



Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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Year A



VERITAS

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

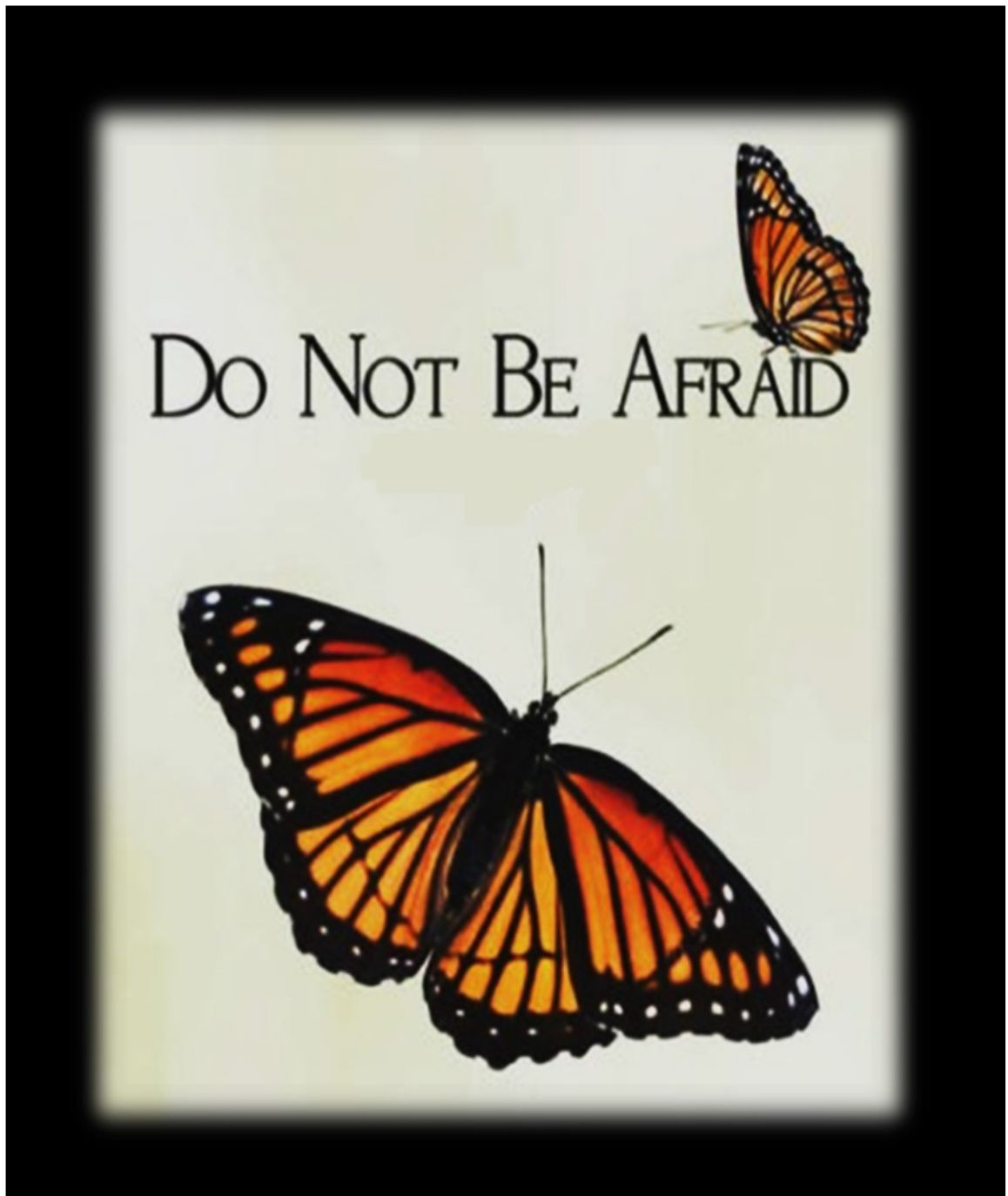
Saturday 12pm—12.30pm

and 5pm—5.30pm

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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	The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.
READINGS	Jeremiah 20:10-13 Romans 5:12-15 Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate our young parishioners who are receiving their Eucharistic Lord for the first time this weekend. We pray that they will always welcome Jesus into their hearts as their strong, true and gentle friend.

We might pray the children's prayer for them and with them.



PSALM: 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needs
and does not spurn servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

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.

