

Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,
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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

First Sunday of Lent



The Temptation of Jesus

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

ENTRANCE	When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!	
COMMUNION	The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.	
READINGS	Genesis 9:8-15	1 Peter 3:18-22 Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 24:4-9

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

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.

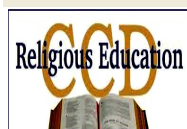
The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

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.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION



The Parish School of Religion has recommenced. New students are always welcome. This year-long faith education program is intended for children who do not attend Catholic schools. Catechists are still needed to help with the classes. For more information or to become a catechist/helper please call the office.

PENITENTIAL SEASON

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptized. Other celebrations in Lent must take account of the spirit of penance.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

People are encouraged "to give up something" for Lent as a sacrifice.

During Lent **penance** should be not only inward and individual, but also outward and social.



OPEN TO NEW LIFE

The story of Noah is the story of a society gone wrong. The flood was a collective event, a response to the collective evil of the time. Collective also was the covenant made by God with the survivors of the flood, and collective was the redemption by Christ, a just man for the sake of the unjust. The challenge to reform our lives and change our lives expresses a call to change ourselves individually and to change ourselves as a society. The good news spoken of in the Gospel is the announcement of the kingdom, a world where God rules. Jesus's victory over Satan represents a victory over the powers of evil, those forces that cause us to sin. The evil we struggle against in Lent is personal as well as social. Profound and rapid changes make it particularly urgent that no one, ignoring the trend of events or drugged by laziness, content himself with a merely individualistic morality. It grows increasingly true that the obligations of justice and love are fulfilled only if each person, contributing to the common good, according to their own abilities and the needs of others, also promotes and assists the public and private institutions dedicated to bettering the conditions of human life.

Gerald Darring <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

LENT

With the arrival of Lent people think of giving up little indulgences. It might be better if we thought of taking up new commitments.

Perhaps we have become altogether too materialist; our spiritual life needs refreshing – the need of prayer. Perhaps we have become too selfish – the need of helping others, by a real concern or by making contributions to the needy. Lent is not to be a negative time. It may involve fasting or giving things up as a means of ridding ourselves of arrogance. But the end is the discovery of the pure joy of love.

Columba Ryan O.P

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Vinnies Door Knock Appeal for 2018 will be held at the Canberra Show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 23rd 24th & 25th February. Volunteers are needed at the show. If you can find 2 hours or so to help it would be gratefully appreciated. Please leave you name with Anne O'Neill on 6241 1016 or Ron Kirk 4447 4938 and we will roster you if we can for your preferred time.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

- ♦ Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- ♦ Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- ♦ Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- ♦ Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- ♦ Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- ♦ Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- ♦ Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- ♦ Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- ♦ Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- ♦ Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- ♦ Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Pope Francis.

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, Ken Rolls, Barbara Wilson, Anne Corver, Awny El-Ghitany, Joebert Tabiola, Elsie Laughton, Beth Delos Santos, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Martiniello, Elizabeth Webster, Mimma Giampietro, Alexia Harris, Joe Schimizzi, Zelma McManus, Lynn & Richard Bale

Remember our deceased

Rosemary Denmead, Patricia Cherry, Edgar Villalon, Noel Afable, Hermann Ficken

In Loving Memory

Kevin Nolan

PROJECT COMPASSION



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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT **FOR A JUST FUTURE** 18TH FEB 2018

Janaki, a young businesswoman from Nepal, has turned her life around. Growing up in extreme poverty and forced into a marriage at the age of twelve, she faced many challenges. Her husband died just two years into their marriage. In 2015, Janaki joined a youth club formed by Caritas Australia's partners, Caritas Nepal and the Ekata Foundation Surkhet, learning how to sew. She took a loan from the youth club to purchase her first sewing machine. Two years on, Janaki has 11 sewing machines and is running her own business teaching others. She is a role model in her community. "Through my heart I felt that I need to be the leader and serve the community." Janaki Parishioners can take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia during Lent. This year the theme is "A Just Future" and celebrates the Year of Youth.

As Pope Francis said, "Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation." Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Congratulations to Terry and Janice Stephens married at St Patrick's Church Michelago on 15th March 1958, celebrating sixty years of Holy Matrimony. Sincere congratulations to Terry and Janice on the celebration of your Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Thank You for your example of commitment to God, to each other, and to our Parish community. God's blessings.

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

First Sunday of Lent

Except fr Brendan Slevin OP suggests that we allow the Spirit to drive us out into the wilderness.

In today's world we are all too often forced to focus on the conflicts between peoples and nations and yet the source of all conflict, that conflict taking place in our own life is all too readily ignored or explained away. In Lent we put ourselves to the test, we put ourselves in temptations way. We take a hard look at how we live, we seek out those things that have taken possession of our lives and then we drive them out. We purge ourselves of those things which interfere with our freedom in following Christ in order to be possessed fully by him. I must be clear here, I am not saying that we lose our free will by being possessed by the Spirit but as in the case of two lovers we share in the same bond one to the other; a bond that does not restrict but expands our life. The infinite all-powerful Creator united to his creation in a bond of undying love.

