



Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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Year A



VERITAS

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday

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**

Love God Totally
Love Others
Unselfishly



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

ENTRANCE	Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.
READINGS	Exodus 22:20-26 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

PSALM : 17:2-4. 47. 51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

MELBOURNE CUP



Tuesday, 7 November
our Parish will have a
Melbourne Cup Lunch in
the Parish Centre.
Lunch will start at 1pm.
Cost \$10.00. Sweeps

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.
Envelopes are in the foyer for your payment, they
can be put on the second collection plate.

WELCOME

Today Rosary Parish School and
their parents and teachers are join-
ing Parishioners to celebrate the
Eucharist at the 10am Mass. We
welcome them to our Family Mass.
This Mass will be followed by a
Sausage Sizzle and refreshments.
All are invited.



SAVE THE DATE

PARISH CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

Join us for Christmas cheer on Saturday
evening 9th December at 6pm.
Chicken will be provided.

Our Parish is made up of many people from
different lands, if you have a favourite national
dish and would like to share a little of your
culture please bring a plate.

ALL SAINTS

All Saints - 1st November

Mass Time: 5.30pm

WELCOME

Welcome to the students, teachers & parents
from St Joseph's School in Clare
S.A. Once again they are joining
us in celebrating the Eucharist.
Please join us after the 8am
Mass for refreshments with our visitors.



GOD'S BREAKING POINT

Every parent, no matter how patient,
has a breaking point. Even a parent
who can tolerate endless noise and
outrageous disobedience from his
children will finally blow up when his
breaking point is reached. In the
First Reading, God tells us what his
breaking point is. It has to do with
those people who are aliens and
orphans. Some people live as

strangers in a strange land; they are aliens in their own communities. And
some people lack love and care. They are like orphans, alone, without a
home. Let us make sure that we do not cause any person to cry to God by
what we say or do to him.

You might suppose that these aliens and orphans are easy to recognize. They
are the ones without money, or the ones without a family, you might think. But
there you would be mistaken. People rarely are so transparent. There can be
aliens and orphans among the rich and powerful, just as there can be much
loved and cared for people who live among the poor. You just don't know.
But here is what we do know, from the First Reading. If something you do
makes someone, who lives as an orphan or an alien, cry to God in his suffer-
ing, God will lose all patience with you. He will blow up at you, and sooner or
later you will know what it is to have made God angry at you.

This ought to be a very alarming prospect to us.

But what is the point of this thought? Is it to make us always anxious and
scared of God? No, of course not! What good would we be to anyone in that
condition?

The point is rather to make us watchful of the way in which we treat any one
of God's children. Let us look at each person who crosses our path, each one,
rich or poor, obnoxious or likeable, as under the protection of the God who is
Father in Heaven to us all. Let us make sure that we do not cause any person
to cry to God by what we say or do to him. And let us join with God in losing all
patience with those who afflict God's hopeless or homeless children.

Then what we will know is not the wrath of the Lord, but the joy that comes
from being with God in his love.

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



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission
Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers -
for joining in Jesus' life-giving mission and supporting
women and children's health in Uganda and around
the World. Your generosity makes it possible for local
Missionaries like Sister Mary Goretti to provide
essential services for women and children in their
time of need. We invite You to consider partnering
with us through a regular Monthly gift and continuing
your support of this life-giving work of mission.
Freecall: 1800 257 296 or catholicmissions.org.au/uganda



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Monday 13th
November at 7.15pm in the Parish Centre

**In Your Prayers
please
remember
those in our
community
who are ill:**

Elizabeth Cronin, Maureen Blood,
Fr Ellis Clifford, Philip Bailey, Mary Bui,
Dion Convine, Edith Jensen, Nell Burns,
Alexia Harris, Joe Schimizzi,
Rosemary Denmead, Philip Bailey,
Jim Burgess, Mary Harrigan,
Steve Dospot, Elizabeth Webster,
Rosa Maria Santos, Beth Delos Santos,
Barbara Wilson, Awny El-Ghitany,
Elsie Laughton, Lynn & Richard Bale,
Patricia Zorzi, Mimma Giampietro

Our deceased:

Jack Olsson, Judy Ramage, Nell Byrne

In loving memory

Adriano Focarile, Tony Laria,
Domenico Batbaro, Domenica Laria,
Lius dos Santos, Jose Foncseca
Lorraine Cox

BAPTISM

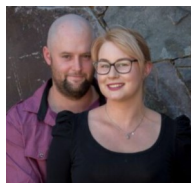
Noah Camara

Stella Lina Giampaolo

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



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS



CONGRATULATIONS

Eleanor and Michael on your marriage this weekend. We pray that God will bless your marriage and guide you in your new journey together.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

CONGRATULATIONS

Angela & Tommaso Cosentini

Sincere congratulations
to Angela & Tommaso on the
celebration of your Golden
Wedding Anniversary.

Angela & Tommaso were
married on the 28th October
1967 at St Christopher's
Cathedral Forrest.

