

# Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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## VERITAS



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**

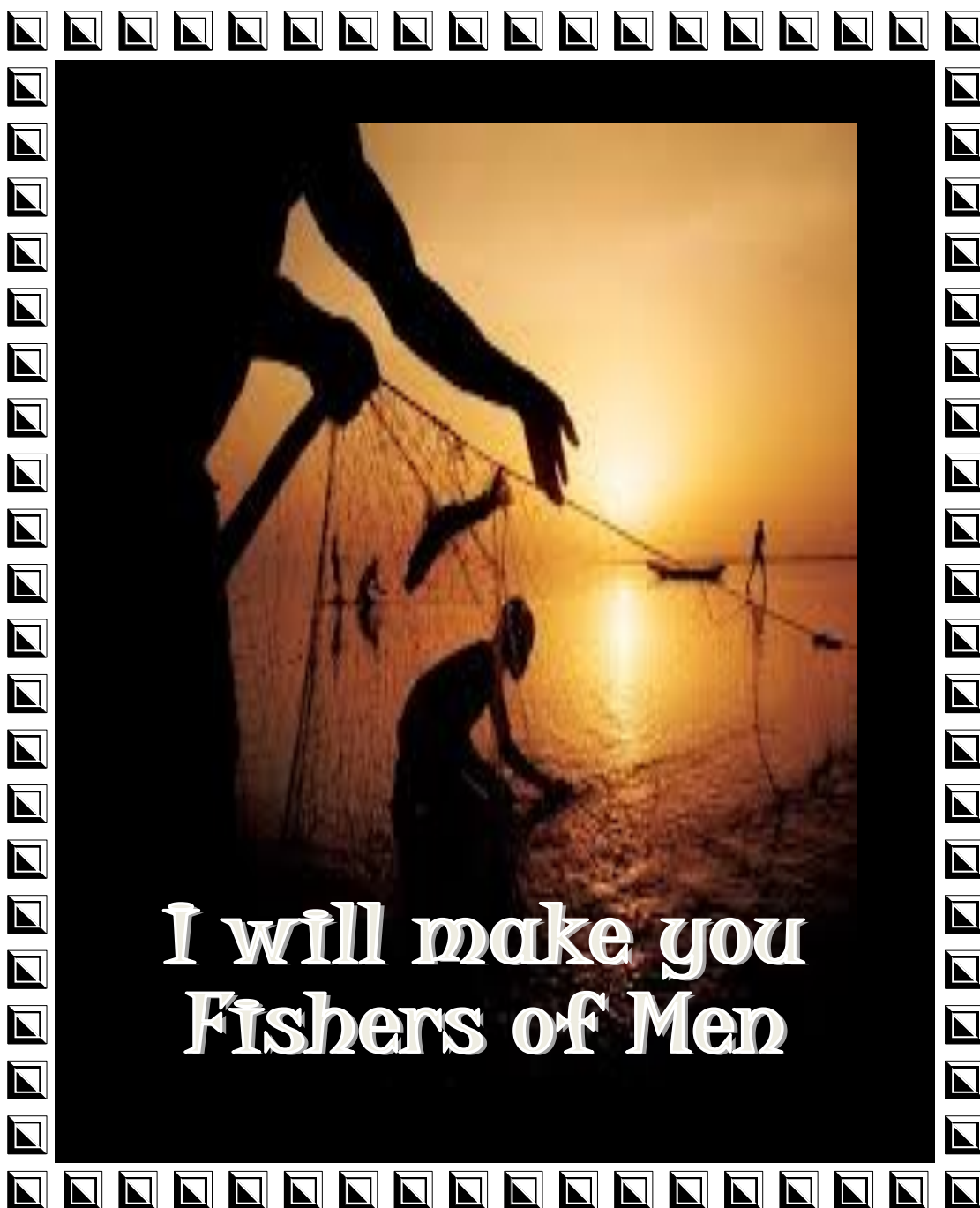
Wed & Fri before 5.30pm Mass  
Saturday after 9am Mass  
and First Saturday each month  
3.30pm

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm  
and 4pm—4.30pm

**If you are in Urgent need of  
a Priest Call - 6248 8253**

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

ENTRANCE	O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! Alleluia!
COMMUNION	I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.
READINGS	Jonah 3:1-5. 10    1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Gospel: Mark 1:14-20



**PRAYER**  
Grant, we pray,  
O Lord our God,  
that as the Cross shines  
in our southern skies,  
so may Christ bring light  
to our nation,  
to its peoples old and new,  
and by saving grace,  
transform our lives.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 24:4-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor.

