



Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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Year A



VERITAS

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Monday, Tuesday,
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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

email: watson@cg.org.au



Listen to Him

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

A warm welcome is extended to guests & parishioners celebrating our

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| ENTRANCE | In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him. |
| GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia! |
| COMMUNION | When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. |
| READINGS | Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14 Peter 1:16-19 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 |

MASS TIME CHANGES

After due consideration and suggestions from various members of the parish, numerous requests from parishioners and endorsement of the PPC and Parish Priest the Saturday Vigil 6pm Mass and Sunday 6pm evening Mass will change from 6pm to 5pm. The time change will take place from the **2nd September 2017.**

PSALM: 96:1-2. 5-6. 9

The Lord is king,
the most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right.

The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.

For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits.

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the most high over all the earth.

HELP WANTED

The Parish is in need of a helper/s for Monday and Friday mornings for between 1 and 2 hours to help tidy (Monday) and prepare (Friday) the church for weekend Masses. If you can help out please call the office. There will be a Family Mass 13th August and Commitment Mass 27th August and a sausage sizzle both of these Sundays. If you can help at either Mass please contact the office.

CALLING YOUTH

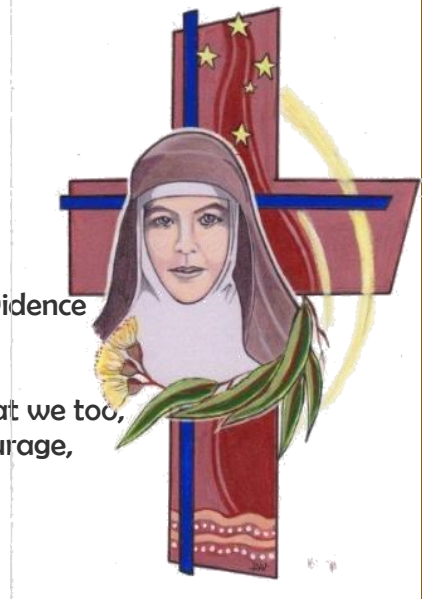
Calling youth and young adults to gather, connect with one another, be empowered through faith and experience the broader Church! Come along to the SHINE Youth Mass and Youth Rally with Archbishop Christopher Prowse on Sunday 13th August from 5:30pm for the Eucharist as well as live music, free food and an opportunity to celebrate young people in the Church! Contact Huw Warmenhoven (huw.warmenhoven@cg.org.au) for more information.

GETTING OLDER

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me! I want people to know why I look this way. I've travelled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

MARY MACKILLOP PRAYER

Ever-generous God,
You inspired St Mary MacKillop
to live her life faithful
to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope
and encouragement
to those who were disheartened,
lonely, or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence
and joining with St Mary MacKillop,
We ask that our faith and hope
be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too,
like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage,
trust, and openness.
Ever-generous God, hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Amen.



THE GLORY OF CHRIST

On the cross, Christ is humiliated, shamed, and suffering. To ordinary people passing by, he looks more like a loser than a winner in life. And yet we treasure the crucifix because it is the symbol of God's love made manifest to us. God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son that we should not die but have everlasting life (John 3:16). Could anything be more glorious than this love? The glory of Christ is shown on the cross! But in the Gospel reading for this Sunday, we see Christ glorious in a more obvious and ordinary way. Up on a mountain, Christ is transfigured. His clothes are radiant, and so is he. Moses and Elijah come to talk to him. And a voice from heaven proclaims that Jesus is God's beloved Son, in whom God is well-pleased. In this transfiguration, Christ looks both lovely and powerful, a winner rather than a loser on anybody's view. And Christ takes just Peter, James, and John up to the mountain to see his transfiguration. If Christ had not been resurrected, we might have supposed that suffering is all there is to glory. Why would Christ allow himself to be transfigured in this way before his passion? And why would Christ want to show himself transfigured to his followers? Shouldn't his suffering be for us the right way to understand true glory? Maybe the reason for his transfiguration shares something with the reason for his resurrection. If Christ had not been resurrected, we might have supposed that suffering (or at least, suffering for the Lord) is all there is to glory. And then we might have gotten confused and thought that there is something specially good about suffering taken all by itself. Maybe Christ allows himself to be transfigured so that his followers will understand even before the grieving events of the crucifixion that suffering is not the end of the story, not for Christ and not for his followers either. But then why do only Peter, James, and John witness Christ in glory in this way? Well, these three apostles went on to suffer greatly for Christ. James and Peter were among the first martyrs, and John shepherded the church through severe persecutions. Christ helped them get ready for those trials by strengthening them with the vision of his transfiguration. Consolation increases with affliction, the apostle Paul says (2 Cor 1:5). That is a consoling thought for us, isn't it?

