

Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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VERITAS



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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Be on your guard
stay awake*



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	To you, I lift my soul, O my God. In you I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me. And let none who hope in you be put to shame.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, And grant us your salvation. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	The Lord will bestow his bounty, And our earth shall yield its increase.
READINGS	Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

PSALM : 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

**Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see,
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man
you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**The Christmas Mass Schedule is available.
Please make sure you take one home.**

**There some important Mass Time changes and
cancellations. Copies of the Schedule are on the
exit tables and in the foyer.**

**The Christmas Liturgical Roster is in the foyer for
parishioners who would like participate in the
liturgies.**

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.

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.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

This plan, required under the Archdiocesan Health and Safety Policy, is on display next to the Holy Water fonts, in the foyer and in the Parish Centre. Please familiarise yourself with the plan and exit doors closest to where you sit in the church.

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This appeal will be held as a leaving collection at all Masses on the 16/17 December.
The proceeds of the appeal will be distributed by the Archbishop.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Advent and Christmas are upon us and the Parish has been planning and preparing for these special seasons for some weeks.

'O Antiphon' - 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. Booklets are available on the exit tables if you would like to read more about the "O" Antiphons.

'Advent Wreath': A second booklet 'Advent Wreath' has the readings for each week for the lighting of the Advent wreath candles. 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.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

End of year for School of Religion classes

School of Religion has had another successful year, thanks to the wonderful Catechists who so generously give their time and talents to our Parish children. A very big thank you to Marie and Maryanne Falk, Belle Joseph, Terry Johnson and Anna and Keith Linard for all their efforts in 2017. Thank you also to those 'behind the scenes' who support our classes, including Jim Smith, Jacque Cortese and Michael Fitzgerald.

Classes for our Parish children in Yrs 1 to 6 will resume on Sunday 11 February. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any enquiries.



GOLDEN JUBILEE

Congratulations Sr. Kate on your Golden Jubilee!
Celebrating fifty years as a Sister of Mercy on November 30th.
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!



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, Alexia Harris, Joe Schimizzi, Mary Harrigan, Rosemary Denmead, Philip Bailey, Elizabeth Webster, Rosa Maria Santos, Beth Delos Santos, Barbara Wilson, Awny El-Ghitany, Elsie Loughton, Lynn & Richard Bale, Patricia Zorzi, Maria Martiniello, Mimma Giampietro, Fr Simon Falk, Charles Ryan, Ray Ramsay
Please remember our deceased:	Breda and Bob Foley, Steve Dospot, Bruce Valentine
In loving memory	

BAPTISM

Theodor Ross Heiko Kelly

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 24th 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 16th December and Saturday 23rd 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 16th and 23rd 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 next 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

WEEKS OF WATCHING

First Sunday of Advent.

Fr Benjamin Earl OP

asks if Christians are to be sleep-deprived this Advent.

I am given to understand that sleep deprivation is one of the records which is no longer supported by the Guinness Book of Records, for reasons of health: the previously listed world record holder lasted for eleven days without sleep, but suffered from problems with concentration, memory, paranoia and hallucinations. So I think we can probably be fairly sure that the command that we hear in today's gospel at the beginning of Advent, that we are to "watch", to "stay awake", lest we be found asleep, is not to be taken literally. Either that or critics of our faith are correct in suggesting that Christians can't think straight, refuse to accept historical fact, are paranoid and delusional. "Well, of course," you might say, "Our Lord tells us to 'watch', to 'be awake' in the context of a parable, and therefore spiritually rather than physically." And you would be right. But play along with me for a moment, and let us suppose he was in fact speaking about staying awake in a literal sense.

