

Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

Issue 24
22nd April 2018
Year B

Under the care of the Dominican Fathers



VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

Parish Priest
Fr Kieran Adams OP

Assistant Priests
Fr Rafael Cabezon OP
Fr Bernie Maxwell OP

Holy Rosary Church
Cnr Phillip Avenue &
Antill Street, Watson ACT

Postal Address
PO Box 900, Dickson
Ph. 6248 5925 Ph.6248 5085
Fax 6248 7564

Email: watson@cg.org.au
www.cg.org.au/watson

Office Staff
Jacquie Cortese
Jim Smith

Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday
9.00am—12.30pm

Parish Council
Andrew Blakey

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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	The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.
READINGS	Acts 4:8-12 1 John 3:1-2 Gospel: John 10:11-18

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Today we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world.



PSALM: 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

The stone rejected by the builders
has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end.

The stone rejected by the builders
has become the corner stone.

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN

If your children are taking a Children's Bulletin to colour-in please ensure that all the pencils are returned to the basket from which they were taken.

THE CORNERSTONE

Peter calls Jesus the "Cornerstone" of our faith. We usually think of them as being part of the dedication of a building. Today we pour concrete to lay foundations, so a cornerstone has lost its original meaning. Concrete is a liquid when poured, so it easily comes to a level, shaping itself to the contours of the ground. In ancient times, however, the cornerstone was very necessary. It kept all of the other stones in a straight line so that the walls wouldn't collapse. If one row of stones or bricks were off by just a fraction of an inch, the whole structure would be unsafe. Since the church is built on Christ, we can be sure that it will last. www.4catholiceducators.com/lonsdale

DOCTOR WITHOUT BORDERS

The international aid organization Doctors Without Borders has 27000 medical personnel in 60 countries, and they bring essential medicines and medical care to very many people who otherwise would go without. The medical science they use comes from the Western industrialized countries. But no one supposes that there is something exclusivist or arrogant or intolerant about Doctors Without Borders for bringing this medical care from the West to the poor and sick in developing countries. On the contrary, in 1999 Doctors Without Borders won the Nobel Peace Prize for its work with the world's needy. All these differing folds together make up the one truly world-wide flock of the Lord.

There is an objective truth about what will heal people, and the fact that modern medicine comes from the industrialized West doesn't alter this truth. Western medicine is prized around the world because it has a power to heal that nothing else does.

What Peter says about Christ in the First Reading is a little like this. There is a sickness of the spirit as well as of the body, and it can lead to death too, a death of the spirit rather than the body. There is healing for this spiritual sickness. But, Peter says, it comes only from Christ. Christ has a power to heal that nothing else does.

That is a lesson that the First Reading teaches. To some people, this lesson is worrisome, or worth rejecting. They think it is disrespectful to other cultures and religions.

But notice what Christ adds to this lesson in the Gospel. He has more than one fold of sheep, he says. In their varying countries, cultures, and ethnicities, all those who hear his voice and are glad of it form the different folds of sheep for whom Christ is the good Shepherd. All these differing folds together make up the one truly world-wide flock of the Lord.

And so there is one objective truth about what heals, whether the healing is medical or spiritual; and there is only one source for this healing. But, unlike modern medicine, the healing of Christ is not another monopoly of the Western industrialized nations. Whatever his social or ethnic group, whatever the way in which Christ's voice comes to him and moves him, each person whose heart is stirred by the voice of the Lord is included in Christ's one flock. The ultimate doctor without borders is Christ.