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

**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
Lynn & Richard Bale,
Elsie Laughton

**Please remember
our deceased:**

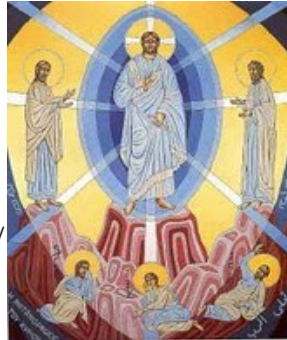
Marilyn Van de Laarschot
Moya Britten, Ernest Medza,
Ken Fleeton, Kemble Thompson,
Val Jeffery, Roy Shirvington,
Kathleen (Kitty) Heath,
Eris Pollard, Sebastiano Pelle

In loving memory

Joseph Chi, Antony Bach, Peter Wue,
Matta Lit, Maria Lit

TRANSFIGURATION

The story of the Transfiguration of Christ has beguiled the Christian mind for centuries. It is the clearest New Testament evocation of mystical experience, the experience of spiritual things within the ordinary and the keen conviction that the spiritual reality is greater and more beautiful than ordinary experience. "Mystical" means there has been contact with a Person, the person of God.



HEAVENLY VISION; MORE HUMAN WORLD

While we were still without hope, God took us out of our emptiness and brought us into a new land, making with us a covenant of liberation.

But we remain set upon the things of this world, burdened with the original darkness that shadows our vision. Today's liturgy is about restoring our sight so that we can see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living.

The disciples saw the bounty of the Lord on the mountaintop. They witnessed the dazzling glory of Jesus shining in the company of Moses and Elijah, the glory of the fulfilment of the law and the prophets.

Abraham had also stood in the presence of the Lord, and he had been overwhelmed by a terrifying darkness pierced by the bright light of a smoking brazier and a flaming torch.

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We are a people who eagerly await the coming of our saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We recognize that we have our citizenship in heaven, but in the meantime we exercise our citizenship on earth for the coming of the kingdom of God.

We purge ourselves of our Self-Reliance, our thirst for power, and our preoccupation with self-interest, sacrificing and praying that God might deliver Israel from all her distress

Christians, on pilgrimage toward the heavenly city, should seek and think of those things which are above. This duty in no way decreases, rather it increases, the importance of their obligation to work with all men in the building of a more human world.

Gerald Darring <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

Night is not forever. It is a prelude to day.
In the transfiguration, Jesus shook off the grime of daily night and showed apostles the daily freshness of God that dwelt deep within him. "Yes, I am God, the Ancient One," he seemed to say in the First Reading, "the one that all heaven adores. But I am also that same loving God transformed into the roughness of your daily life. I am transfiguring here to show you the Glory within me, Glory that I will give quietly to those who will receive my Spirit—even within the smudge and smear of daily life." Alright, how does this transfiguration of Jesus touch our own souls?

I have decided to make an escape into poetry in order to answer. I am giving you a poem by the nineteenth century Jesuit poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins, whom I have quoted many times in this space. [By the way, Hopkins said this poem should be read slowly, "strongly marking out the syllables." And, just as a hint, read it out loud. Ready?]

God's Grandeur

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil

Crushed. Why do men then now not wreck his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;

And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;

And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell; the soil

Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;

There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;

And though the last lights off the black West went

Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs—

Because the Holy Ghost over the bent

World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

What a wonderful revelation this is for us, it seems, especially in this very trying time for the world and for the Church.

Here is what I think the poet is saying:*

Stanza 1: Everything everywhere has brilliance within its existence because of God's undetected presence, because of the greatness of God's humble energy. Since that is so, then why do human beings fail to reckon with ("wreck") his divine authority ("his rod")? In other words, why do we go through daily life ignoring the very presence that so deeply grounds us? Don't we ourselves need to be transfigured?

Stanza 2: We humans detach ourselves from the beauty of the world. Our feet do not feel the soil, figuratively speaking, because we are busy "using" it to get what we want. Though we need the protection of shoes, yet, at the same time they impose a pragmatic layer between us and the earth. We have beaten the earth into submission. We live in a "bent world" now.

