



# Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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Year A



## VERITAS

# NINETEENTH 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

**From 2/3 September these  
Masses will change to  
Saturday 5pm & Sunday 5pm  
Reconciliation  
Saturday 4.30 pm—5pm**

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 12.30pm  
Wed & Thurs 12.30pm



# Do Not Be Afraid

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>	Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.
<b>READINGS</b>	1 Kings 19:9. 11-13      Romans 9:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

**ASSUMPTION  
OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

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**Holy Day of Obligation  
Mass Times  
Tuesday August 15th  
Morning - 6.45am  
School Mass - 10am  
Afternoon Mass - 5.30pm**



**Psalm: Ps 84:9-14**

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps.

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

**HELP NEEDED**

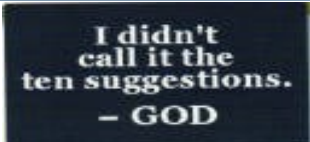
The Parish is in need of a helper/s for Monday and Friday mornings for between 1 and 2 hours to help tidy (Monday) and prepare (Friday) the church for weekend Masses. If you can help out please call the office. There will be a Family Mass 13th August and Commitment Mass 27th August and a sausage sizzle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

**WELCOME**



We welcome the children and parents from Rosary School who are celebrating our Family Mass with us today. Please join us after Mass for refreshments and a sausage sizzle.

Grandparents,  
so easy to operate  
even a child can  
do it.



**MASS TIME CHANGES**

**Blackfriars Parish has been a place of worship for some five decades and over this time the Mass times have changed to suit the demographics, age and needs of parishioners. The Parish has received numerous requests from various members of the Parish on the lateness of our evening Masses. Since May 2016 the Parish Pastoral Council has discussed the work load, age, health and well-being of our Parish priests and Mass attendances which have been dropping significantly over the past 5 months during these ongoing discussion the Council has endorsed the change of times for Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday evening Mass with both changing from 6pm to 5pm. The confession times will also change in respect to the new Mass time changes. The time change will take place from the weekend of the 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017.**

**Fr Kieran**

**WALKING ON WATER**

In the Second Reading, Paul enumerates the many blessings God gave his people in the time of the Law and the Prophets: the adoption as children of God, covenants, commandments and an order of worship. They had God's promises, and the promise of glory was among them. But Paul makes the list of these blessings with great sorrow, as he says, because it is hard for him to see any of the promised good things in the current state of God's people. It can certainly seem to a Christian as if the same list and the same sorrow are suitable for Christians now.

Christians are also promised adoption as children of God. They have a covenant, a new covenant, with God, and a new worship to go with it. They are promised glory too, the glory of holiness and union with the Lord. Faith is a kind of walking on water, too.

But, for Christians now as for God's people then, it is often very difficult to see the fulfilment of these promises in one's own life. Does anyone have even one day in which he feels that his life has shown the fruit of these promises on that day? So, for every Christian, there is a sorrow of the sort Paul expressed, because the sins and failures of one's life can seem so hard to square with the promises of God. Where is the adoption and the glory? What are God's people to do in this condition and its sorrow?

The Gospel gives us a picture for an answer. As long as he has faith and doesn't look down, Peter comes to the Lord, walking on water. No matter how sorrowful a person's failures, he can nonetheless come to the Lord. Doing so may feel like walking without any solid ground under foot. But faith is a kind of walking on water, too, isn't it? As long as one doesn't look down, as long as one keeps their eyes fixed on Jesus in faith, even walking on nothing to come to him is possible. All the promises of God are fulfilled in him.

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

**ASSUMPTION**

**Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation.** The Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven, informally known as **the Assumption**, according to the beliefs of the Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodoxy, Oriental Orthodoxy, and parts of Anglicanism, was the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly 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  
Lynn & Richard Bale,  
Elsie Laughton, Richard Johnson

**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**

## BAPTISM

*Ruby Maiuto*

who will be baptised this weekend.  
May her life filled with God's peace,  
and her heart with God's love...  
on this Baptism day and always.



## FINDING GOD

The God of revelation is a hidden and mysterious God. The disciples experienced this God on the Sea of Galilee: they were caught in a storm while Jesus was up on a mountain by himself praying. The Gospel says they were terrified when they saw him walking on the water.

Elijah thought he would experience God in a strong and heavy wind, or in an earthquake, or in a fire. Instead he found God in "a tiny whispering sound."

Lord, let us see your kindness.

We keep thinking that God will be found in the great and powerful, and we wonder why so many people seem never to find God. Our sights have to be lowered, so to speak, from the powerful to the powerless, from the rich to the poor, from the satisfied to the suffering, from the oppressors to the oppressed. We have to listen carefully for the tiny whispering sounds of alienation and powerlessness.

Lord, let us see your kindness. Let us see it in all the little people who follow you, carrying their crosses of daily sacrifice, suffering, humiliation, and victimization.

Though in the Gospels and in the New Testament as a whole the offer of salvation is extended to all peoples, Jesus takes the side of those most in need, physically and spiritually.

The example of Jesus ... calls for an emptying of self, both individually and corporately, that allows the Church to experience the power of God in the midst of poverty and powerlessness.