Eleonore Stump <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

'I know my own, and my own know me' (John 10:14): these own (whose reciprocal knowledge of him and intimacy he equates with that of his Father and himself) are his disciples. The culmination of his life opens in 13:1: "Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end." 'And so in token of the love for them their Shepherd washes their feet; he relates his last discourse; and the lifting up to crucifixion becomes his accepted destiny. 'The Shepherd has the yet higher dignity of being the Lamb of God – indeed, his being the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, confirms him as Shepherd of us all. We members of his flock are all called on to wash one another's feet, that is, to serve the 'neighbours' God provides. 'So we his sheep, the people of God, his flock, his fold, subordinately exercise the role of shepherds. We too must live in humble service; and daily lay down our lives for one another, in union with the Lord who laid down his life in the passage towards glorious life for him and for us.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Theodore Taylor OP

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, Ken Rolls, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, 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, Greg O'Neill Ivan Habus
Our deceased	Fr Joe Wilson OP, Nelson Belotti, John Love, Norma Avery, Beatriz Carrearas, Charles Ryan, Lillian Briggs, Glenice Entwistle, Rosita Dignadice
In Loving Memory	Maria Barbaro, John Thompson, Maria Nhi, Anna Thu, Peter Que, Matta Tit

KNOWING THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

Fr Dermot Morrin OP

reflects on the unpacking of the gift of baptism as we strive to know the Good Shepherd's voice.

The voice of the Shepherd is at the heart of the Church. On this Sunday the whole Church prays that men and women will be receptive to his voice. We pray that those whom he calls to religious life and the priesthood will be able to respond to that call. This reality, which is played out deep in the heart, is hugely important for the life of Church. But we must not forget that the voice of the Shepherd speaks to each and every baptized person, calling each of us to live a life that look towards God. Moreover, we are called to enable each other in finding our particular path and sticking to it. No two people will follow the exact same path and yet all the paths along which he leads will open to green pastures, for this is why he came. "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." There are no dead ends, if they are listening to his voice and following him.

Many years ago, I heard a preacher say that the Lord is a poor fighter in a crowd. I have never forgotten those words. To know his voice then is crucial for us because we live in a world where there are too many voices. Jesus says that the sheep know his voice. It is worth pondering what it is to know his voice. The word Jesus uses has its root in the act of seeing or beholding. The Gospel of John is full of people who claim to know a great many things but who do not know Jesus. This verb Jesus uses here occurs no less than 71 times in the John's Gospel. Interestingly, it is used 8 times in the passage just before this one. It is the account of the man who was born blind and whose eyes were opened by Jesus. In that account the disciples seek to know why he was born blind, the Pharisees seek to know how he was cured, the man's parents claim not to know, and then the Pharisees claim to know a lot about Jesus. At the centre of it all is the man who only knows what he has experienced. He is pushed around and eventually cast out by the Pharisees, only to be found again by Jesus. Just before Jesus begins to speak the words of today's gospel passage, he pronounces the Pharisees to be blind and it is the man who was born blind and who did not claim to know anything, who comes to know the voice of the Shepherd. The blindness of the Pharisees to Jesus is built out of their claims to knowledge. When Jesus says he is the door of the sheepfold, he means that it is he who brings us into his flock, but more than this, it is also he who shepherds us. In the world from which the gospels come, the sheep depended on the shepherd for water, pasture, and for safety from wolves, thieves, and brigands. The sheep had to trust the shepherd and nobody else. It is in this intimate relationship of trust, that a pattern of call and response grows and deepens. They know his voice. He knows each of them by name. He is their door or the gate. He is their way in. It seems to me that we often underestimate what he is doing in us when we enter through his door in baptism. The late Geoffrey Preston O.P. wrote of baptism, "It is a beginning in fullness," and that "We never get beyond our baptism". Alluding to the advice of Peter in the first reading "Repent and be baptized", he notes that while this fullness unfolds throughout our lives, at the same time our lives as the baptized, should involve a stripping away of all pretence, a letting go of the things we claim to know, a giving of self to him in trust. It is the kind of trust the sheep has when it follows the Shepherd's voice. Geoffrey Preston O.P. was, I am told, a big character in many ways, not least, physically. And so perhaps with a certain degree of humour he could say that when in baptism, we put on Christ, it is like putting on weight! Although many of us do not remember our baptism, in it our centre of gravity shifted to Christ and one way of understanding our lives is to see the unpacking of what we were then given. In these weeks of Eastertide, let us pray that the baptismal vows, which we renewed at Easter, may come alive in us. May our attentiveness to the voice of the shepherd grow, opening our hearts to the fullness of which we have received, so that we may be found by him, not gone astray, but where he wants us to be.