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

## IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

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.



## PLANNING

It's said that if you fail to plan, you plan to fail! Another similar expression is that "a lack of planning on your part does not justify an emergency on my part." I suspect that last one might have been first uttered by an exasperated parent, contending with the demands of rearing children. The trouble with planning is that you can become so focussed on the what, where, why, when, and how behind your goals and objectives that you can lose sight of what else could present itself. When Jesus showed up on the shore of Galilee, I have no doubt that those two fishermen were preoccupied with their nets and the day's catch. And yet when He called, something in His voice compelled them to drop everything. They responded, the Gospel tells us, "immediately." As Christians, we have to be ready, willing, and able to respond to God's call upon our lives. This is what the picture describes as 'the adventure of discipleship.' Being open to that call allows us to be flexible and to respond with enthusiasm, joy and hope. And it shows that we are willing to be part of a plan bigger than anything we could ever imagine.

D. McGovern [news@cathnews.com](mailto:news@cathnews.com)

## WHEN JESUS CALLS, WE MUST RESPOND

"This week, Mark presented the call of the disciples, in the same way John presented the call last week. John saw evangelisation as a process of personal witness, personal invitation, and discipleship from friend to friend. Mark, however, placed the call to discipleship in the public arena; it was made directly by Jesus. John emphasised the role of the disciple recruiting others. Mark emphasised the relationship of Jesus to the disciple. "Mark began with the arrest of the Baptist to introduce Jesus to public ministry. Jesus picked up the Baptist's theme. The Kingdom of God is imminent. Repent. Unlike the Baptist, Jesus did not proclaim the advent of the Messiah. He preached belief in the Good News. Soon, the preaching of the gospel would eclipse the expectation for God's chosen One. [1:14-15] "The Good News demanded a response. It was more than a moral turnaround. It meant a new life situation, a new relationship with God. For Mark, Jesus was the embodiment of the Good News. His preaching, his call, established this new relationship with God. Notice Jesus called four men and all four responded immediately (Mark's transition word used in 1:18 and 1:20). Leaving their livelihood, they followed the preacher and presence of the Good News."

<http://www.word-sunday.com/Files/b/3-b/A-3-b.html>




In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:	Elizabeth Cronin, Mary Bui, Fr Ellis Clifford, Dion Convine, Edith Jensen, Philip Bailey, Patricia Zorzi, Maureen Blood, Charles Ryan, Barbara Wilson, Anne Corver, Awny El-Ghitany, Joebert Tabiola, Elsie Laughton, Beth Delos Santos, Rosa Maria Santos, Rosemary Denmead, Maria Martiniello, Elizabeth Webster, Alexia Harris, Mimma Giampietro, Joe Schimizzi, Zelma McManus Lynn & Richard Bale
Remember our deceased	Dorothy Walsh, Mary Harrigan, Fr Kevin Muldoon, Lorna Healy, Fernande Michel, Fr Peter Galvin OP
In Loving Memory	Maureen Dawes, Mary Johnson, Jack O'Brien, Rosaria & Pasquale Nipia

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS  
 FRIDAY 26th AT 9AM  
 THERE WILL BE NO 5.30PM MASS

BAPTISM

*Michael Gerard Joseph*  
 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.



TRUE TO GOD’S WORD

The First Reading poses a puzzle that has bedevilled philosophers and theologians. God commands Jonah to tell the people of Ninevah these words: *Forty days more and Ninevah shall be destroyed*. Now, the people of Ninevah believed that God’s words are true, and they repented. And God was pleased with them for believing his words and repenting. BUT—God’s words seem to be false. At any rate, forty days after Jonah’s telling the people God’s words, the city is still standing. And so here is the puzzle: could God say words that are false, and could God be pleased with the people of Ninevah for believing a falsehood?

