



# Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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Year A



## VERITAS

## TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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*Mass times*

Wed 5.30pm

Tues & Thurs 6.45am

Fri 5.30pm

**Saturday 5pm (Vigil)**

**Sunday 8am, 10am & 5pm**

9am Mass Saturday & Public

Holidays

excluding Mondays

*Pray the Rosary*

Wed & Fri before 5.30pm Mass

Saturday after 9am Mass

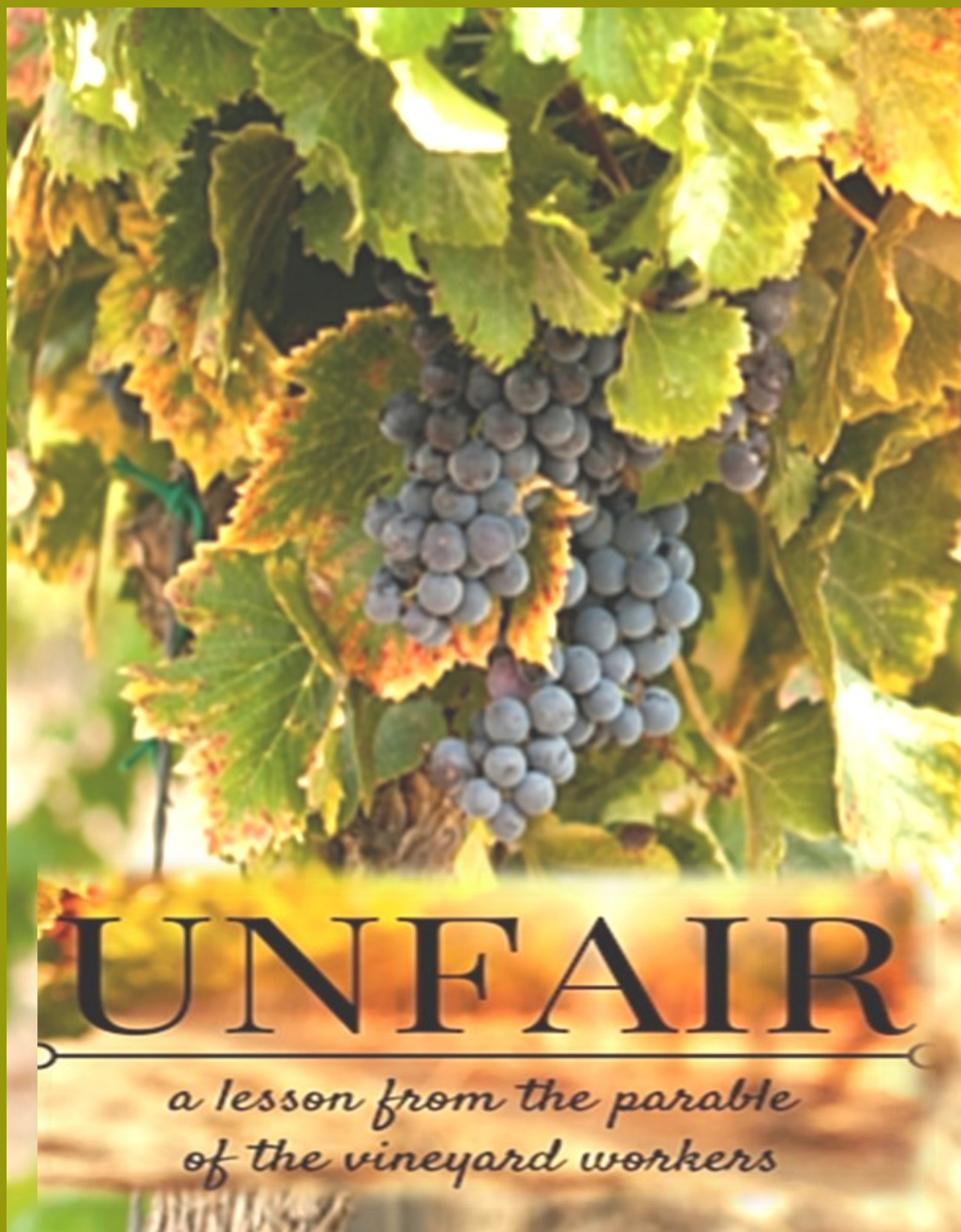
and First Saturday each month  
3.30pm

*Reconciliation*

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm

and 4pm—4.30pm

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



A warm welcome is extended to guests & parishioners celebrating our Eucharist today.

