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Year A



VERITAS

TWENTY EIGHTH 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**



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

ENTRANCE	If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.
READINGS	Isaiah 25:6-10 Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20 Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : 22

I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name,
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

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all the days of my life.

CARPARK

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



PRAY THE ROSARY

For Parishioners wishing to pray the Rosary
we offer the following times:
Wednesday & Friday before 5.30pm Mass
Saturday after 9am Mass
First Saturday of each
month at 3.30pm
Holy Mary Mother
Divine Will Prayer
Group meets 2.00pm
Thursdays in the church
and afterwards in the
Parish Centre.
More details Heather
6247 7775.



ALL YOU CAN EAT



A too narrow interpretation of today's readings
might tend us to despair of being called, but
not chosen, and lead to the temptation of
despair of being able to live the life of kingdom
values. A too wide interpretation might lead us
to the presumption of the Pharisees, present
and past, who think they already possess the
Kingdom and do not need to come humbly to
the enjoyment of the banquet.

'Above all, we all need to hear the preaching of
the Good News of the Kingdom of Heaven from
one another. Amid so much bad news,
turbulence and uncertainty in our world, we
are given the precious gift of a word of hope
to those facing the temptation of both despair
and presumption.'

Persevere in faith, hope and love. Bring God's
mercy to the suffering, the perplexed, those in
difficulty and in all sorts of troubles.

'Above all, bring joy to the young, respect the old, and enjoy the gift of
Jesus, the son and heir to the Kingdom, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr Aelred Connelly OP

WITHOUT A WEDDING GARMENT?

The last section of today's gospel doesn't seem to fit. It may have been a
separate story, but the author of Matthew's gospel sees it as a unit.
The first section describes a king's disappointment at the response to an
invitation. This probably refers to God's sadness at people's indifference to
Jesus. Others are invited in their place—all of those who will come to Christ.
The final part of the story presents the king's anger at one of the guests
who isn't properly dressed. How could the guest be ready if he's been
dragged in at the last minute? If you just came off the street, would you be
likely to have one?

The answer may be that God provides the right clothes for all of us: a suit
of love. If we accept an invitation without caring about the guest of honor,
why should we bother?

Fr Richard Lonsdale

PARISH DINNER

Last Saturday evening the Parish held a dinner to
celebrate our Church Feast Day. A most enjoya-
ble evening was had by all and it was lovely to
see so many new faces attend. We hope to hold
more frequent social evenings and encourage
you to attend. Thank you to the ladies for their
hard work in setting-up and cleaning up after-
wards. Thank you also to those who helped
during the evening. But most of all thank you to
everyone who attended and celebrated this
special occasion.

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, Mimma Giampietro
Please remember our deceased:	Fr Phil Harding, Monica Bourke, Antonio Pellegrino, Eileen Liston, John Downes, Kevin Ford, Nadeel Qurashi, Jack Olsson

BAPTISM

Ariana Winter Rojas

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.



CELEBRATING COMMON HUMANITY

A wedding is not simply a personal matter between two people. There are dimensions that go beyond the couple. For Christians, when two people commit themselves to each other in marriage, they show in a powerful way something of the original unity of the human race, the unity we are all called to build up.

Our world, though, is divided in so many ways: between rich and poor, between people of different nations and creeds and races, and because of enmity and antagonism. We have a certain tendency towards separation, but to give way to this is to lose sight that we are by nature one, that we all share a common humanity and we all share in a common story.

Christian poet John Donne famously expressed this with great power in one of his meditations:

"No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; ... any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

There can, however, be no substitute for genuine friendship and authentic encounter. And so, as disciples of Christ, our task, our mission, is to help reunite the world. Our task and mission is nothing less than to work so that by the grace of God isolated individuals are transformed into brothers and sisters.

In the parable of the wedding feast, the king stands for God the Father, and the son of the king stands for Jesus Christ, who is the bridegroom. Here Christ, like a bridegroom entering into marriage, is restoring our original unity, overcoming what separates us. He is the source of true unity.

And so who would want to say no to *that* wedding invitation? Well, let's put it like this. Every time we respond to Christ's call in our daily lives we say yes to the wedding invitation. It might not involve a big feast or dancing. But it always involves something to be celebrated. [Fr John O'Connor OP http://english.op.org/torch](http://english.op.org/torch)

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to participate in Jesus' life-giving mission, supporting women and children's health in Uganda. In Uganda bringing life into the world is often fraught with danger, with many women taking great risks to reach health facilities. Despite the work of Sr Goretti and her small staff at St Luke Gujuni Health Centre, they do not have the capacity to deal with the influx of high risk pregnancies amongst the many expectant mothers. Please give generously.



A FEAST OF RECONCILIATION

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year.

Fr Allan White OP discusses the terms

on which we participate in the Eucharistic banquet.

Jesus was not averse to parties. His opponents criticised him as a 'good time guy', a glutton and a wine drinker. They did not like the company he dined in: sinners and outcasts. He did not always wait to be invited either. He asked himself to the house of Zacchaeus, the chief tax-collector in Jericho. The presence of Jesus at one of these dinners was a reconciling presence. Jesus said 'salvation has come to this house' when he went in to dine with the sinner Zacchaeus. It is no surprise then that some of the stories Jesus tells should be about eating, drinking, celebrating and banquets.

