

# 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

## Third Sunday of Lent



**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>	When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.
<b>READINGS</b>	Exodus 20:1-17    1 Corinthians 1:22-25 Gospel: John 2:13-25

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 18:8-11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> February. No cost. No fees. Music provided. More information, ring 61617100, or just turn up.

### HOLY WEEK / EASTER ROSTER

The Rosters are now in the foyer for parishioners who would like to volunteer for the Holy Week / Easter Liturgies. Special help is needed after Holy Thursday and on Holy Saturday morning.

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER CELEBRATIONS

The Timetable with Holy Week and Easter Celebration times is now available on the exit tables please pick up a copy to take home.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St Vincent De Paul will be holding a Leaving Collection for the Door Knock Appeal this weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated.



### CHRISM MASS

Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday at 7.30pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is at this Mass that the **Holy Oils** used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.



### PROJECT COMPASSION



Bayan is a 12 year old Syrian girl, living with her family in Jordan. An ambitious student, Bayan has her sights set on a career as an ophthalmologist. As a quiet, young refugee she struggled to overcome the trauma of growing up in a conflict zone and faced the prospect of missing out on schooling. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is an academic high-achiever who is flourishing in a stable school environment.

**Donating to Project Compassion will help bring stability to vulnerable youth, providing just futures for others like Bayan. A Just Future starts with your support!**

### CARITAS REFLECTION

We all cherish our freedom. In the shared religious history of both Jews and Christians, the story of the exodus is one of God's liberating presence, drawing the people of Israel out of slavery to freedom. It is in the middle of this desert journey that the story of the Ten Commandments is found. God speaks face to face with Moses. The Ten Commandments are as valid today as when they were first given on Mt Sinai. The Commandments continue to guide people of all the ages to live in right relationship with God and one another, to work for justice and peace.

In the second reading we get a glimpse of the community of the early church which is struggling to live in right relationships because they still carry the baggage of their former lives.

In the Gospel reading Jesus recognised that the commercial practices of buying and selling in the precinct of the holy place were a barrier to people living in right relationship with God and others. He passionately intervenes to stop what appears to have become common practice in the temple precinct.

Caritas Australia's Project Compassion story this week takes us to Jordan to meet 12 year old Bayan who with her family made the perilous journey from Syria. For Bayan the trauma of the conflict, and the disruption of her childhood, the Caritas Education Program in Jordan has been a source of encouragement. With this support Bayan looks with hope towards a future where she can finish her education and achieve her dreams. The Project Compassion theme is 'A Just Future'. For Bayan and many other children around the world, a just future starts with a safe place to learn. The major humanitarian crisis which continues to unfold in Syria highlights the inevitable chaos when we forget we are one human family. Programs such as these are an example of what a community like ours can contribute. By supporting and acting for justice and speaking out for the hundreds of thousands of children, women and men who have become displaced in Syria, we imitate Jesus taking action in the temple.



<b>In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:</b>	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
<b>Remember our deceased</b>	Hermann Ficken, Bill (Alberico) Gallo, Pino Parisi
<b>In Loving Memory</b>	Laurie O'Neill, Debbie Maher, Mildred Willey, Felix Dennis, Noel Falk

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The theme for International Women’s Day, 8 March, is “Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women’s lives”. This year, International Women’s Day comes on the heels of unprecedented global movement for women’s rights, equality and justice. Sexual harassment, violence and discrimination against women has captured headlines and public discourse, propelled by a rising determination for change. International Women’s Day 2018 is an opportunity to transform this momentum into action, to empower women in all settings, rural and urban, and celebrate the activists who are working relentlessly to claim women’s rights and realize their full potential. International Women’s Day also draws attention to the rights and activism of rural women, who make up over a quarter of the world population and the majority of the 43 per cent of women in the global agricultural labour force. They till the lands and plant seeds to feed nations, ensure food security for their communities and build climate resilience. Yet, on almost every measure of development, because of deep seated gender inequalities and discrimination, rural women fare worse than rural men or urban women. For more information and resources please visit: <https://unwomen.org.au/campaign/international-womens-day-2018/>

