



# Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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Year A



## VERITAS

## THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

*Parish Priest*

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*Office Hours*

Monday, Tuesday,

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9.00am—12.30pm

*Parish Council*

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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*

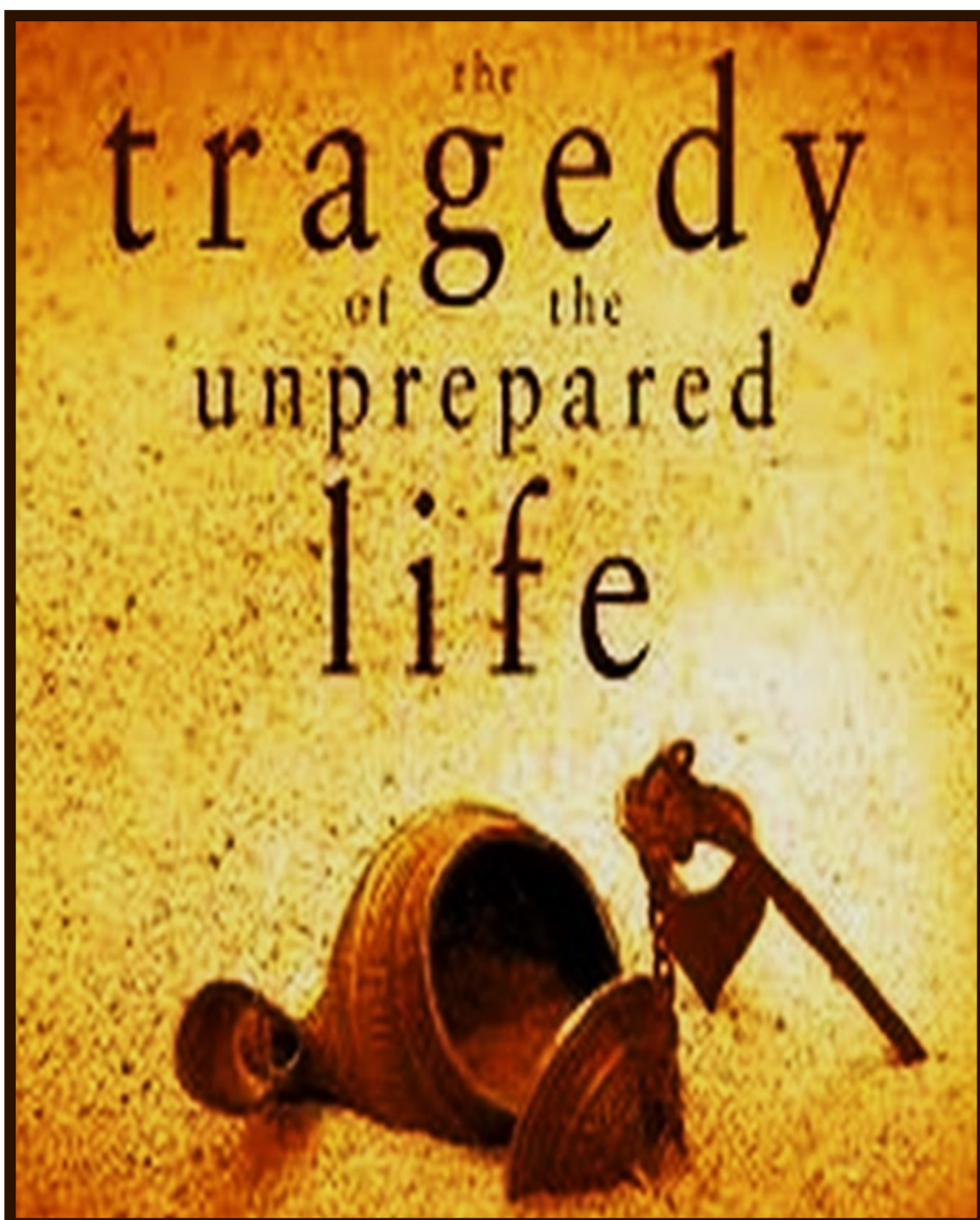
Saturday 12pm—12.30pm

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.



