



Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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Year A



VERITAS

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,

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9.00am–12.30pm

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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

ACU Chapel Signadou

Tues 12.30pm

Wed & Thurs 12.30pm

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

It's Not
What You Say...

It's What You Do

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

ENTRANCE	All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.
READINGS	Ezekiel 18:25-28 Philippians 2:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

SAVE THE DATE

Next 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : 24:4-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

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 - like-wise, please let us know.

CARPARK

The carpark will be reserved during the week and available to parishioners and guests for funerals, special Masses and functions.

INFORMATION ON THE VOTE

Dear Parishioners
For your information documents issued by the Bishops Conference regarding the vote are available for you are on the exit tables : ACBC's list of Diocesan Communications Directors & ACBC's list of Life, Marriage and Family Offices. Should you have any feedback on the materials please contact Mr Ben Smith, Marriage Education Project Co-ordinator, via email: ben.smith@catholic.org.au
Fr Kieran

St Vincent de Paul Ozanam Appeal raised:
Holy Rosary \$1844.70 and St Brigid's \$1020.00
Thank you to all who donated.

ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

The parable in the Gospel Reading, Jesus says, is about entering the kingdom of heaven. In the parable, a father says to one of his sons, "Go to work in my vineyard, Son!"; and that son says, "NO!" Then the father says to his other son, "Go to work in my vineyard, Son!" And that son says, "YES!" Which of these sons is the good son? Which one enters the kingdom of heaven? You might sensibly enough think that it is the son who says "YES" to his father. What the NO-saying son says is contrary to God's will. But what he does is in accordance with it.

After all, what could be worse than saying "NO!" to God the father? Who would think that rebellious NO-sayers could be pleasing to God? Who would suppose that they could enter the kingdom of heaven?

And so it seems clear that the YES-sayers are the ones who will enter the kingdom of heaven and those wretched NO-sayers will wind up in the other place. But this is not what Jesus says. He says that the NO-saying son is the one who did the will of his father. He is the one who entered the kingdom of heaven, and not the YES-saying son. Why would Jesus say this?

Well, the son who says "YES" to his father doesn't actually do what his father wants him to do. It is the NO-saying son who actually goes to work in his father's vineyard.

And so here is the thing for us to notice. What the NO-saying son says is contrary to God's will. But what he *does* is in accordance with it.

It is just the other way around with the YES-saying son. The words of the YES-saying son are obedient to God's will, but his life is lived in opposition to it. The words of the YES-saying son are empty. His life, not his words, tell the real truth about his relationship to his father. The truth is that the YES-saying son rejects God's will, however much acceptance there is in his words.

And so the Psalm gives us the right prayer to go with this parable: "Lord, teach us your ways!" Our ways need to be God's ways. It is good if our words say YES to God. But what is crucial is that our lives say YES to God. Unless they do, our words are worthless.

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

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
Email: office.rosaryps@cg.catholic.edu.au

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The results of special collections were: Dominican Fathers Sickness & Retirement Appeal \$4855.70 - Receipts will be issued by St Dominic's, Melbourne. Confirmation Mass \$1040.00 - This will be donated 50/50 to Marymead and Karinya House. Thank you to all who donated.

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

A TALE OF TWO BROTHERS

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year.
Fr Isidore Clarke OP hopes that we can avoid being God's problem children.*

Many parents will give a knowing nod when they hear today's Gospel. They've asked a son or daughter to give a hand, say in washing the dishes. One child may have reflected the reaction of the second of the sons in today's Gospel. He was full of good intentions and readily agreed to do what was asked of him. But he was all talk and no action. He did nothing.

Then we can recognise the other brother. He was a surly chap, who at first refused to work in his father's vineyard. But then he had a change of heart and obeyed his father. We have to admit that neither son was ideal. But at least the first son did eventually do what was asked of him, while the second didn't. With the Pharisees and elders we would agree that the first son's response was preferable to the second's.

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the example of the problem parents have with uncooperative children to illustrate the problem God has with us, his children.

Jesus directs this parable at the Pharisees and elders who had just challenged his authority to teach in temple. They'd already refused to decide whether or not John's baptism was of heavenly or human origin. If they had conceded that John was a divinely inspired prophet they would have had to believe in Christ, whose mission John had endorsed. But if they denied that John acted with divine authority they would have antagonised the crowd, which believed in John.

Lacking the courage and honesty to decide for or against John, they would not have believed Jesus if he had told them that he spoke and acted with divine authority. Jesus realised that there's no point in taking seriously someone who is not open to the truth.

This was the background for today's parable about the two brothers. The Pharisees and elders were like the second brother. They claimed to be willing to do God's will. They thought they, above all others, were pious and obedient. And yet their commitment was shallow and empty. They refused to heed God's prophet, John the Baptist, and would not accept Jesus himself. Since they refused to lead the way in endorsing Christ's mission they were not true workers in God's vineyard.

