



Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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Year A



VERITAS

THIRTEENTH 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

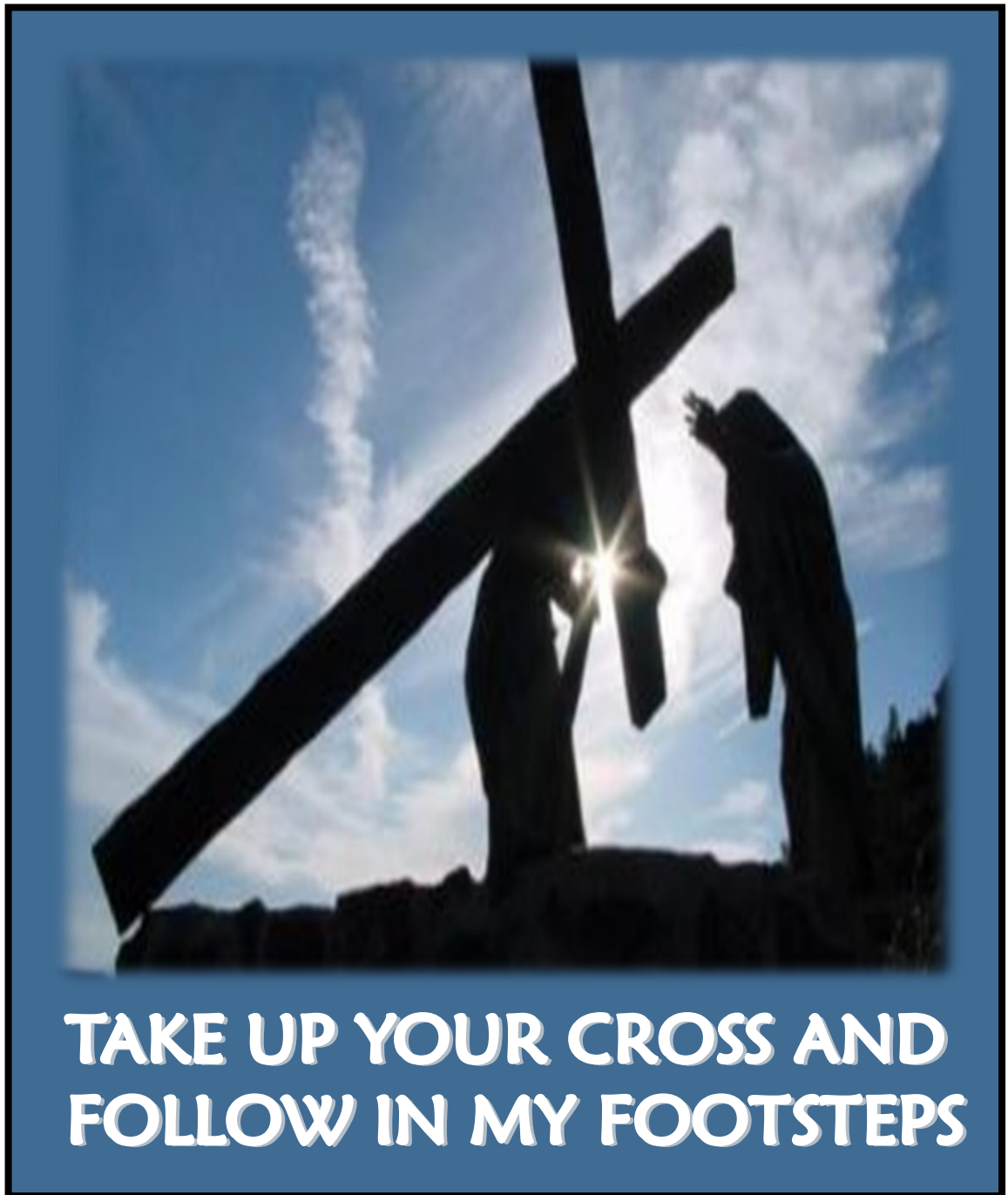
Saturday 12pm—12.30pm

and 5pm—5.30pm

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Tues 1.30pm

Wed & Thurs 1.30pm



TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW IN MY FOOTSTEPS

**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	All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.
READINGS	2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16 Romans 6:3-4. 8-11 Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 88:2-3. 16-19

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES

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

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.

LITURGY ROSTERS

The new rosters for June to December are available in the Foyer. Rosters are arranged according to the Mass attended and each roster has a name on it. Please collect **your** roster after Mass today

WEEKDAY 8.45 MASSES

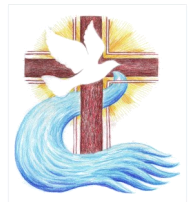
Until the weather improves, Mass on Tuesday and Thursday mornings will be held in the Parish Centre.