<b>ENTRANCE</b>	Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	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.
<b>READINGS</b>	Wisdom 6:12-16 - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

### PSALM : 62:2-8

My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.

### MELBOURNE CUP

Holy Rosary parishioners were joined by parishioners from St Brigid's and St Joseph's Churches as well as Fr Paul Nulley, Fr Laurie Foote, Fr Bernie and Fr Kieran, to share a wonderful afternoon and enjoy the luncheon. Good food, good company and a lots of winners! Nice hats ladies. Thank you to Elizabeth & Jim Smith, Ruth & Hugh Zochling, Wendy Wade, Debbie Jones, Joe Cortese Roger Paul and I promise next time to have washing up gloves for Roger Paul who were all instrumental in the luncheon success. Thank you also to those who helped in small ways.





## PARISH CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

Join us for Christmas cheer on Saturday evening **9th December**, at 6.00pm.

**CHICKEN WILL BE PROVIDED**

People with surnames  
A - L : please bring a dessert  
M - Z : please bring a salad

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.

BYO drinks

We wish Fr Kieran **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
for Thursday 16th.  
God bless you on this special day.



### FR PAUL KACHAPILLY

Fr Paul hails from Kerala, India. Before his Priesthood, as a Brother he taught at St Bede's Anglo-Indian High School, Mylapore, Madras. He arrived at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Perambur, Madras in 1977 as Assistant Parish Priest and in 1985 was appointed Parish Priest. After serving the Parish of Perambur, he was appointed as Rector and Parish Priest of St Mary's Co-Cathedral and Anglo-Indian High School, Armenian Street, Parrys, Madras. He then proceeded to Rome for further studies. On his return from Rome in 1987, he served as Rector of St Bede's till 1995. He was then posted to Sri Lanka to assist the seminary formation of the Salesians in that country. After a few years he proceeded to England to qualify in psychology and counselling. For the last seven years, Fr Paul has been working among the war-torn Tamil people in the North of Sri Lanka. At present he is the Rector of an orphanage and boarding-house which looks after the war affected youth, recompensing them with educational and hostel facilities, vocational training, counselling and spiritual assistance. While in Australia, Fr Paul is keen to meet with his former Perambur parishioners, past St Bede's pupils and parishioners, and St Mary's pupils and parishioners.

### INGRAM FAMILY

Life has been very hectic for the Ingram Family since being back in South Africa. At this stage they have not heard anything from Australian Immigration on returning to Australia on a new work visa.

Jacqui and Clive have finally decided after lots of soul searching to remain in South Africa permanently. It has been a very difficult decision but they can't remain in limbo for such a long time. Clive is enjoying his job as Magistrate and he feels that with all the uncertainty surrounding the visas in Australia he can't give up this stable job for uncertainty again and they need to think of their financial stability. We hope that Jacqui gets the teaching post in Accounting she has applied for next year. Caitlin has settled in well into her new school and Brett is loving having his family back together and is very involved in the church. He is a catechist and also in the Young Adult Group. They would dearly love to jump on the next plane to Australia if they had the right to stay. We miss this wonderful Parish family and wish them all the best in their new endeavours. Please keep them in your prayers.



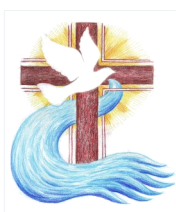
<b>In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:</b>	Elizabeth Cronin, Maureen Blood, Fr Ellis Clifford, Philip Bailey, Mary Bui, Dion Convine, Edith Jensen, Nell Burns, Alexia Harris, Joe Schimizzi, Rosemary Denmead, Philip Bailey, Jim Burgess, Mary Harrigan, Elizabeth Webster, Rosa Maria Santos, Beth Delos Santos, Barbara Wilson, Awuny El-Ghitany, Elsie Laughton, Lynn & Richard Bale, Patricia Zorzi, Maria Martiniello, Mimma Giampietro, Fr Simon Falk, Charles Ryan, Ray Ramsay
<b>Please remember our deceased:</b>	Nell Byrnes, Gregory Butler
<b>In loving memory</b>	Beth Clements, Robert Basso, Peter Que, Matta Tit, Jose Luis Prates Leal, Virginia Nunes Lion

## BAPTISM

*Dylan Jackson*

*Theo Mann-Baillie*

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.



