening at Mass is that the body of Christ on the altar gives new life and strengthens the body of Christ – us – gathered as the Church. At the altar, Christ is not only on the altar. He is there with the priest acting not only in the person of Christ but in the person of the Church leading the people. 'But there is a further dimension to this feast: the risen and glorified Christ sacramentally present in the Eucharist then points to the future. We are experiencing a future in which the whole of creation is to be transformed. The feast of Corpus Christi is, of course, related to the institution of the Eucharist on Maundy Thursday, but, celebrated as it is after Easter, it is related also to the Paschal mystery as a dying and rising with Christ.

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The feast has been transferred from a mid-week Thursday to a Sunday. There are many who regret this liturgical change. But, if – as the bishops suggest – the feast was not being properly observed, then there is perhaps something to be said for transferring it to a Sunday when there is a larger assembly of the people of God present at the liturgy.

Excerpt from a homily by Fr Denis Geraghty OP

REFLECTION

Today's reading takes place the day after Jesus has miraculously fed five thousand people with only five loaves and two fish. Now he wants the crowds to understand that he has come to give them "the living bread." Earthly bread, even manna, can only keep us alive for a time. But it cannot give us eternal life. Only Jesus himself, the Bread of Life, can do that. As Catholics, our greatest prayer of thanks is the Mass. Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. When we receive Communion, we say Amen; that is, we believe that the bread and wine are now the Body and Blood of Christ.

A CHILDREN'S COMMUNION PRAYER

*Jesus in the Eucharist, I believe in You,
You have promised me yourself,
And Your word is true .
Son of God I long for You
come to me and stay.
be the bread that helps me grow
more like you each day.*

LIVING BREAD

*The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).
Fr David McLean OP reflects upon
the rich symbolic meaning of Holy Communion.*

Every year, lots of children are prepared for their First Communion, which is of course quite relevant to today's feast of Corpus Christi, sometimes known by its English title of the Body and Blood of Christ. The English title perhaps sounds a bit blunter. Some catechetical material for preparing children for First Communion warns against talking about 'blood' in case it frightens the children. That may seem a rather demanding restriction to some catechists: talking about the body and blood of Christ without referring to the blood. There is, of course, much more to Corpus Christi than language redolent of sacrificial worship. Catechetical material for First Communion often compares the Mass with a family meal and such a comparison does have its merits. A family meal is not only a chance to eat the food we need for physical sustenance, it also sustains the family as a family. It binds the family together and builds up the family; gives them a sense of communion as a family; even celebrates the family. The Mass has its points of comparison with a family meal. The Mass is where we receive our spiritual food that sustains us spiritually. And coming together to share the Eucharist gives us a sense of communion as a community. The Mass is a celebration of that communion. And hopefully, as with the family meal, the Mass is a celebration we look forward to, that we anticipate eagerly, and wouldn't miss for the world.

Analogies though only take us so far. They never give us a complete picture. Nobody at a family meal suggests that we drink blood, symbolically or otherwise. Seeing the Mass as a nice family meal takes us so far, but then we have to add a lot more to it. We have to bring Jesus in to it. We have to bring the Last Supper into it. We have to bring the Jewish Passover into it. We have to bring in the even more difficult concepts of Jesus' body and blood, and of Jesus as the Lamb of sacrifice. We have to bring God into it. We have to bring God's people as the worshipping body of Christ into it. The Mass is at the heart of our worship, because Jesus broke bread with his disciples the day before he died and said 'do this in memory me. And the Mass is not only a celebration of the communion of the people at a particular Mass, not only those who celebrate the same Mass with us all over the world, but also those who have celebrated the same Mass through history, back to Jesus himself. All these people make up the living community, the living body of Christ – not an inert dead body, but a living body with life-giving blood coursing through it. The Jewish Passover comes into it, because what Jesus and the disciples were doing at the Last Supper was celebrating the Jewish Passover. They were good Jews observing the Passover, Jewish people celebrating their covenant with God. We have a spiritual bond with the Jewish people that we should never forget. The body and blood of Jesus come into it, because Jesus said the bread and wine were his body and blood; the means by which Jesus is really present at the Mass and in the Church. The imagery of blood also recalls the idea of sacrifice, and Jesus' sacrifice for humanity. Sacrificial religions are not too popular just now, but they were all the rage in Jesus' time. Even the Jewish religion contained sacrifice. A lamb was sacrificed in the temple at Passover as an expiation, to atone, for the sins of the people since the last Passover. For us, Jesus becomes that Lamb of sacrifice, once and for all times; uniting us with God: creating communion between us and God.