BAPTISM

Matias Carlos Mirnada-Sharp

Kai David Urack

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.



THE LOVE OF THE LORD

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus seems to recommend an inhuman attitude: you are not to love your mother or father or your child more than Jesus. In fact, you are not to love your own life more than Jesus. If you do, you will lose what you love.

What does it even mean to compare loves in this way? If you have more than one child, you can love each one equally, can't you? Why think that your love of your child is in competition with your love of Jesus? But if it is, honestly, why wouldn't you love your child more?

The love you have for your child, the love you have for your mother or father—these all have their full home in your shared love of the Lord.

Well, think about it this way. To love someone is to want to be united with that person somehow. If your mother sends you lots of gifts but never cares to be near you, you wouldn't think she loved you, would you? More than that, if when your mother came to visit you, she constantly opposed everything you yourself value, you would have a sense of your distance from her; and that distance would make you feel lonely with respect to her.

And now you can see how loves can be in opposition to each other. If your adult son is selling drugs to teenagers, you can be at one with your son only if you no longer care about those teenagers. But then you will be at a distance from the Lord, because the Lord cares about each one of his people. So in wanting to be united with your drug-dealing son, you would be willing to be separated from the Lord. And then you would not be worthy of the Lord, would you?

The good news is that if you do love the Lord, then you will be united with him; and in being united with him, you will also be united with everyone else united with the Lord. The love you have for your child, the love you have for your mother or father—these all have their full home in your shared love of the Lord.

And that is why the Lord says that a person who loses his life for the Lord will find it. Real union, and the real love, peace, and joy that union brings, are possible only in the love of the Lord.

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

EVANGELISATION IS MY, YOUR, OUR MISSION

Evangelisation is the Church's mission, not just of a few, but my, your, our mission. To evangelize it is necessary to open ourselves once again to the action of God's Spirit, without fear of what he might ask us or where he might lead us. Let us entrust ourselves to him. He will enable us to live and to bear witness to our faith. He will illuminate the hearts of those we meet. Let us live the Gospel with humility and courage. Evangelising, proclaiming Jesus give us joy.'

- Pope Francis, Rome, May 22, 2013 *Vatican Information Service*

**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:**

Ted Kendall, Rita Mary Cooper,

In Loving Memory:

Gino Giampietro,
Isidora Martiniello

GO OUT TO THE WHOLE WORLD

Thirteenth Sunday of the Year.

*Fr Fergus Kerr OP admires the sacrificial lives
of Christian missionaries.*

The Gospel is addressed to the church as a whole. In chapter 10 of his Gospel, however, Matthew sets out the instruction that Jesus gave to his twelve disciples and makes it very clear that he was speaking to them on their own. Chapter 10 is sometimes labelled the Mission Discourse.

This does not mean that the instruction cannot be extended to all of us. Yet, in the first place, it is addressed to the twelve and, by anticipation, to those in the Church who have inherited their particular role: the successors of the apostles, so to speak.

In today's reading Jesus makes two basic points. The apostles have to subordinate and sacrifice their love for their parents and children in order to put serving Jesus first. This is what it will mean for them to take up the cross and follow him (Matt 10:37-39). On the other hand, they can count on being well received by a significant number of sympathisers. Those who give them even a cup of cold water share in the blessings that the Gospel promises (Matt 10:40-42). None of the other evangelists gives us Jesus's instruction to the Twelve in this form. Indeed, the warning to put following Christ before family loyalties is addressed elsewhere quite explicitly to the crowds as a whole (Lk 14:25-33). Moreover, the blessing on those who do not follow Christ yet support his work is placed by Mark in the context of Jesus's rebuke to the disciples who want to stop someone from casting out demons in his name because he is not one of their company (Mk 9:41). As set out by Matthew, however, the call to put the service of the Gospel before family loyalties, and the promise that the missionary will have a wider circle of supporters, are addressed to the Twelve. By anticipation, we may say, Jesus is speaking here, primarily if not exclusively, to those within the community of the church who are called to be missionaries. Generation after generation, Christian men and women have given up family, home and country to take the Gospel abroad — from Peter and Paul onwards. From the missionary monks so characteristic of the early Irish church to the priests, religious men and women, teachers, doctors and nurses, who went in their thousands, from Europe and North America, especially in the last two centuries, →