Today's story is not just about a wedding banquet but about a royal wedding banquet. At the marriage of the rich and famous, the newspapers are desperate to discover the invitation list. Clearly they are highly-prized and to receive one is a mark of distinction. The same does not appear to be true of this wedding. Those invited would not come even when told the menu. The guests did not make polite excuses: they went out of their way to show that they had more important things to do. They insulted the king and his family and went further by killing his messengers, abusing the law of hospitality themselves. Not surprisingly the king was a little upset at this. But why? Royal marriages often sealed political and diplomatic alliances. They were instruments of foreign policy helping to bring peace and reconciliation between those who had been enemies before. This marriage should be seen in the same way. It is given by the king for his son. The son is not otherwise important. The king seems to have issued the invitation three times. He has invited the guests, sent his servants to tell them all is prepared and then sent them out again with a list of the delicacies they will enjoy. The king has been patient and gracious. He invites his guests to share in this process of peace and reconciliation. They refuse. They do not wish to share in it and therefore oppose it.

The king then sent out more messengers and invited all of those who were willing to come. The messengers do not mention the menu again so maybe those accepted who were sensible of the honour of being invited. They also seem to have understood the purpose of the feast. They all put on their wedding garment; all except one man. Immediately on entering the banquet king's eye fell upon him. Calling him 'friend' he asked him why he was there. It is the same question Jesus asks Judas when they come to arrest him on the night of the agony: 'Friend, why are you here?' Two banquets are brought together, the banquet of the Last Supper, the Passover of the Lord which brings reconciliation between humanity and God, and the banquet of the king who was also offering a banquet to promote peace and reconciliation.

Many interpretations of this parable can be offered. Some see it as a proclamation that the Gentiles will be included in the new covenant of reconciliation. Others see this story as a warning to the Church and those who think that they are numbered amongst the elect whilst failing to change their lives from the root outwards. The marriage supper of the Lamb is a feast of reconciliation; those who share in it must also share in that project of peace and reconciliation. The silent guest, the one who has not bothered to change, the one who is concentrating on receiving, has forgotten that this feast is not just about eating or benefiting from hospitality. Sharing in this banquet is about becoming part of the grand work of reconciliation that the heavenly bridegroom inaugurates on the cross and which will be consummated in the heavenly banquet of which our Eucharist is a sign and anticipation.

[Fr Allan White OP http://english.op.org/torch](http://english.op.org/torch)

MELBOURNE CUP

Tuesday, **7 November** our Parish will have a Melbourne Cup Luncheon in the Parish Centre. Lunch will start at 1pm. Cost \$10.00. Sweepstakes will be available. A 'Hat Parade' with prizes. Join us for good company and lots of fun! For catering purposes please RSVP by 30th Oct. by either the form in the foyer or call the office 6248 5925

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

Can you Share your Marriage Journey with Young Couples? Ministry to the Newly Married is a mentoring program for Couples in the first five years of their marriage. The mentors are Catholic couples, married at least ten years, who share their marriage journey through a series of four talks each year. A very supportive environment is provided to help prepare for each talk. If you would like to assist young couples, please contact Debbie & Brian Kensey on 0414 878 167 or mnm@grapevine.com.au.

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

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).

4 November - CHOIR REQUEST

You are invited to join a choir - drawn from Canberra and surrounds - for an enjoyable evening of singing Carols, Chant, and Sacred Polyphony. The carol service will be held on Sunday, December 10 at 7.30pm. Rehearsals begin Saturday, November 4. Contact: Maria Henry on mrhny@gmail.com.

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. **Online Tickets:** <https://www.trybooking.com/RLQA> <http://stalphonsa.com.au/> <https://www.trybooking.com/306644>

HEAVENLY PUDDINGS

Every year Father Mac's Heavenly Puddings raise much needed funds to help other communities and charities.

This year, we would like to help our Aussie farmers who are experiencing severe drought conditions, and we need your help to do so. By purchasing a pudding, you are doing your part in providing much needed relief to desperate families. Puddings 800gm - \$20, 1.6kg - \$35 and introducing 100gm single serve 4 pack \$20.00 You can purchase puddings by Phone: 02 6628 5474 or email: fathermc@nor.com.au - web address <http://fathermac.org.au/>

HELP - CARER NEEDED - CAN YOU HELP

Young married couple looking for a carer for their 2 year old boy, Maxwell. Child care arrangements have changed suddenly and they would like to maintain care in a family home environment in the Canberra inner-North area if possible. Hours of care can be flexible. Please call Magna on 0402 421 268 for more details.

ROSTERS 21 / 22 October 2017

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	K. Markcrow	D. Hinds
Presentation of Gifts	Tran Family	
EMOE	J. Maclean	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	N. McGahey	
Readers	B. Bandle	C. Bandle
Presentation of Gifts	Bandle Family	
EMOE	M. Falk	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	C. Barbaro	P. Mc Donald
Presentation of Gifts	Hall-O'Brien Family	
EMOE	A. Moore	K. Murphy

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	L.Kim	
Readers	J. Curnow	T. Malone
Presentation of Gifts	Malone Family	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
Counters	I. Buckley	