Thank You for your example
of commitment to God, to each
other, and to our Parish
community. God's blessings.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Last Monday 23rd October and Tuesday 24th October, students from Rosary School and from our Parish School of Religion received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Let us remember these children and their families, as we pray that they may always know the mercy and forgiveness of our loving God.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS & APPEAL

ST VINCENT DE PAUL will once again be preparing hampers for local needy families this Christmas. Your support though the donation of suitable non-perishable food stuffs will be greatly appreciated. A donation box will be available at the back of the church. There will be a leaving collection on the weekend of 11th and 12th November for your donations.

LOVE IN ACTION

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year.

*Fr David McLean OP insists that love of God
means more than an intellectual activity.*

In today's Gospel Jesus is asked to name the greatest commandment - but answers with two. Around the time of Jesus it was a contentious issue as to whether the commandments, or even the entire Jewish Law, could be reduced to simple one-liners. Some Rabbis thought it was possible.

If Jesus was trying to sum-up his entire message in such a way, why did he give us two commandments - two lines - rather than one? Can't the love of neighbour be understood as part of what it is to love God? And can we love our neighbour without loving God? I think most of us would agree that they do somehow go together. On the other hand, it does seem that we like to see loving God and loving our neighbour as two different things.

This is where I can get onto one of my favourite topics: that religion and Christianity is as much a doing thing as it is a thinking thing. Perhaps doing is more important. Thinking may come into it. It should, however, never be the case that you can have the thinking aspect of religion without the doing part.

There is a tendency in Christianity to separate works from belief - that you can somehow have the belief without the works.

What I want to suggest is that we tend to see the first commandment, 'love of God', as a 'belief' - something in the head, while we see the second, 'love of neighbour', as something we do, that is, being nice to people.

In other words, we tend to reduce our understanding of the 'love of God' to some kind of intellectual assent. We either believe in God or we don't. If we don't believe in God, then we go to parties and tell people that we are atheists. If we believe in God, we tell people that we are 'believers'. We may love our neighbours as well. We may be nice to them all the time, but it seems that 'love of our neighbour' can be seen as separate from belief in God. It seems that we can sit at home believing in God without doing anything else.

I think that is where the popularity of TV evangelism comes in. It tells people they don't need to go to Church; they don't need to do good works. They can sit at home believing in God, and good works is reduced to sending the TV evangelist money through their credit card.

For a chaplain in the Royal Navy, people who would never normally come anywhere near a minister of religion are forced into contact with me. So I have lost count of the number of times people have said to me, "I believe in some kind of God, but I don't think I need to go to church. I haven't got time for institutional religion. It's what you believe that is important."

Circumstances usually dictate that I have to be polite, so I reply with a "how very interesting." What I am actually thinking is that this person could not be more wrong. It seems to me that this kind of thinking comes from the tendency to see Jesus's first commandment, 'the love of God', as a belief, something in the head; while we see his second commandment, 'the love of neighbour', as works, something we do, and unconnected from what we believe. We would be far better off if we did not see love of God and love of neighbour as two separate things. And, if we have to choose, it would be far better to see them both as works, rather than belief. Sitting at home, believing in God and feeling good, doesn't get us anywhere.

In the Gospel Jesus is asked for the greatest of the commandments. He does not say love of God alone, but adds love of neighbour alone. Jesus gives them both. He is asked for one commandment and answers with two. Perhaps an indication that he saw them as one and the same thing.

You can only love and believe in God by loving and believing in your neighbour. And you can't love your neighbour on your own at home. You have to go out and find your neighbour. Find those who need help, and work and worship with those who want to do the same. We can then express communion with our neighbour and with God in communion at Mass.

Fr David McLean OP <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

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 mnmm@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

4 November - CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED

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 7.30 PM. Rehearsals begin Saturday, November 04. Contact: Maria Henry on mrhnr@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>

18 November - "CATHOLIC MILITARY FUNDRAISING DINNER"

The Knights of the Southern Cross Canberra Branch (KSC) will host the dinner at the Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Strangways Street, Curtin ACT from 7.30pm. Cost: \$50.00 per person for a 2 course hot buffet dinner. BYO but juice and soft drinks will be provided. Guest speaker is Deacon Brenton Fry (RMC Chaplain and former SAS soldier). Envelopes will be available on each table for tax deductible donations to assist in the training of Catholic military chaplains. There are only 75 seats. Contact: Bob Perkins on 6247 2977.

28 November - GALA DINNER

Living the Gospel today - Next Steps to re-imaging Our Parish Communities . Media personality, Geraldine Doogue will be keynote speaker at a gala dinner, hosted by St Gregory's Parish Pastoral Council, Queanbeyan. Date: Tuesday 28 November . Venue: Queanbeyan Roos Club. Tickets: \$60. Bookings: www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com Inquiries: (02) 6299 4611, email queanbeyan@cg.org.au

7 - 9 December ACYF GATHERING

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

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: fathermac@nor.com.au - web address <http://fathermac.org.au/>

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

ROSTERS 4 / 5 November 2017

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

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

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	K. Linnard	
Readers	M. Gabbitas	T. Klekner
Presentation of Gifts	Volunteer	
EMOE	N. Clarke	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	A. O'Donnell	L. Fardell
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	J. Munro	R. Zochling

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	J. Cooke	
Presentation of Gifts	J. Curnow	
EMOE	K. Sneddon	V. Van der Sanden
Counters	F. Higgins	N. Higgins