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## VERITAS

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

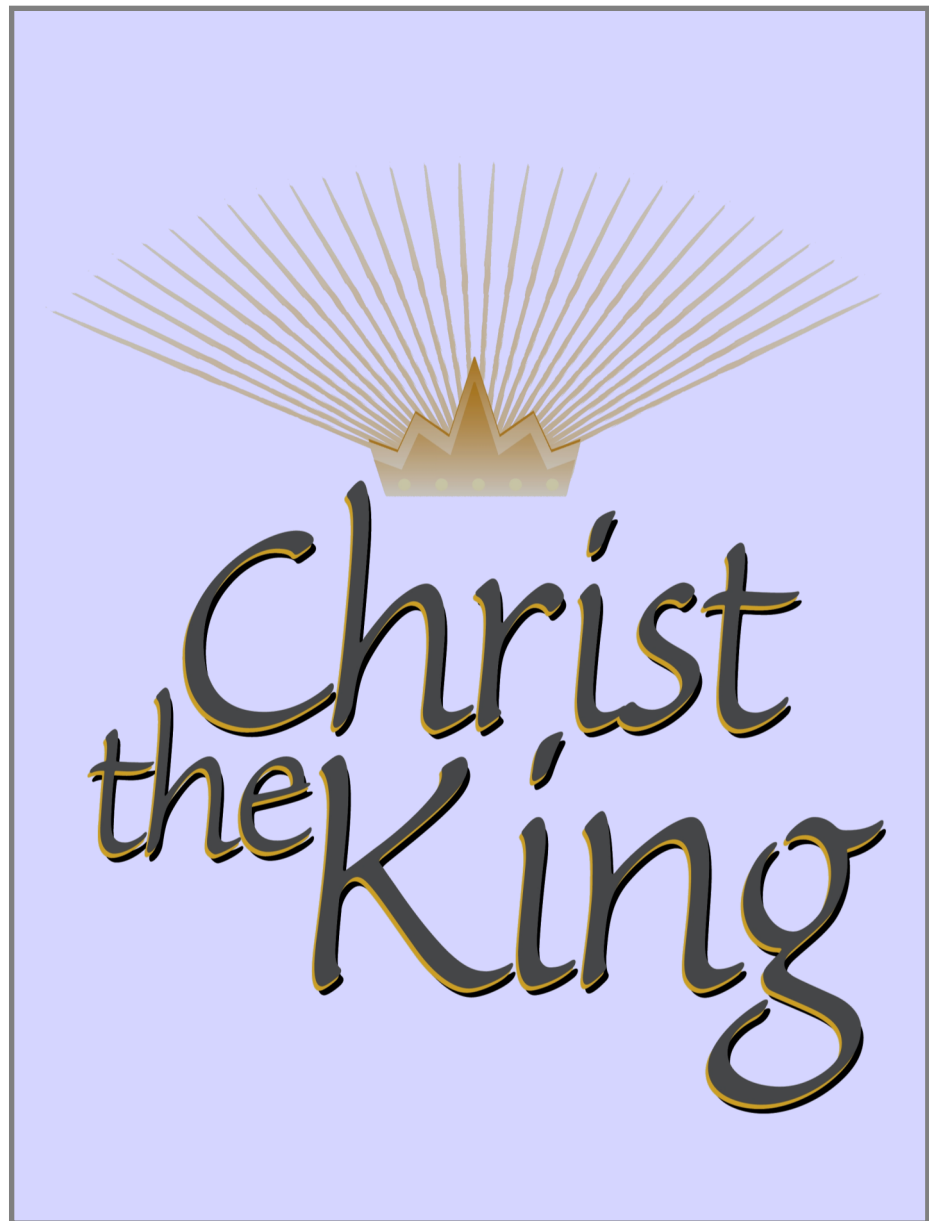
*Reconciliation*

Saturday 12pm–12.30pm

and 4pm–4.30pm

*ACU Chapel Signadou*

Masses are now suspended  
until February 2018



**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>	How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.
<b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM</b>	The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.
<b>READINGS</b>	Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

**ACT GOVERNMENT REPORTABLE CONDUCT SCHEME**

The Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn, Archbishop Christopher Prowse, welcomed the news from Andrew Barr MLA, ACT Chief Minister, regarding the government's plan to expand and strengthen the Reportable Conduct Scheme to protect children. 'I am delighted that the ACT Government has opened consultation on how religious organisations will be included in the scheme by 1 July 2018,' Archbishop Prowse said. The Catholic church will study the Discussion Paper and participate in the consultation as appropriate.

**PSALM : 21:1-3.5-6**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

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.  
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.

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**The Christmas Mass Times are now available. Please make sure you take one home. There some important Mass Time changes and cancellations.**

**There is a copy in this bulletin for those who wish to take this week's bulletin home.**

**LITURGICAL ROSTER**

Please join us by volunteering to participate in the weekend liturgies. Rosters for January to June 2018 are currently being prepared if you wish to be a part of the weekend liturgy. Please use the form in the foyer to sign up. For those already on the roster - if you wish to come off the roster or make a change please use the form to do so. It will be assumed that if you do not sign the list you are still available to be rostered on.