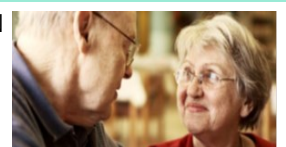
Stanza 3: Even so, there is a "freshness" you can observe if you will. If you regard with care the leaf, the robin, the beloved hand, even your own breathing, you may just sense the fresh and living spirit that dwells within them. "There lives the dearest freshness deep down things," is a statement of transfiguration. This is the Holy Spirit, hatching the world's goodness into existence by settling onto it like a mother bird, preserving it with food and warmth, till it (and we) are strong enough.

Come and receive that warmth, Jesus says (Gospel).

Fr John Foley SJ <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

SENIORS IN NETWORKED COMMUNITIES

Come along to our FREE INFORMATION SESSION **By Legal Aid ACT** About Elder Law Topics Wills and Estates, Power of Attorney and Elder Abuse At St Brigid's Parish Hall, 2 Bancroft St Dickson
Wednesday 16th August 2017 10 am Everyone is welcome Tea, coffee & morning tea will be provided Please Contact Kaye on 6163 7683 if you would like support with transport to and/or from the presentation.



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL OF RELIGION Sunday A year long Faith Education Program including Sacraments for children who do not attend Catholic Schools. Contact the 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 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. 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. 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

Today I bent the truth to be kind, and I have no regret, for I am far surer of what is kind than I am of what is true.
~Robert Brault

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

EVENTS

12 August - Pilgrimage

To Eden Mary Mackillop Centre - Archbishop Christopher Prowse and the Pambula Catholic Parish invite all for a pilgrimage from Canberra and South Coast to Eden Mary Mackillop centre. The pilgrimage will depart St Christopher's Cathedral at 8.00 am and pilgrims can follow the Archbishop in their own vehicles.

13 August - Marriage & Family Sunday

Archbishop Christopher Prowse invites all to celebrate Marriage and Family Sunday at St Christopher's Cathedral. During the 11am Mass a blessing on all engaged and newly married couples. Mass will be followed by a light luncheon in the new Pastoral Centre. Please RSVP at <http://bit.ly/marriagesunday> or phone 6239 9800

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. Bookings close 7th August. 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), starting at 7.30pm until 9.30pm. The proceeds from the night will aid *Karina House Home for Mothers and Babies Inc.*

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

20 September - Save the Date

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn - Join us for the official opening and blessing of St Christopher's Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 20th September at 2pm.

6 October - MOVIE NIGHT FOR HOME

"Home" in Queanbeyan is holding a fund raising movie night at the Q Theatre Queanbeyan commencing at 6.00pm.

8 – October - MARIAN PROCESSION

Archbishop Christopher extends an invitation to all Catholics of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn to attend the 2017 Marian Procession at St Clement's Monastery, Galong. 9am: Youth Pilgrimage from Galong Village. 10.30: Confession. 11.30am: Mass with Archbishop Christopher. 12.30pm: Lunch. 2pm: Procession to the Grotto and sharing by Sr Mary Rachel (OP)

14 – August – National Marriage Day Dinner

At the National Press Club commencing at 7 pm Monday. Professor John Whitehall on the fallacy of Gender theory. For more information and registration amkiely@family.org.au or pmonagle@family.org.au

ROSTERS 12th / 13th August 2017

Saturday 6.00 pm Holy Rosary

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| Acolyte / Server | R. Paul | |
| Readers | T. Dennis | J. Maclean |
| Presentation of Gifts | Anderson / Dennis | |
| EMOE | C. Lewis | |

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

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| Acolyte / Server | K. Linnard | |
| Readers | M. Falk | E. Smith |
| Presentation of Gifts | E. M. Falk | |
| EMOE | N. Clarke | |

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

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| Acolyte / Server | L. Kim | |
| Readers | A. McCarthy | J. Cooke |
| Presentation of Gifts | School | |
| EMOE | J. Munro | R. Zochling |

Sunday 6.00pm Day Holy Rosary

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| Acolyte / Server | E. Kralikas | |
| Readers | J. Curnow | T. Malone |
| Presentation of Gifts | Malone Family | |
| EMOE | C. de Luca | T. de Luca |
| Counters | G. Gleeson | C. Barn |