There is always the danger, of course, that we turn our own distorted will into God's so for forty days each year we enter into our wilderness, our Lent, to do battle with our own demons only then can we begin to see if we are more like the ministering angels than like the beasts.

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

YEAR OF YOUTH

You might be aware that the Australian Bishops have dedicated 2018 as the "Year of Youth". As we Catechists minister to youth, and in conjunction with our Youth Office and Catholic Education, there will be 24 hours of Adoration happening in St Christopher's Cathedral. You and your friends are welcome to join in. Adoration will be held for 24 hours, starting with Mass at 7:30am on Wednesday, February 21 until the closing Mass at 7:30am on Thursday, February 22. If you are interested, please click the link below to add your name to a time spot: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexCiFnLEsE2BMzmm60Jl2RLRkykDmoT4uglaZACgK-QpTPeQ/viewform>

PREPARING FOR EASTER

Enhance your spiritual journey through Holy Week and Easter this year by singing. Join the choir for just seven one-hour practices, and sing your way through the liturgies of that crucial and climactic season of the Church year.

Practices Mondays, 7.30pm, in the church, starting Monday 12th February. No cost. No fees. Music provided. More information, ring 61617100, or just turn up.

NEW YEAR SPIRITUAL RESOLUTIONS?

A small Canberra Christian Life Community (CLC) group of women and men wish to extend an invitation to others to join them. The Christian Life Community is worldwide and its spirituality comes from St Ignatius, who believed that God is found in all things, including scripture, nature, each other and our own personal experiences. Ignatian spirituality is spirituality for everyday life and can be a pathway to deeper prayer and better decisions through discernment. The Canberra group meet once a fortnight, in the evening, for one and a half hours. If you would like to find out more please contact Marj (0401116800) or Gabi (0400996030).

SACRED CONCERT

A sacred concert with Irish singer David Parkes on Tuesday 27 Feb 5.30pm Parish Mass, 6pm Supper 6.30pm at St Benedict's Church Narrabundah. Plus testimonies John Cavavan, director of Divine Mercy Publications. Free Entry donation to cover costs. More information Parish Office 6295 7879

**Archdiocesan Celebration Chrism Mass
Monday 26 March @ 7.30pm St Christopher**

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

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

1-4 - March YMI EQUIPPING SCHOOL

The YMI Equipping School is an intensive formation school that equips & resources youth, young adults & ministry leaders for the mission of the Catholic Church. The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn invites all youth & young adults from parishes or ecclesial movements wanting to be formed for ministry and mission to attend. Contact Huw Warmenhoven (huw.warmenhoven@cg.org.au). Register at ymiequippingschool.eventbrite.com.au



EVENTS

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.

24 - February "Amicus"

A support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering at Ginseng Chinese Restaurant Hellenic Club Woden at 7.00pm for Dinner. Contact Paul: 0419 411 691

27 - February - CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

"Classical music the world over" is the motto of the Chamber Philharmonia Cologne - 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

22 - March - CONCERNED CATHOLICS OF CANBERRA

You are invited to the 3rd 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

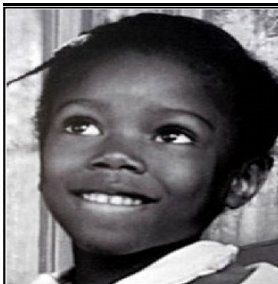
2018 Lenten Video Resource: GOOD NEWS IN TOUGH TIMES

Online: www.faithresources.org.au or call the Bookshop 6239 9888

Footsteps of Jesus 2018 Holy Land Pilgrimage

Join Fr Gabriel Ezenwa on 7 - 20 June 2018 for a 14 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Take the chronological road of Jesus' life from Bethlehem to Nazareth and Galilee to Jerusalem. Daily Mass. Optional Extension to Petra. If interested, call Harvest Journey today for bookings or for more info 1800 819 156. The price is \$6590.

Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club Hits 60! All Past Members, Family & Friends of BCBC are invited to the celebrations on Saturday 10th March: Mass at 10am at St William's Church, 67 Dawson Pde, Keppera, followed by a light lunch. See the link "The 60th Anniversary" on <http://www.bcbc.bwg.org.au>. RSVP by e-mail at bcbcbigevent@gmail.com or by phoning Greg on 3351 4092.



Don't follow the path. Go where there is no path and begin the trail. When you start a new trail equipped with courage, strength and conviction, the only thing that can stop you is you!

— Ruby Bridges —

ROSTERS 24 / 25 February 2018

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	R. Paul	
Readers	T. Dennis	J. Maclean
Presentation of Gifts	J. Anderson	
EMOE	A. Moore	K. Murphy

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

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

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	E. Northcote	J. Northcote
Presentation of Gifts	Rosary School Family	
EMOE	B. Affas	A. Northcote

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Cornelly	
Readers	J. Curnow	T. Malone
Presentation of Gifts	Malone Family	
EMOE	K. Sneddon	C. Mackay
Counters	I. Buckley	