A MANY - LEVELED SIGN

The authorities who permitted the merchandising in the temple would have justified it as helping people worship properly in the temple. The money-changers changed money out of coins with the images of pagan gods into religiously neutral coinage. The cattle and sheep would have been unblemished, acceptable for sacrifice. The pigeon-sellers would have allowed poorer visitors an opportunity of participating in the sacrificial round of worship. This is all very well but why in the temple itself? Why not outside? Here I am going to be tendentious. It has been suggested that merchandising in the temple was a very recent innovation, operated by friends of the high priest to their (and probably his) financial advantage. The corruption of Caiaphas, the High Priest, was notorious. The merchants who had previously operated outside the temple in the city market-place were therefore marginalised. We don't know the local politics behind it all, but the High Priest and his friends were almost certainly better off. This may help to explain the 'softly softly' approach of the authorities to Jesus's dramatic prophetic cleansing of the temple. However, the cleansing of the temple is much more than correcting corrupt business practices. It is about allowing non-Jews to worship along with Jews. The psalms in particular express the great hope that the temple would be for all the peoples. This was one of the great expectations of the coming of the Messiah, the Saviour of God's people, so that all the peoples would worship the one true God. Symbolically Jesus cleanses the temple and allows Gentiles into their courtyard to worship. But at a deeper level it is Jesus who by his passion, death and resurrection allows Gentiles and Jews, men and women into the temple which is his own body so that all might be saved.

Fr Peter Harries OP

THE HOPE THAT DOES NOT SHAME

Third Sunday of Lent.  
Fr Euan Marley OP

*helps us to see the nature of Christian hope*

Every week in churches throughout the world, baskets of money will be carried up the aisle and presented to the priest who presides at mass. There are many variations in the way this is done but anyone who was completely ignorant of Christianity might think that money was pretty central to Christian worship, and I think in some churches it probably is. Yet in today's Gospel, Jesus overturns the money changers tables, and throws them out. Has something gone badly wrong with our liturgy? I don't think it has. There is a difference between the offertory procession and the actions of the money changers, but it a subtle one. In the early Church, it would be easier to see the difference since the offertory procession would mean bringing up bread and wine for the Eucharist made in the homes of the people, and food for the poor. It would also include money and here we should be clear. There are plenty of verses which clearly look on money with a baneful eye. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. (1Timothy 6:10 NRS) If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? (Luke 16:11 NRS). Judas betrays Jesus for money, I mean Judas in the bible, not Jesus Christ Superstar, or any of the works of fiction that try to convince us of the essential nobility of his betrayal. Still the fact that these works are uncomfortable with Judas having so banal a motive as a desire for money, shows that we all have an uneasiness about money.

Desiring money for its own sake is wrong for a reason which might sound wrong to Christian ears. Seeking money for its own sake is wrong because it is acting out of hope. To explain that I have to invoke a distinction made by St Thomas Aquinas between the passion, that is emotion, of hope and the virtue of hope. A virtue is for Thomas a quality which no one can use badly and hope is only the virtue of Hope, when it is based on God and God alone. This is why Hope is a theological virtue. It centres on God. This is the hope which St Paul is speaking about which does not cause shame. This word is sometimes translated as disappoint or confound, because St Paul is thinking of the language of the Old Testament where the enemies of Israel are shamed when they fail to destroy Israel.

Hope without God as its object is merely an emotion, and it is a very destructive emotion. It is this emotional hope which makes people preoccupied with money for its own sake, which makes them compulsive gamblers, which makes them always look for a new partner, who will bring them happiness. The keynote of this hope is to look not at what we have but what we don't have. Happiness is always around the corner, but there is always another corner. So Christ clears the temple of those who have lost sight even of the hope offered by the old covenant. They were in the temple of God and they were thinking of everything except God. In effect they weren't really in the temple.

Christian hope is found in trusting in what we have now. Christian hope lives in the moment, because the moment comes from God. So Christians take vows which seem to limit our options but in fact tie us to what God is asking and offering to us now. We are always in the right place, for the right reason, if we live in hope. Hope is the virtue which enables us to touch God in our lives. It is the wisdom of the Cross, and the cross is the fulfilment of hope. If even the moment when Christ died, the darkest of all moments was in accordance with divine wisdom, why should we doubt that every other moment can be in accordance with his wisdom?

