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VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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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

ACU Chapel Signadou

Masses are now suspended
until February 2018

Palm Sunday



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	Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!	
COMMUNION	Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.	
READINGS	Isaiah 50:4-7	Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

PSALM: 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?

HOLY WEEK / EASTER ROSTER

Volunteers for the Holy Week / Easter Liturgies can
sign up on the rosters in the foyer.

Special help is needed after Holy Thursday and on
Holy Saturday morning.

The Timetable with Holy Week / Easter
Celebration times is available on the exit
tables please pick up a copy to take home.
2nd Rite Reconciliation at St Brigid's 7pm

CHRISM MASS

Join the Archbishop and the Clergy
of the Archdiocese Monday evening
at 7.30 in St Christopher's Cathe-
dral, for this most important Holy
Week ceremony. It is at this Mass
that the **Holy Oils** used in the vari-
ous Sacramental Rites of the Church
are blessed and consecrated.
Everyone is most welcome.

FAMILY MASS

**Welcome to our 10am Family
Mass. Please join us after Mass for
a sausage sizzle and refresh-
ments a chance to meet, greet
and catch up with Parishioners.**

ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

The 2018 One Million Rosaries for Unborn
Babies global prayer event is scheduled
for 4, 5 and 6 May. Persons participating
will pray at least one Rosary for the protec-
tion of unborn babies. For details go to:
www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/

MAKING PEACE POSSIBLE

An ancient tradition says that Jerusalem means City of Peace. Through the centu-
ries Jerusalem has been anything but a city of peace. It has been attacked, de-
stroyed, and plundered on numerous occasions. Today it is the eye of a storm that
is causing death and destruction.

Jesus rode into Jerusalem to become its messiah. He came not at the head of a
conquering army but riding on a donkey, the animal we refer to as an ass. He
came not to play God but to "empty himself and take the form of a slave." He
came to face rejection: "With that, all deserted him and fled." Mark's picture of
Jesus' rejection is bleak. There are no disciples around at the end, no relatives,
not even God: "Why have you forsaken me?"

What will it take for us to understand the meaning of the cross, how Jesus made
peace possible by his own suffering and dying? We keep thinking that we will bring
peace by killing others in war; Jesus showed us that we bring peace by dying for
others. That earthly peace which arises from love of neighbour symbolizes and
results from the peace of Christ who comes forth from God the Father. For by His
cross the incarnate Son, the Prince of Peace, reconciled all men with God. By thus
restoring the unity of all men in one people and one body, He slew hatred in His
own flesh. After being lifted on high by His resurrection, He poured the Spirit of
love into the hearts of men. For this reason, all Christians are urgently summoned
'to practice the truth in love' (Eph. 4:15) and to join with all true peacemakers in
pleading for peace and bringing it about.

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

WHY PALM BRANCHES?

In the ancient Middle East kings could enter a city in two ways. Horses were used
for war, so if the king rode on a horse, it usually meant trouble. If they came in
peace, they would ride a donkey, a humble act. Jesus was sending two clear mes-
sages to the people of Jerusalem. The first was that he is a king, the second mes-
sage is that his intentions were peaceful. The point was not lost on the religious
leaders.

Jesus came down the Mount of Olives into the Kidron valley, to the east of the
temple. It is a very steep descent. The road was a dirt path. The spring rains made
the passage slippery. The people hailing Jesus placed branches and clothing on
the road so that the footing was safe. John is the only gospel that mentions that
the branches were from palm trees. Matthew and Mark only refer to "branches".
Luke leaves out the branches entirely and simply says that the people put their
clothes on the road. In medieval Europe, people used willow and other branches
to celebrate this day, rather than palms which were rare. Some people braid three
or more strips of palm to make crosses or crowns of thorns. Next year we will burn
the palms to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Fr R. Lonsdale

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, Glenice Entwistle, Zelma McManus, Lynn & Richard Bale, Greg O'Neill
Our deceased	Nelson Belotti, John Love
In Loving Memory	Felipe Miragaya, John Collett, Violeta Tabiolo

FREEDOM TO LIVE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

Fr Benedict Jonak OP

ponders the questions raised by the Passion of Christ.