But tax collectors and prostitutes, whom the religious authorities wrote off as worthless sinners, did recognise John as a true pattern of righteousness. They heeded his word and repented. They were like the brother who at first refused to obey his father, but then had a change of heart, and did what was asked of him. To the indignation of the religious authorities Jesus said that these repentant sinners would enter heaven before those who thought their place there was assured.

It would be a great mistake for us to think that this parable was directed only against the Pharisees and elders. Jesus is questioning each of us. Are we like the second brother and the religious authorities? Do we claim to be devout, religious people, who are willing to obey God, while, in fact, refusing to do his will? Elsewhere in the Gospels Jesus tells us that it's not sufficient to recognise Jesus as Lord, if we don't heed his command. True members of God's family must not only hear God's word, but also do it.

Or are we like the first brother and the sinners – people who at first refuse to obey God, but then repent and do his will? If so, we're in a far better state than those who are full of empty good intentions. Neither of the brothers nor what they represent is ideal. Instead, we must be people who say, 'Yes' to God's will, mean what we say and do it.

We may well be surprised to find that those who had been dismissed as being beyond redemption are welcomed into heaven, while some we would have expected to be present are not there. We pray that we may be numbered among the repentant sinners whom Jesus welcomes into his kingdom.

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

MOTIVATION

God at times appeals to our self-interest in order to get us to do what is right. In other words he uses our self-interest to reach beyond our self-interest, so to speak. We are shown this in the First Reading, where we find a straight-out argument between the people and God. The people claim that "The Lord's way is not fair!" Earlier they had quoted the famous saying, "The parents eat sour grapes, but the children's teeth are set on edge" (Ez 18:2). Apparently they are arguing that sin should be attributed to their fathers or mothers, but not to them. Therefore God is punishing them unjustly. God replies: Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, *are not your ways unfair?* He shows them that punishment comes to those who actually commit an iniquity, not to those who just happen to be born of the parents of the iniquity. "It is your own actions that matter. If you sin, it is fair that I punish you. If you do virtue, it is fair that I give you life." We will not act out of selfishness, but will serve others humbly, as he did. Jesus takes it one step further in the Gospel. We hear a parable about a man being asked by his father to go work in the vineyard. The man says, rudely, "I will not." Surely he would be counted as one of the sinful people described above. Or maybe he just had a headache, or was not a morning person, or whatever. But when his father leaves the house, this one changes his mind and goes out to work hard on the grape vines. He has a brother. The brother says in effect, "Yes, of course I will go out and do your will!" Isn't this exactly what God had been telling the people in the First Reading? I am sure the father in this parable was pleased, especially after the rude reply he had gotten from his other son. Of course, as we know, this brother too changed his mind. He did not bother to go at all. This second brother's selfish interests were served by saying "yes, yes" to his father. It made him look good. But he did not trouble himself to actually do what he promised. Self-interest did not get him to do good, but only to seem to do good. St. Paul says to look at what Christ did (Second Reading) if we want true motivation, as well as encouragement, solace, participation in the Spirit, compassion, and mercy. Then we will not act out of selfishness, but will serve others humbly, as he did. This is the ultimate motivation in Christianity. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, "who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this God greatly exalted him." Self-interested motives are not the only ones. Let us just look at Christ—when we are at prayer and at Mass—and let him form us in humility. Let God make us good.

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

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 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.cgyouthministry.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

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 October - AMICUS

"Amicus", a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering at Tulip Top Gardens at 12noon for lunch followed by a walk. Contact Rosemary: 0428599342.

13 October - BLACK FRIDAY TRIVIA

The Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Trivia night on Friday 13th October at 7.00pm at the Belconnen Labour Club. All profits from the evening will go towards purchasing equipment for the Calvary Public Hospital. Come along and have an enjoyable night out while supporting this hard-working and enthusiastic group of volunteers. Cost is \$20/head and enquiries to Daphne Ashley 62547409.

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.

13 October - JAM FOR REFUGEES

Jam for Refugees is a ten hour concert consisting of a series of 30 minute acts by some of Canberra's finest musicians. The concert will take place in All Saints Anglican Church Ainslie from 10.30am to 8.30pm Friday 13 October. Information jamforrefugees@gmail.com

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 - 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 Social.Justice@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/>

Over prepare then go with the flow.

ROSTERS 7 / 8 October 2017

Saturday 5.00 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. Falk	
EMOE	N. Clarke	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	H. Pham	
Readers	A. McCarthy	J. Cooke
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	H. Zobec	R. Marson

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	E. Kralikas	
Readers	K. Kralikas	T. Ryan
Presentation of Gifts	R. Walpole	
EMOE	K. Sneddon	V. Van der Sanden
Counters	G. Gleeson	C. Barn