[U.S. Bishops, Economic Justice for All, Gerald Darring](#)

## HOW DO I BECOME A CATHOLIC



Are you an adult interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process, based within a parish community, that starts by allowing interested individuals to make initial enquiries about the Catholic faith. Each year we have had the privilege of receiving new members into our community at Holy Rosary. Please contact the Parish office on 6248 5925

## WALKING ON SUNSHINE

*Nineteenth Sunday of the Year.*

*Fr David McLean OP preaches*

*on Christ's presence to and in His Church.*

In today's gospel reading we have one of the most famous miracle stories of the bible: the story of Jesus walking on water. Jesus' disciples are in a boat, in a storm, and Jesus goes out to join them. Presumably, as the rest of us would have done (if brave enough), Jesus could have swum out to the boat, but instead Jesus chooses to get there by walking on the water. Talk of water and boats are quite common in the bible. Something I only really appreciated once I became a chaplain in the Royal Navy. I soon learned it was useful to claim Jesus as the founder of Naval chaplaincy, even if only to annoy Army and Air Force colleagues.

It is not all good news though. There are lots of jokes during swimming tests and the like that there is an extra rule for chaplains: no walking on water. Every teller thinks they invented the joke.

There was more than constant repetition that worried me about the walking on water joke. It struck me that people don't know very much about this miracle story apart from the image of Jesus walking on water. They don't know the biblical context. They don't know why Jesus walked on water in the first place. And they don't know the reaction of the disciples.

Now that is a great shame, because the reaction of the disciples is perhaps the most significant aspect of the story. We always have to remember to keep the miraculous aspect of miracle stories in perspective. That the story contains a miracle, Jesus walking on water, should not blind us to what else is there. Miracles in general can distract those ready to be distracted. Elsewhere in the gospel Jesus tells people not to believe on account of miracles, because any wandering magician is capable of miracles. Instead, Jesus calls on people to believe, because what they hear is true. In other words, they should believe on account of what they hear.

So it is a shame here that people can only remember Jesus walking on water. Jesus walking on water is no reason to believe anything. Any mediocre magician could convince people that he was walking on water, but that would not make us think that we were dealing with anything more than a clever magician.

Some understanding of what life at sea is like really does help appreciating the force of today's story. Even a large ship, which is as steady as a tower block in harbour, can seem like a cork in a heavy sea. Human efforts again seem insignificant, and sailors again turn their attention toward their maker. No wonder that images of boats, sailors, and rough seas are popular in the bible.

The point of this particular miracle story is to bring solace to the church in a time when Jesus is no longer living among them.

The Church is likened to a boat in a storm with no competent captain to steer the ship. The Church is in danger of being swamped or smashed on rocks.

For the disciples' boat, in the rough sea, we are supposed to picture the Church after the death of Jesus: buffeted by huge waves. As the disciples in the boat are terrified at the sight of Jesus walking on the water, far from them, so the disciples of the Church after the death of Jesus are terrified that even though they can still see him, he is far from them.

In the gospel story Jesus tells the disciples in the boat to have faith. Despite his absence, he is still with them. So it is with the Church after his death: Jesus is still with us.

Jesus is with us when we act in justice towards our fellow human beings. Jesus is with us when people act in justice and peace towards us.

And above all else, Jesus is with us really and truly in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. Jesus is not outside or far from the Church, but is at its heart, leading us to the divine life, leading us to walk not on turbulent waters, but on sunshine streaming from his Sacred Heart.

<http://english.op.org/torch>

## 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](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. 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

**2 - September "Catechist and Friends Retreat Days"**  
Parishioners are invited to attend the Catechist Retreat Days with Sr. Judy Bowe, mgl. Commence at 10am - 4pm will be held at Sacred Heart Pearce (2 September); BYO lunch. RSVP: [ky-lie.bereza@cg.org.au](mailto:ky-lie.bereza@cg.org.au)

### Is the chemical symbol for holy water H2Omg?

**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.

**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: [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.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

### 16 August - 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 on Wednesday 16th August at 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.

### 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)

### 31 August - MERICI COLLEGE ENROLMENT

Come and experience the unique Merici College vibe, in a small supportive environment that puts your daughter's individual learning needs first and prepares them for the exciting future that awaits her! MERICI COLLEGE ENROLMENT 2018 AND BEYOND! For all families interested in learning more about Merici College. The Talk and Tour will consist of a brief introduction to the College by the Principal and a student-led tour while classes are in progress. There will be opportunities for parents, and their daughters, to ask questions both during, and after, the Talk and Tour has finished. Two sessions will be held on Thursday 31 August: Session 1: 9.30am-11.00am; Session 2: 12.30pm - 2.00pm. Go to [www.merici.college](http://www.merici.college) to register online.

### 31 - August "Concerned Catholics"

A group of concerned Catholics is holding a further public meeting to discuss ideas as to how the laity of the Archdiocese might increase their participation in the Church. Parishioners, clergy, and friends are invited to attend the meeting from 7.30pm - 9.30pm at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton. Contact: Rod & Susan Page 0401 731 918

### 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)

### ROSTERS 20th / 21st August 2017

#### Saturday 6.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
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	F. Bertrand	
Readers	B. Bandle	C. Bandle
Presentation of Gifts	E. M. Falk	
EMOE	R. Ryan	

#### Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	C. Barn	M. Fitzgerald
Presentation of Gifts	Hall-O'Brien Family	
EMOE	E. Musolino	M. Mastrolembo

#### Sunday 6.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	M. Proctor	
Presentation of Gifts	J. Curnow	
EMOE	K. Sneddon	V. Van der Sanden
Counters	R. Walpole	T. Ryan