**When asked if my cup is half-full or half-empty, my only response is that I am thankful I have a cup.**

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

Advent and Christmas will soon be upon us and the Parish has been planning and preparing for these special seasons for some weeks. One of the ways we can participate during Advent is to pray together at Mass and this Advent, at each Sunday Mass we will add a new element: for the four Sunday's of Advent we will sing or hear O Come, O Come Emmanuel the final "O" Antiphon. More information about the "O" Antiphons can be found in the booklets. Using the second booklet 'Advent Wreath' we will follow along with the reading each week for the lighting of the candles in the Advent wreath. This will be read in two parts with parishioners from the centre isle to the organ reading part 1 and the centre isle to the confessional reading part 2 and all reading the final reading.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE - CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations Sr. Kate on your Golden Jubilee!  
Celebrating fifty years as a Sister of Mercy on  
November 30th.  
Compassion, humble service and faithful love for Christ  
and the Church has been your life's devotion.  
God bless you with much joy and peace.  
Wishing you health and happiness for many years to come!



**EMBODIED LOVE**

The Gospel reading for this week is very rich. It invites us to reflect on the difference between true love and its false imitation, between real Christianity and its fake lookalike. It encourages us to exercise ourselves in the care of all God's children. It prompts us to reflect on all the different kinds of hunger there are in the world, and the very different kinds of feeding those various hungers require. These are all good things to ponder, but there is still more to see. Here is one more thing. What wouldn't you yourself have given to lay your weary head on the breast of your Lord? Think about what it is for God himself to be incarnate. A human woman took the Lord to her breast and suckled him there. The apostle John reclined by the Lord and laid his head on the bosom of the Lord. A woman washed the Lord's feet with her tears, and a woman rubbed his feet with lotion. How did those people get so lucky? Of all the millions and millions of God's people, how can it be that so few touched God in the flesh, that only one woman anointed his feet? Wouldn't you have liked to be among these very lucky people? In desperately sad and stricken moments, what wouldn't you yourself have given to lay your weary head on the breast of your Lord? It is good to have a God who enters human history, but anything in history is local, constrained in time and space, cut off from so many things that aren't right here, right now. How can it be that only those few people, who were *there* with Jesus, in that place and at that time, had contact with the Lord flesh to flesh? The answer to this question and the consolation the question seeks is in the Gospel reading: whatever you did to one of the least of my own, the Lord says, you did it to me.

Eleonore Stump

<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, Alexia Harris, Joe Schimizzi, Mary Harrigan, Rosemary Denmead, Philip Bailey, Elizabeth Webster, Rosa Maria Santos, Beth Delos Santos, Barbara Wilson, Awny 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>	Brenda and Bob Foley, Gregory Butler
<b>In loving memory</b>	Elizabeth Hall, Helen (Jelica) Zobec

**BAPTISM**

*Marc Tisdell*

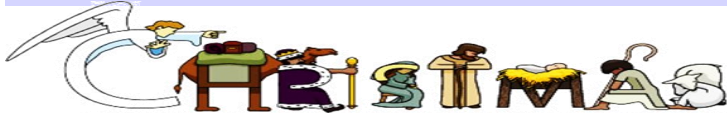
who will be baptised this weekend.  
 May his life filled with God's peace,  
 and his heart with God's love...  
 on this Baptism day and always.



**CHOIR PRACTICE**

*Choir Practice in preparation for Advent and Christmas.  
 Mondays, 7.30 pm, in the church. All welcome.*

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS**



The Children's Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm in Holy Rosary Church. Come and be a part of our Children's special Mass to celebrate the birth of our Lord. Children who would like to be involved in this Mass are invited to come and join the celebration. A practice for the Children's Christmas Eve Mass will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10am. To participate, the children must first have a permission note from their parent/s and an assurance that they will be attending this Mass. There is need to practice on both days 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10am, Children will be required to attend both practices. Please put your name on the form in the foyer if you would like to be part of the Mass.

**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 to share.  
 BYO drinks

**NOT OF THIS WORLD**

*Solemnity of Christ the King.  
 Fr Anthony Axe OP preaches  
 on the difference between worldly kingdoms  
 and the Kingdom of God.*

History tells of some very interesting, if not very moral, monarchs. Ivan the Terrible merited his nickname by torturing enemies and friends alike for sheer pleasure. Henry VIII altered the moral code to suit himself and married six times, murdering two of his wives to clear the way for others. Montezuma, great king of the Aztecs, waged war solely to obtain thousands of captives for human sacrifice. Almost every monarch you can think of has grown rich at the expense of their subjects. One of the characters in 'Huckleberry Finn' sardonically remarks that, *All kings is mostly rascallions.*

The Gospels assert that Jesus was of royal blood, descended from the House of David, but do we really want to include him among all the rascallions? What king was ever like Jesus, born in royal David's city, Bethlehem, but in a stable not a palace, with no place to lay his head, and buried in another man's tomb. His accession to the throne was his entry into Jerusalem, the royal capital, riding on a donkey rather than in a state coach. His royal robe was a spittle-covered purple rag, his crown was of thorns and his sceptre a reed. He made his royal progress weak and bleeding through the streets, to the jeers not the cheers of the populace. At Calvary he was enthroned on an executioner's gibbet.