Philosophers and theologians have had a lot to say about this puzzle. But here is a simple thought. God’s words are always true, and God is always true to his word. When God’s words call you, God puts your life at a cross-road. You can ignore him and continue stubbornly with your old life, as if God didn’t really matter, or didn’t really care what you did, or maybe didn’t really exist at all. Or you can open yourself to God. You can respond to him with a willingness to trust and obey. But if you do this, you will be leaving your old life behind for a new life that might well have been unimaginable to you beforehand. You won’t be who you were before. You will be a new person, in God and for him. The people of Ninevah respond to God’s call in this second way. They believe God’s words and will to be obedient to God, and that is why they repent their former ways. As a result they become very different from the people they had been. The whole city becomes a very different city from the one it had been. There are, then, two ways in which the Lord’s words to Ninevah can be true. Ninevah can be destroyed either because God demolishes the city or because the people cease to be the Ninevah that they were. Either way, the old Ninevah will no longer exist. Therefore, God’s words to Ninevah were true. When the people of Ninevah responded to God’s words with trust and obedience, they ceased to be what they were—and the old Ninevah was destroyed. God’s words are always true, and God is always true to his word.

Eleonore Stump

CHOSEN TO WITNESS

*Third Sunday of the Year.*  
*Fr Allan OP explains that the college of Apostles was chosen to pass on the truth of the Gospel.*

If you were interviewing prospective apostles what would you be looking for? Somebody who was loyal, honest, trustworthy? What about Peter in the courtyard of the High Priest’s house? Would you look for somebody who knew their own limitations and did not overestimate their own strengths or abilities? What about Peter at the Last Supper, or trying to walk on the storm-tossed waters of the Sea of Galilee? Would you look for a person who was not ambitious for their own advancement? What about James and John wanting to sit on either side of Jesus when he came into his kingdom? Would you look for people who were direct and straightforward and not devious in any way? James did not approach Jesus directly with his request for promotion, he got his mother to do it for him. The choice Jesus makes is not because of what the disciples are but of what they will become.

The twelve represent the twelve tribes of the new Israel. The old Israel had delegated just the priestly tribe of Aaron for the worship of God, the new people formed around the twelve is to be entirely priestly characterized by vocation and election, not by heredity. The twelve are the foundation stones of the new Church because they were eyewitnesses to the whole of Jesus’ life from his baptism by John to his ascension. Chosen by Christ they are a special set of witnesses set apart not so much by what they see as by the fact that they are chosen to see. What they see comes to them as a gift, they are chosen to pass on this gift, to be part of the process of tradition, the process that can only go on within the group of witnesses.

The work of preaching is not a solitary task. It is not a function or a job which somebody can do simply because they have a talent for it, after all, many of the apostles do not seem to have had a special gift for it. An apostle receives a commission that comes directly from Christ through his Church. It is a mission that is always exercised in relation to others. The word itself means one who is sent. You cannot send yourself.

The Twelve were to offer a sort of group witness. St Mark tells us that when Jesus called Simon, Andrew, James and John from their nets by the sea of Galilee he called them together. They were partners in a small fishing co-operative, or a little business. This group was transformed by hearing the word of Jesus into a new kind of community. They are now put into the enterprise of being fishers of men. They will catch people with the net of the Gospel and bring them to Christ. The little group of fishermen is to become a college of preachers and ministers. The fullness of his gospel is to be handed on through the life and ministry of this college. The gospel was to be communicated not simply through what each of them said individually, but through what all of them were collectively. The preaching of the apostles is not like a simple black and white forensic photograph. When a crime is committed special forensic officers come and take pictures of the scene. They try to show it as it actually was at a particular time. They kind of freeze frame it. The preaching of the Gospel is not like that. It is more like an Impressionist painting. The Impressionists were intent on seizing reality and presenting it in a living way. They wanted to capture the fleeting dynamic of light without freezing it. It is the same with preaching the Gospel. The apostles all have their own take, their own vision of the life and ministry of Jesus. They are not learning a lesson that is to be repeated in a deadpan way. They are giving testimony, showing how God was at work in Jesus and how he is still at work through Jesus. Each is giving this in his different way. Just as in an Impressionist painting the dots and points made by the painter’s brush capture the reality of what is being presented, so the twelve in their different testimonies show that Christ is alive and present with us now. They are not giving evidence as in a court of law about what did happen, they are testifying to what is happening now.

