



# Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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Year A



## VERITAS

## FOURTEENTH 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

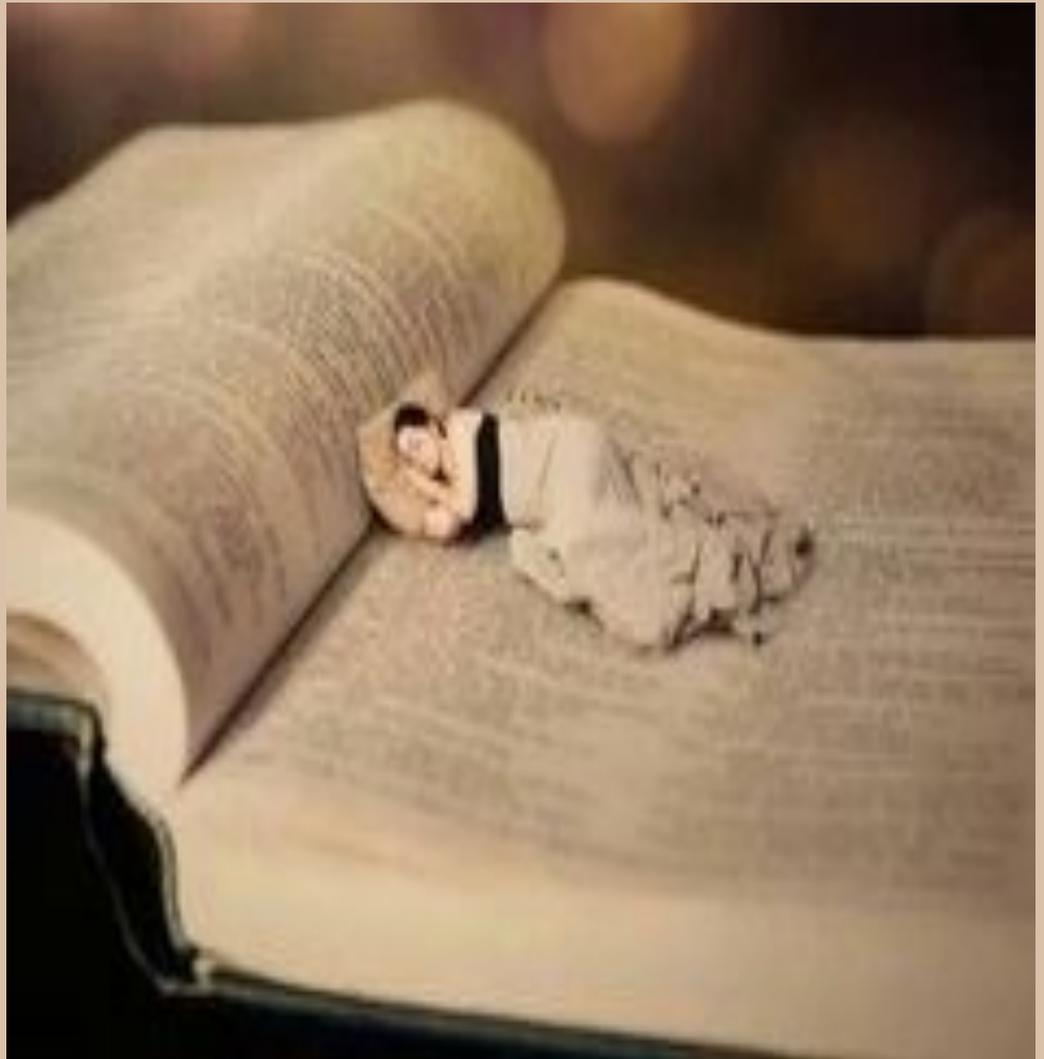
and 5pm–5.30pm

*ACU Chapel Signadou*

Tues 1.30pm

Wed & Thurs 1.30pm

**Come to me, all you who  
labour and overburdened**



**and I will give you rest.**

**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>	Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.
<b>READINGS</b>	Zechariah 9:9-10    Romans 8:9. 11-13 Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

### ME? A MERE CHILD?

*Fourteenth Sunday of the Year.  
Fr Peter Clarke OP suggests that  
one aspect of being 'like a little child' is acknowledging  
when we have done wrong.*

What were these things the Father was hiding from the learned and the clever, the influential stalwarts of society? What were these same things the Father thought fit to reveal to little children – the insignificant ones? Why did Jesus bless the Father for this seemingly quirky discrimination?