WHO CARES?

The image of the good shepherd is the image of a person who cares. He is not like the other, "who has no concern." He takes the time to get to know others, and he cares so much that he will even give his life for others.

We belong to a church populated by caring individuals who give their lives for others: priests and nuns martyred in El Salvador; missionaries struggling in the remotest parts of the world; peace activists challenging the consciences of nations; sisters caring lovingly for the sick and dying.

What would happen if all of us cared, really cared, about our brothers and sisters who are hungry, homeless, helpless, mistreated, victimized, suffering, unemployed, impoverished, threatened, rejected? What would happen if all of us became good shepherds and cared? Wouldn't the consequences be monumental if everyone in the Christian community became a good shepherd?

No one is permitted to disregard the plight of his brothers living in dire poverty, enmeshed in ignorance and tormented by insecurity. [Gerald Darring](http://liturgy.slu.edu/)

No one may claim the name Christian and be comfortable in the face of the hunger, homelessness, insecurity, and injustice found in this country and the world.

[Pope Paul VI, *Populorum Progressio*, 1967:74](http://www.papalprogress.com/)

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

When Jesus calls himself "The good shepherd" he is using an example that would have been very familiar to his listeners. Sheep are voracious eaters. They consume large amounts of grass and eat right down to the roots. Because of this they must range freely over a wide area.

Shepherds had to be outdoors in all conditions for long periods of time. They literally had to surrender a large part of their lives for the sheep in their care. Shepherds had to keep an eye out for predators, while herding the sheep away from dangerous areas. Jesus offers the same kind of dedicated love. He gives his life for each of the members of his flock.

[Fr R. Lonsdale](http://www.4catholiceducators.com/lonsdale)

TATHRA BUSHFIRE APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society thanks the very generous parishioners of Holy Rosary Watson for their contributions to the recent Tathra Bushfire Appeal. Over \$4160 was collected at leaving collections and through individual donations and will make a big difference to the Tathra community.

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL OF RELIGION / CATECHISTS - 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.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY - Please note the cost of the Catholic Weekly is \$2.00. It is not a FREE publication.

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 protection of unborn babies. For details go to: www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/

HEART WOMEN'S CONFERENCE will be held 7th - 9th June at the Fairfield RSL. A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Full registration cost \$199.99. register at Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com or phone: 1300 734 880 for more information.

EVENTS

28 - April EVENINGS FOR THE ENGAGED

Evening for the engaged marriage preparation program, will be held over two consecutive Saturdays on 28th April and 5th May 2018. Bookings and Enquiries to Mark and Kathy Haseler, 6166 7634.

27-29 - April - "MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND"

A relationship enrichment opportunity for married couples at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW.

Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or via Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

9 - May - ST THOMAS MOORE FORUM - 7.30 - 9.00pm

Senator Patrick Dodson Shadow Assistant Minister Indigenous Affairs and Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders and Senator for Western Australia *Changing the National Agenda for First Nations and the Role People of Faith Can Play.*

13 May - PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

Pauline Fathers Monastery "Penrose Park" near Berrima

Sunday 13th May for Fatima Day Coach departs from St Joseph's Church, O'Connor 7.30am

For Bookings: Phone Judy & Joe Mewburn on 6254 6202

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

14 - October - "MARIAN PROCESSION"

Save the Date - This year will be a celebration of 100 years since the foundation of St Clement's Monastery. Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Ylana will be leading those gathered on this special day.

ROSTERS 28 / 29 March 2018

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	A. Blakey	M. Cox
Presentation of Gifts	Blakey Family	
EMOE	A. Moore	K. Murphy

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	J. Smith	E. Smith
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	M. Falk	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	J. Cooke	A. McCarthy
Presentation of Gifts	Musolino Family	
EMOE	H. Zobec	R. Marson

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

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