A busy shopping street in London, Berlin, New York or any other big city can show us how much freedom in fact we have. Chains of similar looking departments stores offer us a similar assortment of similar artefacts. 'Globalisation', some say, and tut. 'We are spoiled for choice' say others and they are content. Personal liberty or the possibility of making a choice against the popular opinion are among the most valued idols of our modern western society. We build our lives in the comfort zone of the relatively stable political systems of our countries and believe that we are free. It is only that nobody seems to question what kind of freedom it is that we have and whether it is freedom at all.

Today, for the first time in Holy Week, the Passion of Christ is read out during our liturgy. It touches us to the bone. It is impossible to shut our ears to the reading of the Passion, or to attempt to acquire a 'scientific distance' while Christ's death is proclaimed by the reader, because it always resonates with strong emotions echoed by an avalanche of personal questions. The Passion of Christ challenges my understanding of freedom. Have I really discovered what real freedom is about?

Am I able to choose God, the Goodness itself above other goods?

Am I able to choose God and stand and defend my choice or do I proclaim him king one day only to shout the following day that I want him crucified?

The Passion of Christ brutally forces me to examine my motivations. Why am I a follower of Christ? Just as the bronze serpent raised by Moses in the desert became an outrageous but salutary challenge for the image-hating Israelites, so the dead body of Christ raised on the cross constantly challenges my dormant disbelief that God's love for me is absolutely limitless. The only barrier that I can set up on its way is that I do not choose to accept it. Am I a free person if I cannot choose love?

What motivates me if, like Peter, I deny it? Is it the crowd, the fear of the crowd or the non-existent popular opinion to which I have conveniently delegated the judgment that can only be mine? Jesus willingly and freely chose a brutal and humiliating death so that I may live.

What a paradox! Can I not willingly and freely choose the good and loving God so that I may live? <http://english.op.org/torch>

VERITAS BUILDING GRAND REVEAL

Teachers, Parents and Friends of Rosary Students, past and present, and Parishioners are warmly invited to a 'Drinks and Canapes' evening on Friday 6 April to be held from 6pm – 7:30pm in the new ACU building. Please see notice in the foyer for further details, cost etc.

PROJECT COMPASSION

DITOSA, MOZAMBIQUE



PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR A JUST FUTURE

Ditosa, a young girl from Mozambique, went to live with her grandmother after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses. Featured in Project Compassion during 2013, Ditosa faced a challenging future with food scarcity, little education and few job prospects. Ditosa and her grandmother found support through the Caritas Australia supported Matuba Children's Centre. Ditosa has now graduated from school and hopes to go to university and secure an even brighter future to become a police officer. She loved school and is ambitious for the future. Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help young women like Ditosa have a just future.

Please return your Project Compassion box or share pack envelopes. Place the Box in the Sacristy and the Share pack envelopes on the second collection plate.

CARITAS REFLECTION

Many of us over the years have seen film and television productions of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We could be tempted to see Palm Sunday as a historical re-enactment of the tragic events in Christ's life. Unlike those who witnessed this procession through Jerusalem 2000 years ago, we celebrate this day in the light of the resurrection. We know that sadness and death have given way to new life and that Christ has triumphed over death, so we too live in hope.

As hope-filled people, we appreciate the significance of our prayer, fasting and almsgiving as they intensify during this week- the only week in our Christian calendar the Church calls "holy". These Lenten acts draw us back to God and each other.

Through the liturgies of Holy Week, we participate in the remembrance of Jesus' final days. We are mindful too of the many women, men and children around the world who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. These are the face of the suffering Christ in our time.

One such face is Psyche Mae who when featured in Project Compassion in 2008, was a teenager living with her family in a squatter settlement on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. Her family formed part of an extensive, urban poor community, where hundreds of thousands of people struggle to survive – and many are vulnerable to abuse and exploitation.

Fast forward to 2018 where Psyche Mae, her parents and siblings have managed to lift themselves out of poverty to a new life where they have built a better future. Psyche Mae herself is now a qualified social worker for the Philippines Government, helping informal settlers and people with disabilities. She is a hard worker, working full-time and studying after work at university, where she plans to continue to study for a Master's degree.