Christ the King has nothing in common with earthly rulers, so his kingdom can be nothing like an earthly kingdom. In his realm there are no masters because everyone is a servant. Even the King came to serve and not to be served. Those who would be greatest in the Kingdom are those who make themselves the least. The reward for service is not promotion and financial gain but to be given further opportunities for service. When his subjects become rich or gain promotion, they are impoverished and demoted, the mighty being cast from their thrones and the lowly exalted. The lowest are the highest and tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the Kingdom before the hypocritical Pharisees, members of the religious and political establishment, who take the best seats in the synagogues, encourage salutations in the market places and create heavy burdens for other people to bear without lifting a finger to help them.

It is difficult for us Christians to live simultaneously in two kingdoms, that of this world and that of Christ. We are prone to amalgamate them, to make one look so much like the other that we can't tell the difference. Often it seems that the Church, and our lives within it, have been made to fit the image of an temporal earthly kingdom rather than making earthly kingdoms fit the image of Christ's eternal heavenly Kingdom. It is difficult for Christians to live in society because the structures of that society are not the same as those in the Kingdom of God. The distinguishing feature of Christ's rule is that of justice, but not the kind of justice we're used to. We tend to think that justice is giving people what they deserve. But justice in Christ's kingdom is the opposite. There the ultimate in justice is forgiveness. If we all got what we deserved what a sorry place God's Kingdom would be. Most of us would be cast into that outer darkness Jesus talks about in today's Gospel. Throughout his life Jesus emphasised forgiveness and it is this that tempers justice.

**BREAK OPEN THE WORD / DAILY MASS BOOKS**

**BREAK OPEN THE WORD** - Readers should collect their copy of 'Break Open the Word' from the Sacristy before you leave Mass.

The new **DAILY MASS BOOKS** are now in the Church. We ask that you **PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THEM HOME** as they are there for all parishioners.



# HOLY ROSARY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

**CARDS & CALENDARS** - You can purchase Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars in the foyer. Cards \$8.00 & Calendars \$10.00.

**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 CAN NOT accept food stuffs that are out of date.** Your donations are greatly appreciated.

**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

**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

## 28 November - GALA DINNER

**Living the Gospel today - Next Steps to re-imagining 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)

## 30 November - CHRISTAMS CRAFT & PRESENT STALL

The Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Christmas Craft and Present Stall in the foyer of the hospital from 8.00am til 4.00pm. Monies raised will be going towards purchasing equipment for the hospital. Please come along and support this worthwhile cause. Enquiries Mary Cruickshank 62544084

## 2 December - KANKINYA - CHRISTMAS FAIR

Canberra Aged Care Facility 48 Archibald Street, Lyneham is holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 2 December starting at 11am. Stalls include, cakes, plants, books, craft, jams & preserves and a sausage sizzle everybody is very welcome.

## 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.cgyouthminisrty.org.au/acyf](http://www.cgyouthminisrty.org.au/acyf)

## 8 - 10 December: INTERNATIONAL NATIVITIES EXPO

This exhibition of 350 Nativities is an entrée to family discussion on the true meaning of Christmas. From some 80 countries, they present the diverse cultures that embrace the Christian story, from the Palestinian Territories to Vietnam and China. Hands-on craft activities for children, as well as nativity jigsaws, puppets and books.

**Venue:** Catholic Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin St. Manuka (behind St Christopher's Cathedral). Fri 8<sup>th</sup>: 2pm-7pm; Sat 9<sup>th</sup>:10am-5pm; Sun 10<sup>th</sup>: 9am-7pm.

Contact: Keith Linard on 0412 376 317 or [linard.keith@gmail.com](mailto:linard.keith@gmail.com)

## 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.

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

## ROSTERS 2 / 3 December 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	K. Linnard	
Readers	M. Gabbitas	T. Klekner
Presentation of Gifts	Volunteer	
EMOE	N. Clarke	

### Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Q. Vu	
Readers	K. McCluskey	M. Mallett
Presentation of Gifts	Vu Family	
EMOE	E. Musolino	M. Mastrolemo

### Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer	
Readers	K. Kralikas	T. Ryan
Presentation of Gifts	J. Curnow	
EMOE	k. Sneddon	V. Van der Sanden
Counters	F. Higgins	N. Higgins