There are some innocent-looking words that our lectionary adds at the beginning of our gospel reading to put it into context: "Jesus said to his disciples." Which disciples? Well, if we look earlier in the chapter we find that it is in fact four disciples: Peter, James, John and Andrew, the first four of the apostles to be called. And the gospel reading divides the night into four parts in which the master of the house might come: the evening, midnight, cockcrow and the morning, just as the Romans divided the night into four watches. And who is to watch in the parable? Not all the servants of the master, who have their own work to be getting on with, and no doubt need their sleep, but the doorkeeper. It is not unreasonable then to suppose that it is these four apostles, as doorkeepers, holders of the keys to the kingdom, who take turns to watch through the four watches of the night. That, I think, puts a slightly different spin on things. Of course, the whole household has to be ready for the coming of the master, "each with his work", but in the first place it is the apostles who actually keep the four watches so that the house can be roused when the master comes. This apostolic ministry is extended to all of us by the fact Christ says at the end of the parable, "and what I say to you" - that is, to Peter, James, John and Andrew - "I say to all: Watch!" But we watch in the same way as those apostles: not just looking out for ourselves, depriving ourselves of sleep and making ourselves ill in the process, but looking out for each other and depending on each other. We watch for Christ in the watch assigned to us: watching for Christ in the poor, the sick, the hungry, the prisoner; watching too for the hope of the gospel. We watch for Christ not just as individuals, but as part of a community, his household, the Church. As we prepare for the liturgical coming of the master at Christmas, the Church gives us four Sundays of Advent, four watches you might say, when we look out for him: four different aspects of the Lord's coming that we look for. In the second, third and fourth watch we will see how it is that the Lord will come. Today, though, we are reminded not only what it is we do in Advent, but who it is who is coming: it is the Triune God, the God of Abraham, recognised by Isaiah both as our Father and our Redeemer, the God who formed us as a potter forms clay. We watch for the one who enriches us with speech and knowledge and the gifts of the Spirit as we wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So over these four weeks, let us watch with the Church for the Lord, and watch out for each other and those around us, that we may be better prepared to receive the Lord when he comes at Christmas, or indeed whenever he comes.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS / FRANKLY

Chosen Advent Reflection booklets are available in the foyer for parishioners who would like a book. The latest Frankly book is also available in the foyer.

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.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

The cost for a copy of the Catholic Weekly is \$2.00. If you wish to purchase a copy please put the money in the box marked 'Catholic Weekly'.

CATECHISTS FOR 2018

Our Parish is looking for Catechists for 2018 to assist our team currently teaching School of Religion classes on Sunday mornings. No prior experience is necessary, other than an interest in teaching Primary school-aged children about their Catholic faith. A commitment is required of approximately 2-hours each week during school term time. Classes begin 11 February 2018. Training and support is offered by the Archdiocese. Please contact Jacquie Cortese at the Parish Office if you'd like more 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!!!

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 seats 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 (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

10 December - 'ST CAECILIA'S CHOIR'S ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE will be held 10 December at 7.30pm at St John the Evangelist Chapel, Daley Road, ANU. The Carol Service will feature Renaissance polyphony and carols for choir and congregation. Free Admission. (Contact: mrhnry@gmail.com).

11 December - PART 2 of PSYCHOLOGY and SPIRITUALITY of RELATIONSHIP will take place on Mon day 11th December at 6.45 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish Centre Curtin. All welcome Entry FREE.

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. Venue: Catholic Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin St. Manuka (behind St Christopher's Cathedral). Fri 8th: 2pm-7pm; Sat 9th: 10am-5pm; Sun 10th: 9am-7pm. Contact: Keith Linard on 0412 376 317 or linard.keith@gmail.com

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE - Undertake a Pilgrimage of Hope with Fr Praveen Paul from 15 August 2018 to 1 September 2018. For further details please contact Corpus Christi Parish Office on 6291 6688 or tuggeranongsouth@cg.org.au

HUMOUR: An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anaesthesia, he asked to speak to his son. "Yes, Dad, what is it?" "Don't be nervous, son; do your best, and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife...."

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.

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 7 / 8 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. Mastrolembro

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