12th SUNDAY

We put a lot of energy into preserving the comfort and health of our bodies. In today's readings we are counselled to be on guard against that which can destroy the soul. As we prepare to hear God's word and receive the Eucharist, let us ask God for the wisdom to pay attention to what will help us grow in holiness.

PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimages have long been a way of drawing closer to God. First made to places connected with the birth, life, crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, pilgrimages are now also a popular way of connecting to the lives of the saints.

CHILDREN'S 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.***

ONE IN CHRIST

"God is the strength of his people," the guide and protector of your people, the one who keeps us secure from this world's uncertainty (Ps 28:8). We should not be afraid of anything because "the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion" (Jer. 20:11). The poor and lowly are special objects of protection. "See, you lowly ones, and be glad ... for the Lord hears the poor, for he has rescued the life of the poor" (Responsorial Psalm). The special care of the poor is a sign to all of us that God is our strength, for it means that God is not influenced by the judgments of the world. The world might abuse and ignore the poor and lowly, but God hears their cry and rescues their lives. The riches of this world might be for a select few, the rich and powerful, but the gracious gift of Jesus Christ abounds for all. So do not let people intimidate you. Our God is God of the poor and lowly, and in him, we his children live in safety. In the Old Testament God reveals himself to us as the liberator of the oppressed and the defender of the poor, demanding from us faith in him and justice towards our neighbour. It is only in the observance of the duties of justice that God is truly recognized as the liberator of the oppressed.

Synod of Bishops, Justice in the World, 1971:30. Gerald Darring

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.

6:45 AM MASS

Until the weather improves, Mass on Tuesday and Thursday mornings will be held in the Parish Centre

**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

In Loving Memory:

PRAYER

'TO REANIMATE OUR DESIRE'

'Our life is a journey that makes sense only on the supposition that we are going somewhere. When it is difficult to keep moving ahead, we need to reanimate our desire. Prayer operates as a function of our journey toward God. It is successful when it makes us want to continue the journey with greater urgency than before. If it makes us want to stop by the roadside for a picnic and a sleep in the sun, it is not prayer but delusion.'

Toward God, The Ancient Wisdom of Western Prayer by Michael Casey OCD

DEATH

The Gospel reading this week is focused on death. In the Gospel Reading, Jesus tells his apostles not to be afraid of those who can kill you. They are not to be feared, because death itself is not to be feared.

No doubt, there is always something sorrowful about dying, because the death of the body separates the dying person from his family and his friends; and they still have to slog through their lives in this world without their companion. But Jesus is telling people not to *fear* facing death.

If you were walking alone down a dark street late at night, and you saw a small knot of strangers gathered menacingly at a corner, wouldn't you be afraid? *Shouldn't* you be afraid? If the cancer doctor tells you that you have only months to live, wouldn't you—shouldn't you—be afraid?

How can Jesus tell us—actually, command us—not to be afraid of death?

Well, think about it this way. If you are surprised when you discover that you are dying, you just haven't been paying attention. None of us is getting out of this alive. Everyone of us will die. It is just a question of when. Or maybe better: it is just a question of how.

Are you afraid now? Is this scary to you?

Here is how it will be if you love the Lord. In dying, you will move through the veil that separates you, in this world of sorrow and suffering, from the Lord's own presence. There, on the other side, you will find all tears wiped away—the ones you wept before and the ones that are now stuck in your heart—by the tenderness of your creator. You will think you must be dreaming, because the beauty and the goodness of that world surpass your every want or need, and you yourself will be what you never imagined you could be. Surrounded by beauty and goodness, bathed in the love of the Lord, you will join the angels in singing for joy at what the Lord is doing.

Are you afraid now? Is this scary to you?

What is worth fearing is losing all of this beauty and goodness on the other side of death because you will not surrender to the love of the Lord who calls you to himself. But that death comes from sin, as the Second Reading says, and no one can force sin on you. If you wall yourself off from the love of the Lord, you kill your soul yourself. That is definitely worth fearing, as the Lord says.

Eleonore Stump <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

WORTH MORE THAN SPARROWS

Twelfth Sunday of the Year.

Fr Denis Minns OP preaches on the mystery of the providence and a disciple's sharing in the cross of Christ.

Jesus must have had a sense of humour - he wouldn't have been truly human otherwise - but the Evangelists do not seem to have been especially keen to show us what kind of a sense of humour it was. Today's Gospel, however, offers a hint that it might have tended toward the sardonic:

Fear not: you are of more value than many sparrows.