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.
<b>READINGS</b>	Isaiah 55:6-9      Philippians 1:20-24. 27 Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>
On Saturday 7th October after the 5pm Mass a Potluck Dinner will be held to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Rosary in the Parish Centre. It would be appreciated if families with surnames commencing with: A – L : Main M – Z : Desert Tea and coffee will be provided – BYO other drinks. There will be someone in the Parish Centre from 4.45 pm to accept these meals. This is an opportunity for parishioners to gather and celebrate our Church Feast Day.

### PSALM : 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18

The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured.

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.

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts.

The Lord is near to all who call him.

### 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 in hospital - likewise, please let us know.

### CARPARK

Whenever there are Special Masses, Funerals, and Functions, the Carpark will be reserved for Parishioners and Guests.

### GOSPEL



### QUOTE

“Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.”

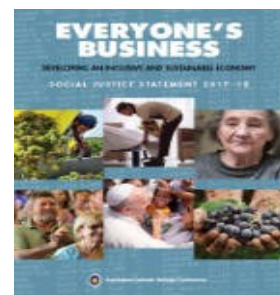
Mother Teresa

### WELCOME ARCHBISHOP

Welcome Archbishop Christopher Prowse who celebrates the 5pm vigil Mass. Mass will be followed by refreshments, please join us in the Parish Centre.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday this week. This years Social Justice Statement is titled: ‘Everyone’s Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable Economy’. The statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. For further details collect a statement from the exit tables or visit the website [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)



### WHAT IS OWED TO THE LABORERS

In the parable in the Gospel Reading, the labourers who work all day receive the same wage as those who work just one hour, and so they complain. You can see their point. Justice is giving a person what is owed to him. A person who works many hours deserves a bigger wage than a person who does the same work but for only one hour. Or so it seems. But think about how Jesus might have unpacked this parable if he had explained it to his disciples in the way he showed some of his other parables to them.

Here’s one possibility. The vineyard owner is God. The labourers are human beings who are doing God’s work in this life. The wage given is eternal life in union of love with God in heaven.

If we think about the parable this way, the labourers' complaint looks a lot less reasonable. When it comes to eternal life, what is justice? What does any human person deserve? What, actually, does God owe him?

God’s people are meant to work for God, and not for what they can get from God for themselves.

Well, here is the first thing to see: No one—that is, absolutely no one—is owed eternal life in union with God.

To think otherwise is to suppose that you can work your way to heaven. And you can’t. Salvation is God’s free gift. He gives it generously to anyone who will receive it, but it is still God’s free gift.

The problem with the labourers who complain, then, is that they think the vineyard owner owes them something. In their eyes, their work deserves a reward, a really big reward, more than the vineyard owner gives them. And so here is what we can see about them: they were working for themselves, to get that big reward for themselves.

And that is why they are last, not first, in the final distribution of God’s rewards. God’s people are meant to work for God, and not for what they can get from God for themselves.

What God gives to people who work for God in this way is gift. It isn’t deserved payment. What’s more, the gift is God himself. There is no greater reward than this, and joy is the only right response to the gift.

Those who understand their work and God’s wage in this way may have come late to their labour, but they are the ones who are first in God’s eyes.