Not all these ideas are easy to grasp, and especially so for children. Individuals will identify more with some aspects than others. There is depth to the Mass that is probably beyond the grasp of one individual. The feast of Corpus Christi encourages us to explore the many layered depths of the Mass: our communion with God and each other. Ultimately, our deliberations should bring us to an understanding of ourselves, the Church, as Christ's living body. If Christ is living bread given to the world, then we are also living bread given to the world.

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

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, and newcomers most 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

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

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

20 June – Diversity & Empathy: Opportunities for Leadership. The ACU 2-017 Blackfriars Lecture Series will commence on 20th June with speaker Sally Moyle (CEO of CARE Australia). Sally joined CARE Australia in November 2016 as the Chief Executive. Sally has had extensive experience in international development policy and practice, and almost 20 years' experience addressing gender issues both domestically and in international development. 5:30pm for registration and refreshments. Lecture from 6pm to 7 pm. Room 300 G23 Blackfriars Building. RSVP buy 15 June OCD.Canberra@acu.edu.au or 6209 1129

21 June – Wednesday - Seniors In Networked Communities - Taoist Tai Chi Society Come along and learn how Tai Chi can Reduce stress, Increase balance and flexibility and improve your overall mind, body and spirit. St Brigid's Parish hall 2 Bancroft St Dickson Wednesday 21 June 2017 10 am. Please Contact Poonam on 6163 7683 if you would like support with transport

18–24 June—Refugee Week. Activities to celebrate the courage and contribution of refugees are being held. Further details from Refugee Action Committee: <https://refugeeaction.org/subscribe>

8 and 15 July – Evenings for the Engaged. Marriage preparation program will be held over two consecutive Saturdays. Enquiries to Mark and Kathy Haseler Phone 61 66 76 34

9 July—Sea Sunday Appeal. Parishes are asked to support chaplains helping seafarers at ports and at sea. This year's theme is 'In the midst of the storm', highlighting mental vulnerabilities of seafarers on the oceans.. Donations: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre, PO Box 368 Canberra 2601 or electronic banking: BSB 083-347 Account number 649 518 680

15 September – 8 October 2017. Camino Pilgrimage: Rome, Assisi, Montserrat, Barcelona, Camino, Santiago, Madrid, Toledo. Information: www.caminowalk.com.au or Paul Skippen 0412 850 883

February 19 – March 10 2018- Christian spiritual pilgrimage to India "One Heart and One Soul" The highlight of this pilgrimage will be a four night meditation/yoga retreat with daily mass led by Fr. Joe Pereira (Mumbai), in Goa. The pilgrimage also includes attending a Mass at St. Teresa of Kolkata's Tomb and visits to some of her homes. For further information, please contact: Marie Fonseca: 02 9344 0523 or 0418 265117. Email: info@spiceodyssey.net.au Website: www.spiceodyssey.net.au (to download a flyer) Andre Rasquinha: 0403 569 079 Email: andre@traveltalk.com.au

ROSTERS 24/25 June 2017

Saturday 6.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	P. English	E. Smith
Presentation of Gifts	Vanderzill Family	
EMOE	T. O'Neill	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	M. Gabbitas	T. Klekner
Presentation of Gifts	P. Zorzi	
EMOE	M. Falk	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	N. Price	A. McCarthy
Presentation of Gifts	Hall—O'Brien Family	
EMOE	M. Mastrolemba E. Musolino	

Sunday 6.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	J. Curnow	T. Malone
Presentation of Gifts	Malone Family	
EMOE	J. Curnow	V. Van der Sanden
Counters		