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

The parish priest called in the other day. He said I should be thinking of the hereafter. I told him, "Oh I do, all the time. No matter where I am, in the bedroom, in the kitchen or in the laundry, I ask myself - now, where am I hereafter?"

# HOLY ROSARY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**SCHOOL OF RELIGION / CATECHISTS** - 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. Our Parish is looking for Catechists 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. Classes have now started. Please contact 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 the **third Thursday** of each month at 10.30 am. We look forward to seeing our usual friends, 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)

## 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.

**CATHOLIC VOICE MARCH EDITION:** In this issue, Catholic Voice catches up with Gowrie's Adeline Potter, who will become a Catholic at Easter. Other highlights include articles on Matthew Hutchison, the new headmaster of Marist College; and Joe Zavone, the new principal of St Edmund's College. The middle page feature article on Caroline Chisholm is sure to be of interest also.

# EVENTS

## 8 - March - "INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY"

A new initiative to support and encourage women of all ages will be launched at Merici College on International Women's Day, March 8. The national program was devised and is being developed by women, inspired by the words of St Catherine of Siena: "Be who God wants you to be and you will set the world on fire."

Find out more at: [www.catholicwomensmentoring.org.au](http://www.catholicwomensmentoring.org.au)

## 8 March - "Getting on the RightTrack to Building a Welcoming Community!"

Are you interested in hosting conversations in your community about the human impact of government policies on people seeking asylum? From 7.30 - 9.30pm at the Quakers Meeting Room (Cnr Bend and Condamine Streets, Turner) the *#RightTrack Community Conversation Project* will be explained and participants invited to facilitate or host community conversations.

The *Project* uses evidence-based materials developed by the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Melbourne to assist local refugee groups to run structured conversation with family, friends and people of influence in their communities.

For registration or enquiries [cath.blunt@hotmail.com](mailto:cath.blunt@hotmail.com) 0431 451622

## 11 - March "Amicus"

A support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering at River Bank of Queanbeyan at 12noon for lunch. Contact Patricia: 0412 351548.

## 16-18th March "ARISE: Sisterhood Catholic Women's Conference"

Do you want to go deeper in your relationship with Jesus, do you want to grow as a Catholic woman and develop friendships with other women of faith? Join women of all ages for a weekend of prayer.

Where: The Tops Conference Centre Stanwell Tops Sydney  
Keynote speakers include; Darlene Zschech, Laura Roland, Sr Mary Rachel OP, Jonathan and Karen Doyle, Jo Hayes, Justine Cumbo, Francine Pirola and more. To find out more <https://www.sisterhood.org.au/>

## 22 - March - CONCERNED CATHOLICS OF CANBERRA

You 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)

## 24 - March - LORETO ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Ex students from all Loreto Convents are warmly welcomed to the Alumni's annual regional lunch at Muse, Kingston preceded by Mass. Enquiries to Jenny Dobbin, 0439 619181

## 27 - March - DARAMALAN COLLEGE OPENING EVENING

Tuesday 27 March. Tours from 5.00-6.30pm. Optional information sessions for Year 7, 2019 at 4.45pm & 7.00pm. Year 11, 2019 Information Session at 6.00pm. Contact 62456348 for further information.

*The generosity of your time is the most valuable gift you can give.*

## ROSTERS 10 / 11 March 2018

### Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	K. Markcrow	D. Hinds
Presentation of Gifts	N. Higgins	
EMOE	C. Lewis	

### Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	K. Linnard	
Readers	B. Bandle	C. Bandle
Presentation of Gifts	Bandle Family	
EMOE	M. Falk	

### Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	A. O'Donnell	L. Fardell
Presentation of Gifts	Musolino Family	
EMOE	B. Affas	S. Tanzer

### Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Cornelly	
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	K. Kralikas
Presentation of Gifts	R. Walpole	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
Counters	C. Barn	G. Gleeson