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

**CHRISTMAS APPEAL** - There will be a leaving collection on the weekend of 11th and 12th November for your donations.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS** - You can purchase Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars in the foyer from this weekend. Cards \$8.00

**HAMPER DONATIONS** - A box is now in the back of the church for your hamper donations. Hamper List: Biscuits (tins for seniors are very popular), shortbreads & savoury biscuits also. Puddings this includes plum puddings, jellies, fruit or pudding mixes. Jams, Pickles, Tomato Sauce, Vegemite, Pasta, Rice. Some tinned Food eg. beetroot, peas, beans, corn, baked beans, spaghetti, salmon & ham. Cake mixes eg. cup cakes, muffins pancakes etc. Tea & Coffee, Packets of Cereal, Lollies. Toys, colouring books & pencils, books etc. Small gifts for older persons. **We are no longer permitted to include nuts or nut products. For health and safety reasons we CANNOT accept food stuffs that are out of date.** Your donations are greatly appreciated.

## FALLEN ASLEEP

Paul is teaching about the resurrection. Some of the people of Thessalonica expected the Second Coming of Christ to happen in the immediate future. They also anticipated that they would ascend to heaven with him. But some believers had died. This led survivors to fear that the dead wouldn't share in Jesus' triumph. Paul answers that the dead Christians hadn't really died; they had merely entered a sleep-like state pending the resurrection. Fr R. Lonsdale <http://www.4catholiceducators.com/lonsdale>

## WISDOM

In the Old Testament wisdom is more than intelligence or common sense. It is the divine will or plan of God for all created things. It is an attribute of God and is personified as a woman. Early Christians understood it as a foreshadowing of the Holy Spirit. The book of Wisdom is a series of meditations about God's will. Fr R. Lonsdale <http://www.4catholiceducators.com/lonsdale>

## DON'T JUST HANG AROUND

*Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year.*

*Fr Haavar Simon Nilsen OP*

*calls on us to long for Christ.*

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear of ten virgins, five foolish and five wise. The five wise ones have flasks of oil with their lamps. The foolish do not. Now, why couldn't the five who had thought of it simply share some of their oil with the others? Why did they have to make it so complicated? It could all have been so simple. Instead it goes all wrong. While the young girls are off buying more oil, the bridegroom arrives. The door is being locked, and when they are back, they can't come in.

The immediate question that arises is regarding the oil and what it signifies. Some have proposed that the oil is our good deeds that come from living lives of faith. But what if the oil is the faith itself? Suddenly it seems that the whole parable makes sense. It is one thing to wait for the bridegroom, which is Christ.

But it is not enough to wait for the bridegroom with the others if the waiting is not accompanied by inner faith. God is not asking us only to 'hang around', he asks for our personal engagement as a response to his engagement towards us. The Church is the institution who has as her prime mission to announce the Gospel of the Lord, leading all people to faith by the sacraments and the liturgy, and through the lives of every Christian who witnesses to the mercy of God. The Church is a collective project. It is through the people of God that the presence of Christ is realised here on earth, as we wait for his second coming on the last day.

But at the same time the salvation of humanity is not brought about in a Marxist fashion. The work of salvation is not realised as though by the collective masses. It also involves the individual, with his or her personal project. Faith involves a personal encounter between Christ and me, a work of the Holy Spirit that gives me access to God's Kingdom and the Father Himself. One who in his time shed light on the theology of faith was Martin Luther. Even though some of Luther's writing had a polemic sting against the Catholic Church, his focus on faith is an important reminder to us today about how central to our lives Christian faith is, and what a great gift it is. After having received the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation, and as we are nourished by Christ's own body and blood, we are meant to grow in intimate friendship with Jesus through our earthly pilgrimage. The nourishing oil that permits this growth is the Holy Spirit working in us in mysterious ways.