In the verses that immediately precede the passage the Church has chosen for today's Gospel, we read that the towns of Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum had refused to repent of their sins, even though they had been impressed by the miracles they had seen Jesus perform. These 'know-it-alls' were not prepared to take to themselves, and apply to their own lives, the dominant message of their own Sacred Scriptures - a message that in their own day the Baptist and Jesus himself had made central to their preaching. Much to the relief of Jesus, and by contrast, there were those who were open and docile, seen by him to be mere children. He was not thinking of those youngsters who in our days would be in the early years of their schooling. He would have had in mind those, young and old, who met the requirement: 'Unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven.' They were the ones who were open to change because of the preaching of Jesus. Reflecting on my childhood, I am reminded of those times when my parents made it very clear to me and to my brothers that we had misbehaved; that we had to admit to them that we had done wrong; that we had to say to them we were sorry for this; that we must promise we would not do it again; and that we must take whatever punishment they saw fit. I still remember the loving hug of peace and reconciliation I received before going to bed.

Dare I suggest that as we grow up we are liable to grow out of and away from admitting that we have done wrong, and then of repenting, apologizing and of determining not to repeat our misdemeanours? Dare I suggest we can become so confident in our own integrity, righteousness, or decency that it never occurs to us to admit to man or God that we have done wrong? When this is the case, the need to apologize and seek forgiveness from God and man will be far from our minds. Then we ourselves blind ourselves to the revelation of sweetness and relief of receiving loving forgiveness, human and divine.

Where do we belong? Among those who still retain a little of what it means to be a mere child?

### PSALM: 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14

I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down.

I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.

### WEEKDAY 6.45 MASSES

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

### BAPTISM

*Beau Andrew Ward  
Louis Jonathan Haskins*

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

### PRAYER: MAKING TIME TO PRAY

If you don't schedule prayer time and stick to it, it will not happen. And again, I encourage you to include prayer time on your calendar. You should start your day with prayer and continue to pray throughout the day. Set aside short blocks of time. Making time for prayer is like making time for your family. How much time are you willing to spend a day with your loved ones? It should not be a struggle to commit a small amount of time each day to pray.

### LITURGICAL ROSTER

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

**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:**

Patricia Wood Ted Kendall,  
Rita Mary Cooper

**In Loving Memory:**

Joseph Grizic,  
Hernan Enrique Caceres,  
Veronica Natalia Chavez,  
Maria Sol Montel,  
Veronica Rodriguez,  
Luz Alejandra Bringas,  
Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez,  
Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena  
Greg Spies Peter Que  
Victoria & Harry Gaudencio

## TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU

*Fourteenth Sunday of the Year.*

*Fr Didier Croonenberghs OP*

*preaches on the freedom of Jesus' yoke.*

'Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.' Karl Marx famously wrote that religion was the 'sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, just as it was the spirit of a spiritless situation'. At first glance, Jesus' words in the gospel of this Sunday may seem to offer a rather simplistic and strange way to follow. *Come to me, all who labour and are oppressed, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke, and you will find rest.*

In fact, we would not be far from Marx's view if we were to interpret these words as an invitation to accept our labour and predicament without complaint, as oppressed people accepting everything in the hope of finding the pie in the sky!

So, how could we properly understand these words? Christianity does not invite us to accept any kind of yoke like oppressed creatures. Rather, Christianity is a call to simplicity and authenticity. Jesus' words are first of all a call to *simplicity*: as human beings living in society, we build our lives on principles, rules and laws, and we think that this will help us to grow. Yet, these laws and rules are necessary, but their existence cannot lead us to lose sight of the only reason why we need them: to reinforce our love for God and for our neighbours.

What Jesus invites us to discover is to do by love what we have been taught to do by duty, and this is simplicity, because, in this way, our only rule is the Love of God. Too often, however, we fulfil our duties simply by duty, like religious petty bureaucrats without freedom who forget the spirit of our rules and laws. This is precisely the reproach Jesus made to the Pharisees: to lose sight of the centre implies to make things more difficult.

Therefore, against the Pharisees who made the ancient law more oppressive, difficult and heavy, Jesus invites his disciples to take upon themselves his yoke, which is simple and light: the spirit of the law, which is Love. Deeper than the letter, which may seem heavy, lies the Spirit, which invites us in a life of freedom, aware of our boundaries and limits.

Jesus invites us, then, to take his yoke and to be simple by having only rule: his rule of love, hidden to the wise and understanding. Jesus invites us to live in the spirit, and to discern the Spirit behind the letter of the principles of our lives. As Paul reminds us in the second reading, we are not in the flesh, but we are in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in us?

Therefore, we are invited today not to make our rules more oppressive, complicated but more accessible, like true children of God. Of course, it does not mean that everything can be done, but rather that we do not have to be fettered by principles only, but bound first and foremost by love for God and our neighbours.