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

<b>In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:</b>	Elizabeth Cronin, Maureen Blood, Fr Ellis Clifford, Philip Bailey, Dion Convine, Edith Jensen, Nell Burns, Elsie Laughton, Richard Johnson, Alexia Harris, Joe Schimizzi, Rosemary Denmead, Philip Bailey, Jim Burgess, Mary Bui, Mary Harrigan, Elizabeth Webster, Rosa Maria Santos, Barbara Wilson, Awny El-Ghitany, Beth Delos Santos, Lynn & Richard Bale, Patricia Zorzi
<b>Please remember our deceased:</b>	Monica Bourke, Fr Phil Harding, Eileen Liston, Kevin Ford, Lillian McGee, Alan Thornhill, Keith Eddy, Mary Smith, Jean B. De Paomira De Simone, Elias Carreras

## BAPTISM

*Neve Lucy Turner*  
*Kyniah Dorothy Oudeman*  
 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.



## ENROLMENTS

### Kindergarten Enrolments at Rosary Primary School

Please spread the word to all you know who have children of pre-school age that there are still places available for next year in Kindergarten at Rosary Primary School. We are aware that some people have been concerned about the funding for Catholic schools and the possibility of a significant spike in school fees in the future. The fees will not be affected for the following few years, except for the usual minimal increases in line with normal rates of inflation. Your assistance in spreading these messages is much appreciated as 'word of mouth' is very powerful. All enquiries welcome. Phone: 6248 0010



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## GOD'S JUSTICE

The parable of the workers in the vineyard is rather startling. People who work an hour in the late afternoon are paid the same as those who work all day long. Obviously God doesn't think like we do.

We think of justice in terms of what is fair, of what people deserve. So we would say that the people who worked longer deserved more. But God doesn't see it that way. God thinks of justice in terms of people's dignity, their right to a decent life. The people who came late had the same right to a decent life as those who had worked all day, so they are all treated equally. Nothing is taken from anyone, but all are treated in accord with their dignity, their right to a decent life. Such is God's justice.

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." Perhaps we would have a better world if we were to adopt some of God's ways. After all, "the Lord is just in all his ways," and that is something which cannot be said of all our ways. "Father, guide us according to your law of love." Free us from our law of vindictive justice.

Biblical justice is more comprehensive than subsequent philosophical definitions. It is not concerned with a strict definition of rights and duties, but with the rightness of the human condition before God and within society. Nor is justice opposed to love; rather, it is both a manifestation of love and a condition for love to grow.

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

## GOD'S GENEROSITY

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year.*

*Fr Thomas Skeats OP describes how we grow through our participation in the generosity of God.*

A fellow Dominican once suggested to me that envy is one of those sins which members of religious communities very rarely seem to confess. And yet it is usually those with whom we live and work in close proximity - our friends and colleagues - whose achievements can so easily arouse in us feelings of anger and resentment. We seldom feel aggrieved at the success of a great artist or expert musician. They are too distant from us. It is rather those we consider our equals - those with whom we in some sense see ourselves in competition - whose good fortune and success we are most likely to begrudge.

St Thomas Aquinas described envy as "sorrow at another's good fortune". It has been described as the only one of the seven deadly sins that gives the sinner no pleasure - however illusory or transitory - at all. It only eats away at us and destroys relationships.

The parable of the workers in the vineyard describes a group of people who are in one sense all equals. Each is a casual labourer in search of employment. But as in any group or community there are always those who are not the first to be chosen when some job needs to be done. Perhaps those workers hired only at the last moment were not particularly young or fit and were therefore less able to endure a long stretch of work outside in the burning heat. In worldly terms they were not of much use. And yet the owner of the vineyard not only hires them for part of the day, but also rewards them with the same pay as those who had been toiling away the whole day. And this good fortune arouses feelings of bitterness and resentment in some of their colleagues. Their colleagues don't want them to be considered their equals. The pettiness of their sentiments stands out all the more starkly when set against the generosity and compassion of the vineyard owner.

In this parable the magnanimity of the owner of the vineyard is telling us something about God and how God relates to us. And there are perhaps two lessons we can immediately draw if we transpose this parable on to the level of God's dealings with us. First, God is free to dispense his gifts as he seems fit. His gifts are not given simply on the basis of a person's talents or natural strengths. For the point about God's gift of grace - the help that he gives us to live the Christian life - is that it is free and undeserved. Each person is given the grace that is sufficient for them to live out their own particular vocation in the Church.