Luther formulated this beautifully as he wrote the third article of his *Small Catechism*:

*I believe that I cannot come to my Lord Jesus Christ by my own intelligence or power. But the Holy Spirit called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as He calls, gathers together, enlightens and makes holy the whole Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus in the one, true faith.*

It doesn't matter if it's the wisest theologian or the criminal on the cross; we are all called to enter into relationship with our God and Saviour in an always deeper way. The Holy Spirit works in us, but God also calls for our cooperation. The loving relation God wishes for also involves our will and our whole being. We must seek God where he is to be found. He comes to us in the Eucharist and in the life of prayer of the Church. He reaches out to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And he touches us through the love lived out in meeting with those we encounter and those who are around us.

If we want to ensure that our inner lamps are filled, we have to let us be touched by Him who longs for us. Saint Augustine described his way toward this personal encounter in his *Confessions*. Fr Haavar Simon Nilsen OP <http://english.op.org/torch>

## PARSIH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The PPC meets next Monday at 7.15pm in the Parish Centre.



## HOLY ROSARY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**Choir Practices for Advent and Christmas** will commence on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**, at 7.30 pm in the church. If you would like to double your joy in the Christmas liturgies, come and sing with us. There are only six practices. To supplement the traditional and Australian carols, we will be learning a lovely new Christmas lullaby this year. No musical qualifications needed. We can all sing.

**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

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

**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 (6mths) and Baptisms. **It is difficult to keep track of Parishioners requests if they do not come through the Office.**

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. a minimum two weeks notice is required.

## EVENTS

**12 - November PRAYER FOR REFUGEES IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZE**  
5.30 - 6.30pm Weston Creek Uniting Church, 16 Parkinson Street, Weston. Organised by the Faith Based Working Group of the Refugee Action Committee with the Taize community Canberra.

### 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.

### 20 - November "L'ARCHE GENESARET CARD DAY"

One and all are invited to attend the L'Arche Genesaret fundraising Card Day on from 10am - 2pm. at the **Canberra Bowling Club**, Hobart Ave. Forrest. The cost of \$25.00 includes coffee, tea, lunch, wine or juice. To book a table of four, please call Mary on 6258 1739 or Di on 6241 2658. RSVPs due on or before Nov 13<sup>th</sup>.

### 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](http://www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com) Inquiries: (02) 6299 4611, email [queanbeyan@cg.org.au](mailto: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](http://www.cgyouthministry.org.au/acyf)

### February 2018 - INDIA TOUR

Bookings for the Christian tour to India in February 2018, "One Heart and One Soul" will be closing shortly. Please contact Marie Fonseca the organiser on 02 9344 0523 or 0418 265117, Email: [in-f@spiceodyssey.net.au](mailto:in-f@spiceodyssey.net.au) Website: [www.spiceodyssey.net.au](http://www.spiceodyssey.net.au) flyer.

**HEAVENLY PUDDINGS** - Every year Father Mac's Heavenly Puddings raise 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 100gm single serve 4 pack \$20.00 You can purchase puddings by Phone: 02 6628 5474 or email: [fathermc@nor.com.au](mailto:fathermc@nor.com.au) - web address <http://fathermac.org.au/>

### ROSTERS 18 / 19 November 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	N. McGahey	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson
Presentation of Gifts	M. Falk	
EMOE	M. Falk	

#### Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	R. Ciaccia	I. Ciaccia
Presentation of Gifts	Hall-O'Brien Family	
EMOE	H. Zobec	R. Marson

#### Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	K. Kralikas	
Readers	M. Proctor	
Presentation of Gifts	R. Walpole	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
Counters	R. Walpole	T. Ryan