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to spend their lives in India, Africa, the Far East and elsewhere. Many returned home, to enjoy a well-earned retirement. Many more died in the service of Christ in far-off places, often without ever seeing their native land again. Many, including some of the most remarkable Protestant missionaries, settled for good in the mission field, giving up their native language and culture to become one with the people whom they were called to serve. Often enough, missionaries have encountered rejection, hostility, persecution and hatred, as Jesus warns, earlier in the Mission Discourse (Matt 10:16-23). But sometimes, so he promises, there will be people who receive them, and, in receiving them, these people will be receiving him. It is not clear that these people always themselves become Christians. In the episode recorded by Mark Jesus obviously envisages a wider circle, sympathetic enough with his mission to be regarded as co-workers: 'He who is not against us is on our side' (Mk 9:40). Many missionaries, after a life time, agree that they have made very few 'converts'. That does not mean, however, that their presence has meant nothing. On the contrary, even without invoking the truth that God's ways will always be more mysterious than we can comprehend, there will often be evidence which indicates, convincingly enough, that Christ has been received, in all sorts of ways. People do not always — or even often — become Christians, but they receive Christ in receiving those who come in his name: they welcome what they bring, they cooperate in their work.

These days, according to the statistics, far fewer men and women from Europe and North America leave home and family to take the Gospel to faraway places; and, anyway, there is debate and even some confusion over what counts as receiving Christ in a non-Christian culture. But there are still missionaries who are received in Christ's name (Mother Theresa comes to mind!); and some who serve at the cost of their lives (like Sister Dorothy Stang, aged 74, the American-born missionary of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, shot dead on 12 February 2005, to put an end to her work over twenty years in defence of subsistence farmers in the Amazon rainforest).

What Jesus says to the Twelve, here in the Mission Discourse, reminds us of the indispensable place of missionaries in the Church, of the sacrifices that they make and of the risks that they run, especially today when they take a stand in favour of justice for the poor. [Fr Fergus Kerr OP http://english.op.org/torch](http://english.op.org/torch)

MAKING LIFE COUNT

The prophet Elisha is welcomed warmly by the couple in Shunem, and he promises them a reward for their hospitality. Jesus tells his followers that he who welcomes you welcomes me, and "he who welcomes me welcomes him who sent me" (Matthew 10:40).

How good are we as a society at welcoming people into our company? An asylum underground operated during the 1980s to give protection to Salvadorans and Guatemalans whom we did not want to welcome. The Haitians have not been so lucky in the 1990s. The homeless are often not welcome anywhere, locked outside by a society that does not want to adequately fund public housing and pursued by the enforcers of laws that make it illegal to be homeless. Stories continue to surface of high-class institutions refusing to welcome African Americans or Jews or women. Those of us who are baptized "must consider ourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11). We should walk in the light of Christ. We should be different from those who exclude others and drive them out. We should bring God's love to the world: Basic justice demands the establishment of minimum levels of participation in the life of the human community for all persons ... The ultimate injustice is for a person or group to be treated actively or abandoned passively as if they were non-members of the human race. To treat people this way is effectively to say that they simply do not count as human beings. [Gerald Darring http://liturgy.slu.edu/](http://liturgy.slu.edu/)

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

8 July Amicus : Amicus, a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering at the National War Memorial, Campbell at 12 noon for lunch. Contact: Paul 0419 411 691

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

18 August–Trivia Night

A Trivia Night will be held at St Christopher's Parish Hall (new Haydon Hall), Franklin Street Manuka starting at 7:30pm until 9:30pm The proceeds from the night will aid Karinya House Home for Mothers and Babies Inc. Prepaid available from Cathedral Parish Office for \$15 a single and \$30 a family. Contact: 6234 5546 or cathedral@cg.org.au

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

19 February – 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 Touch of Humour:

Spike Milligan's take on John Masefield's "Sea Fever": I must go down to the sea again, to the lonely sea and sky. I left my vest and socks down there, I wonder if they're dry?

And Some Wisdom:

"Dream lofty dreams, and as you dream, so shall you become. Your vision is the promise of what you shall at last unveil." James Allen

"The end of wisdom is to dream high enough not to lose the dream in the seeking of it." William Faulkner

ROSTERS 8 / 9 July 2017

Saturday 6.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	R. Paul	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Presentation of Gifts	C. Lewis	
EMOE	A. Moore	K. Murphy

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	M. Falk	G. Thompson
Presentation of Gifts	P. Zorzi	
EMOE	E. M. Falk	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	C. Barbaro	P. McDonald
Presentation of Gifts	Vu Family	
EMOE	B. Affas	S. Tanzer

Sunday 6.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	M. Proctor	
Presentation of Gifts	Malone Family	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
Counters	G. Gleeson	C. Barn