This story illustrates that renewal and the opportunity for new life can be the start of a just future, where people can become the architects of change in their lives.

IGITUR NOS CHAMBER CHOIR

Igitur Nos Chamber Choir and Orchestra will perform Bach's *Passion According to St John* on Good Friday, 30 March, at 3pm at St Paul's Anglican Church, Manuka. It will be sung in English. Exit by donation, no need to book, all welcome. More information: <https://www.facebook.com/igiturnos/>

**It's better to walk alone
than with a crowd going in the wrong direction.**

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. 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

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

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING FINISHES ON THE 31 MARCH.
An hours extra sleep on Easter Sunday morning.

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.

Donations to support the Tathra bushfire victims may be made via the Vinnies website: www.vinnies.org.au/donate and select ACT from the down menu, or at any Vinnies store.

EVENTS

MERICI COLLEGE

Wednesday 9 May - 2.00pm-4.00pm and 5.30pm-7.30pm (includes Year 7 2019 Information Session)
Year 11 Information Night - Thursday 17 May - 5.00pm-6.30pm
Careers Expo from 2.30pm
Be a Merici Girl for a Day - Experience a typical day at Merici College
Wednesday 2 May - Friday 4 May
School Tour and Principal's Address Saturday 5 May 9.30am
Visit www.merici.college for all enrolment enquiries and online registrations for Be a Merici Girl.

ST CLARE'S: Tuesday 1 or Tuesday 8 May - We invite prospective Year 7 students to St Clare's College. Please register on our website.
Open Evening: Wednesday 2 May - Our Open Evening will run from 4.00pm to 7.00pm with an information session to be held in the College Hall from 6.00pm-6.30pm.
Year 11 Information Evening: Thursday 10 May - Courses and leadership opportunities for senior students at our Information Evening from 6.00pm - 7.30pm at the College.
School Tours: Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 16 May - School Tours with the Principal are available by appointment at 9.00am or 4.00pm. Please contact the College to register for a tour.
Contact details: P: 02 6260 9400 E: the.principal@stcc.act.edu.au
A: 1 McMillan Crescent, Griffith ACT 2603 www.stcc.act.edu.au

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 2018 National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. **Commence in Melbourne 23 October, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3 November. COST EX CAN-BERRA:** \$3,375.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** \$700.00 For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.

HOLY WEEK ROSTER

Thursday 7.30 pm

Acolyte	Helen Beasley	Quynh Vu
Readers	Ken McCluskey	Volunteer
Oil of Sick	Jocelyn Collett	
Oil of Catechumens	Volunteer	
Oil of Chrism	Caitlin Beasley	
Offertory Procession	Marie Falk	
Eucharistic Minister	Maryanne Falk	
Washing of Hands	List in Sacristy	

Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10.00 am

Acolyte	Volunteer	
Reader	Wendy Wade	Justine Curnow

Good Friday The Passion of the Lord

Acolyte	Volunteer	Volunteer
Readers	Ken McCluskey	Jane Schwinghamer
Jesus	Priest	
Narrator	Nancy Clarke	
Others	Michael Fitzgerald	

General Intercession		
Eucharistic Ministers	Elizabeth Musolino	Mimi Mastrolemba
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Moore	Kay Murphy

Saturday 7.30pm

Acolyte	Volunteer	Volunteer
Readers	Cath Barbaro	Ken McCluskey
Reader	Volunteer	
Epistle & Prayers FF	Volunteer	
Presentation of Gifts	Jocelyn Collett	
Eucharistic Minister	Carmel Lewis	

Easter Sunday 8.00 am

Acolyte	Volunteer	
Readers	Elizabeth Smith	Maryanne Falk
Presentation of Gifts	Marie Falk	
Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer	

Easter Sunday 10.00 am

Acolyte	Richard Tanzer	
Readers	Michael Fitzgerald	Vicky van der Sanden
Presentation of Gifts	Jocelyn Collett	
Eucharistic Minister	Elizabeth Musolino	Mimi Mastrolemba