We are invited not to be 'religious petty bureaucrats', who follow punctiliously rules because they have to be followed, but to discern the spirit of love which underlies them. Too often, we are like wise and bright people, unable to discern what is simple and essential in our lives. We focus on details and on the letter of our principles - which can enslave ourselves - rather than on the spirit of the letter, which may set them free.

Jesus' words are therefore a call to authenticity. He invites us to be spontaneous and authentic, with an undivided heart. As the Son knows and is one with the Father, we have to be one in mind and not to have individualist Christianity. Let us learn from their mutual love how to be fully ourselves, without transforming our rules and principles into a fence cutting us off from what we truly are and what we have to do. <http://english.op.org/torch>

*When a door closes, another one opens  
but often we stand there so long looking at the closed  
door that we do not see that one's opened.*

## FINDING A JUST SAVIOUR

The world looks for strength in power, the ability to control others. It looks for strength in wealth, the ability to own and accumulate possessions. It looks for strength in developing advantages over others, such as superior education and prestigious positions.

Revelation presents a different picture. It introduces us to a messiah who is "meek, and riding on an ass." It wants us to believe that our strength is in a man whose boast is that "I am gentle and humble of heart." It praises God for contradicting the wisdom of the world: "for what you have hidden from the learned and the clever you have revealed to the merest children."

Maybe we continue to suffer so many miseries because we look for answers in the wrong places. We look "up" at the rich and powerful, expecting to find strength and security, and we are disillusioned with "empty promises of passing joy."

Perhaps we should look "down" at the meek and humble, the little people, the sick and dying, the poor and hungry. For it is among them that we will find our *just saviour*, the God whose "right hand is filled with justice."

The power of the Spirit, who raised Christ from the dead, is continuously at work in the world. Through the generous sons and daughters of the Church likewise, the people of God is present in the midst of the poor and of those who suffer oppression and persecution; it lives in its own flesh and its own heart the Passion of Christ and bears witness to his resurrection.

*Synod of Bishops, Justice in the World, 1971: 74. Gerald Darring*

## WORDS OF WISDOM

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer.  
Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."  
Harriet Tubman

"Be content with what you have. Rejoice in the way things are. When you realise that there is nothing lacking, the whole world belongs to you."  
Lao Tzu

## 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 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](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, 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](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

## EVENTS

**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 or [mandk@velocitynet.com.au](mailto:mandk@velocitynet.com.au).

**14 July - Media & Communications** Director Australian Catholic Bishops Conference position available. Full details available at [www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au](http://www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au) Applications close 5pm 14 July 2017

**21 July - Healing Mass for Mental Health.** St Benedict's Narrabundah invite all people to Mass at 5:30 pm on 21 July

**26 July - Re-imagining Disability in Australia.** Public lecture by Graeme Innes (AM) Australian company director, lawyer and human rights practitioner in NSW and WA. Room 300.G.23, Blackfriars Building ACU. RSVP by 21 July 2017 Phone 6209 1129 or [OCD.Canberra@acu.edu.au](mailto:OCD.Canberra@acu.edu.au)

**13 August – What is Happening to Marriage in Australia?** Australian Family Association, National Conference. At Serbian Church Hall, National Circuit, Forest from 2 to 5 pm. Information [www.family.org.au](http://www.family.org.au) or email [act.family.org.au](mailto:act.family.org.au)

**17 August – Christians for an Ethical Society : 2017 Forum Series** on Seeking our Moral Compass. Dinner at Bella Vista Restaurant Belconnen. Speaker: Kristina Keneally. Enquires Robyn Coglan 6254 0487 or [admin@ces.org.au](mailto:admin@ces.org.au). Bookings close 7th August. See poster on notice board for further details.

**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](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au)

**19 August – Call to Connect Day Retreat for Women.** Carmelite Monastery Red Hill from 9:15 am to 4pm. Cost \$35 per person, pensioner concession available. RSVP 14th August to Lorraine 0437 329 371. Details [www.calltoconnect.org](http://www.calltoconnect.org)

### ROSTERS 15 / 16 July 2017

#### Saturday 6.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	A. Blakey	P. Brotchie
Presentation of Gifts	Blakey Family	
EMOE	G. Collins	

#### Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	K. Linnard	
Readers	M. Gallagher	E. Smith
Presentation of Gifts	E. M. Falk	
EMOE	J. Smith	

#### Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	A. O'Donnell	L. Fardell
Presentation of Gifts	Hall-O'Brien Family	
EMOE	H. Zobec	R. Marson

#### Sunday 6.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	T. Leota	
Readers	J. Curnow	T. Malone
Presentation of Gifts	T. Ryan	
EMOE	M. Proctor	J. Curnow

Counters	R. Walpole	T. Ryan
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