<http://english.op.org/torch>

# HOLY ROSARY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## 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](http://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

**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.

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](mailto:watson@cg.org.au)

## CARITAS KITCHEN

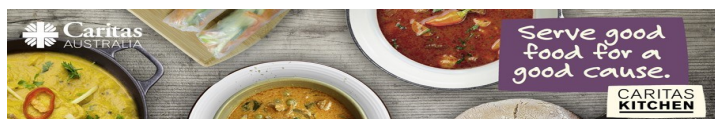
JOIN US to raise awareness and funds for Project Compassion With Special guest speaker: Michael Maguire, a former Australian professional rugby league football coach for the South Sydney, visited Caritas Programs in Zimbabwe in October 2017. Michael will share his experience with us.

**Shrove Tuesday 13 February** at 6pm

St. Christopher's Pastoral Centre 55 Franklin Street, Forrest

Register Online by 9 February

<http://my.caritasfundraising.org.au/LuluMitshabu2018>



# EVENTS

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Our St Vincent De Paul Congress is looking for new members. if you have time and are able to volunteer to this worthy group the next meetings will be on Monday the 22 January and 5 February. Please give some thought to joining these wonderful volunteers in the endeavours to help the disadvantaged.

### 9 - 11 February - SEEKING THE MIND OF CHRIST

Parishioners are invited to a living encounter and a life transforming experience with the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit .

**10 February - St Brigid's Church:** Dickson from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

**11 February - St Brigid's Church:** Dickson from 10.30am to 5.30pm.

Contact: Shan 0412 310364; Karen 0402 160401; Sean 0448 510237.

**17 - February - ST VALENTINE'S MASS** The Parish of St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah invites parishioners to celebrate the love, romance and joy of Christian Marriage with a **celebration Mass at 6pm.** . Mass will be followed by an informal meal at a local club. Please RSVP to if you would like to join us for dinner to Elizabeth (6231 9219) or Trish (6231 8468)

### 17 & 24 - February - EVENINGS FOR THE ENGAGED

Evening for the Engaged, marriage preparation program, will be held over two consecutive Saturdays. Enquiries Mark & Kathy Haseler, 6166 7634

### 20 - February - ALPHA COURSE

The Disciples of Jesus Community are running an Alpha course commencing on the 20th of February. It will be offered each Tuesday evening over eight weeks with dinner included. Everyone is welcome! Please contact Fiona Smith on 0411 144 208 for more information.

### 27 - February - CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

"Classical music the world over" is the motto of the Chamber Philharmonia Cologne who wish to inspire as many people as possible across all generations to enjoy classical music. On the 27 February at 8.00pm they will be performing at St Christopher's Cathedral. The Chamber was founded in Cologne but is at home all over the world. [www.ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au)

### 22 - March - CONCERNED CATHOLICS OF CANBERRA

Parishioners, clergy, and friends are invited to the 3<sup>rd</sup> public forum of Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn. Francis Sullivan, CEO, Truth Justice and Healing Council, will provide an analysis of the Royal Commission's final report.

Contact: Rog Page [concerned.catholics.cnagbn@gmail.com](mailto:concerned.catholics.cnagbn@gmail.com)

*Be kind, for everyone you meet  
is fighting a battle you know nothing about.*

### ROSTERS 27 / 28 January 2018

#### Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. De Riva O'Phelan
Presentation of Gifts	Tran Family	
EMOE	J. Maclean	

#### Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	M. Gabbitas	T. Klekner
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	E. M. Falk	

#### Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	R. Ciaccia	I. Ciaccia
Presentation of Gifts	Ciaccia Family	
EMOE	B. Affas	S. Tanzer

#### Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

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