Secondly, we must not view God's gifts to us in a materialist way, as though God's grace is something finite which cannot be freely dispensed to all. St Augustine once pointed out that whereas material things diminish when they are shared out - if I share out my food there is less for me - this is not true in the case of spiritual goods. If I love my neighbour and can rejoice in his good fortune, I do not lessen the charity within me, but, in fact, only increase it.

The Christian response to the good fortune of others is not to feel aggrieved and resentful, but to rejoice and be glad with them as members of the one body of Christ, knowing that in so doing we are not being deprived of anything ourselves, but rather opening ourselves to receive an even greater abundance of spiritual gifts.

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

## OZNAM APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Ozanam annual appeal raises funds to help Vinnies support Vincentians in developing countries. The appeal will be held as a leaving collection after all Masses this weekend. Please give generously.



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

St Vincent de Paul meetings for October will be held on the 9th & 23rd October.

## 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 3.30pm 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

### 7 - 9 December ACYF GATHERING

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is a national gathering of 15,000 Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops conference. The Archdiocese of Sydney is hosting the Festival from December 7th to 9th. The Festival will launch the National Year of Youth, celebrating ten years on from hosting World Youth Day 2008. For more information and registration: [www.cg.youthministry.org.au/acyf](http://www.cg.youthministry.org.au/acyf)

**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

### 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 - REFUGEE RALLY

All are invited to join the rally at 1pm in Garema Place in support of the closure of Manus and Nauru. Church groups are meeting beforehand at Petrie Plaza at 12.30 to march in together.

### 8 October - MARIAN PROCESSION

Archbishop Christopher extends an invitation to all 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)

### 13 October - HEALING MASS

St Benedict's Mission Centre invites all to a Mass for stillborn, miscarried & aborted babies at St Benedict's Church Narrabundah.

### 17 October - ACU LECTURE

Blackfriars Lecture 'Ahead of the game: recognising the opportunities for the ageing population' Public Lecture by Dr Kay Patterson AO. On Tuesday 17 October - 5.30pm registration & refreshments 6pm-7pm Lecture. Cost - free., invite family, friends and colleagues. Lecture in Room 300.G.23 Blackfriars Building. RSVP 13 October - registrations essential - [OCD.Canberra@acu.edu.au](mailto:OCD.Canberra@acu.edu.au) - or 6209 1129

### 18 October - PUBLIC FORUM FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

This year, the Public Forum on the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement: *Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy* is to be held from 7.30pm at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton. Fr Frank Brennan AO SJ is the keynote speaker with the evening moderated by Dr Helen Watchirs OAM, Enquiries to Robyn Coghlan 6254 0487 (CES) or email [SocialJustice@cg.org.au](mailto:SocialJustice@cg.org.au) (CSJC).

### 10 November – REXBAND

"Concert at Queanbeyan Bicentennial Hall" - Alphonsa Syro-Malabar parish community extend an invitation to one and all to join them for a concert with the Rexband from India. The Rexband are associated with the Jesus Youth movement and they will share the Good News of the Gospel through a three hour performance of lively music, which promises to be a fun and memorable evening for anyone who comes along. **Online Tickets:** <https://www.trybooking.com/RLQA> <https://www.trybooking.com/306644> <http://stalphonsa.com.au/>

*"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."*

Desmond Tutu

### ROSTERS 30th September / 1st October 2017

#### Saturday 5.00 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	J. Smith	
Readers	M. Gabbitas	T. Klekner
Presentation of Gifts	P. Zorzi	
EMOE	E. Smith	

#### Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	K. McCluskey	M. Mallett
Presentation of Gifts	E. Musolino	
EMOE	B. Affas	S. Tanzer

#### Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	T. Leota	
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	V. Van der Sanden
Presentation of Gifts	T. Ryan	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
Counters	F. Higgins	N. Higgins