It is not immediately clear what comfort we might be expected to take from this. A sparrow might not fall to the ground without the Father's will, but this makes it no less likely that it will fall to the ground. We might be worth more than many sparrows, but if two sparrows can be bought for a farthing, as Jesus says they can, many sparrows might not be worth very much at all.

We seem to be being encouraged to have confidence that God keeps us in his care - numbering even the hairs of our heads - and yet being reminded at the same time that, like the sparrow that falls to the ground, we are, nevertheless, going to come to grief.

Sometimes it can be far from easy for us to be confident that God has us in his loving care. At such times we might want to cry with the Psalmist, Lord, why do you stand afar off, and hide yourself in times of distress?

And when things are really grim, to cry out, as Jesus did on the cross, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

In such circumstances faith is severely tested. How are we to reconcile the experience of physical disease, or mental anguish, or wanton cruelty, with the belief that the whole universe is held in being by an all-powerful, all-knowing, all-loving God?

Here, surely, is a mystery that remains hidden. We will not bring much comfort to those suffering such a test of faith if we cheerily remind them that they are worth more than many sparrows. But there is a time for speaking and a time for silence, a time to weep and a time to laugh.

Jesus' words in today's Gospel are addressed to his twelve disciples immediately after their commissioning as apostles, and before they know what they are in for. So Jesus tells them what they are in for. He is sending them out, he says, as sheep into the midst of wolves: they will be betrayed, flogged, hated, persecuted, and put to death. That is the context of Jesus' cheerful, upbeat remark that they are not to fear those who kill the body, but cannot kill the soul. Jesus' black humour is bearable because he includes himself in the joke: a disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master.

Though he foresees his own cruel death, Jesus' confidence in the loving providence of God is unshaken. Jesus does not make light of human suffering - his own or anyone else's - but he invites his disciples to share with equanimity his own realism about what lies ahead, and his own confidence that the love God has for us will triumph over the mystery of suffering and death, which at present is hidden from our understanding.

These words of Jesus are best absorbed before the time of trial, when we can still smile at the notion that we are worth more than many sparrows. For a time to weep will come. If we are truly to be his disciples, if we are to be found worthy of him, we will not be able to escape taking up our own cross and following him.

Fr Denis Minns OP <http://english.op.org/torch>

INSTRUCTIONS

Gospels of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Sundays 'Jesus instructed the twelve as follows', and both extracts range far and wide.

They are directed, not just to the Twelve, but to all who accept the invitation to follow Jesus and proclaim his gospel. They must not allow themselves to hesitate when faced with the opposition, persecution, contradictions and violent reactions their ministry is bound to elicit. Confrontation is unavoidable. A gospel that bothers no one and questions nothing is not the gospel of Jesus Christ. We may be afraid of the dark side of ourselves.

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 for further information.

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

25 June - The Journey - Catholic Radio Program.

This week Fr Graeme Schmitzer, Trish McCarthy, Sr Hilda Scott and Frances Pirolas provide insights into this week's readings. Tune into 1 Way FM 91.9 Canberra or Rhema FM 94.3 on Sunday at 1 pm or go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au

27 - June to 22 July "Home Sweet Home"

A number of local artists have donated artworks which will be raffled with all proceeds going to HOME in Queanbeyan. View the exhibition at **The Q Exhibition Space** in Queanbeyan weekdays 10.00am to 4.00pm and Saturdays 10.00am to 2.00pm. Contact: 6284 2409.

2-July Multicultural Mass

11 am at the Cathedral with Archbishop Christopher concelebrating with the many priests of different ethnic backgrounds who serve in the Archdiocese. All are welcome

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

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

A man is recovering from surgery when the Surgical Nurse appears and asks him how he is feeling.

'I'm O.K. But I didn't like the four letter-words the doctor used in surgery,' he answered.

'What did he say,' asked the nurse.

'Oops!,' he replied.

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

ROSTERS 1 / 2 July 2017

Saturday 6.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	T. Dennis	J. Maclean
Presentation of Gifts	J. Anderson	
EMOE	C. Lewis	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	N. McGahey	
Readers	B. Bandle	C. Bandle
Presentation of Gifts	M. Falk	
EMOE	E. Smith	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer	
Readers	E. Northcote	J. Northcote
Presentation of Gifts	Northcote Family	
EMOE	J. Munro	R. Zochling

Sunday 6.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	E. Kralikas	
Readers	J. Cooke	
Presentation of Gifts	R. Walpole	
EMOE	K. Kralikas	C. Mackey
Counters	F. Higgins	N. Higgins