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VERITAS



Sixth Sunday of Easter

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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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

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

ENTRANCE	Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.
READINGS	Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48 1 John 4:7-10 Gospel: John 15:9-17

WELCOME FIRST COMMUNION COMMITMENT MASS



First Communion will be celebrated on 2 / 3 June. We welcome the First Communicants and their families to our Mass this weekend and we join with them as they commit themselves to their preparation program. Following 10.00am Mass there will be a 'Sausage Sizzle and Cuppa', everyone is welcome to 'meet and greet' so please stay on and join us in our gathering!

May we as a Parish continue to pray for these children.

PSALM: 97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy.

The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.

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.

WHY DO WE HAVE SACRAMENTS?

Relationships grow through communication. We communicate in many ways beyond words: smiles, handshakes, gestures of affection, gifts, cards, flowers. In our relationship with God, too, we use signs to express the mystery of God's loving presence. There are many ways we do this, but some community rituals have developed in our Church which we hold to be particularly sacred and which mark the various stages of a person's life as a member of the Church. We call these *sacraments*: signs or symbols that 'make present' within us the reality of God's love that is signified.

Sometimes the best thing you can do is not think, not wonder, not imagine, not obsess. Just breathe, and have faith that everything will work out for the best.

A FAITHFUL (FAULTY) MARRIAGE

Contrary to popular belief, marriage is not meant to make us happy; it's meant to make us holy. As a vocation, marriage is a pathway to holiness where each spouse accompanies the other through the joys and sorrows of life, helping them to grow in love and spiritual maturity. Difficulties in marriage are inevitable. There are times in every marriage where external forces will bring stress into the relationship. These are the high 'growth' periods; though often unpleasant, they are the times when we learn more about ourselves and God's love for us. The psychology of happiness tells us that happiness is an inside job. In other words, our level of happiness is set by our attitudes and expectations, not by external things such as the job we have, how much money we earn, whether we have the ideal spouse. When we rely on our spouse to provide our happiness, we not only burden them with an impossible task, we also deny ourselves the opportunity for spiritual growth.



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ASK IN MY NAME

In the Gospel Reading, Christ suggests a remedy for any problem we have. The Father will give you anything you ask for, he says, if you will just ask for it in Christ's name.

But what is it to ask for something in Christ's name? It can't be a matter of simply tacking the name of Christ on to any prayer. "I would like a Porsche, please, *in the name of Christ.*" Prayer isn't magic. It isn't a matter of using the right magical formulas in order to make God do what you want him to do.

Take him as Lord, and you have to recognize that, as Lord, he loves and cares for his own.

It helps here to consider the homely cases in which one person asks something in the name of another. A secretary can ask for the mail in her boss's name: "I'm just here to pick up the mail for my boss!" A child can ask a neighbour for a cup of sugar in his mother's name: "Mrs. Murphy, my mother wants to know if you could lend her a cup of sugar."

In these cases, the person asking can ask in the name of another because he somehow identifies himself as in relationship with that other: *my boss, my mother.* Something—a connection of shared work, a family relation—binds the two of them together.

To ask in Christ's name is like this, too. You ask in the name of Christ when you are in the kind of relation to him that lets you say "*my*" with respect to him. And what would bind the two of you together in this way? What should follow that "*my*"? It shouldn't be "*my servant,*" as the magician in effect says in his heart of hearts. No, not "*my servant,*" but "*my Lord.*"

Take him as Lord, and you have to recognize that, as Lord, he loves and cares for his own. He knows what to give to those who are *his* in answer to their prayers. So if you ask the Father for something in the name of Christ, then you are doing the opposite of what the magician does: you ask being prepared to accept what *your Lord* wants to give you. What you are given will be a good gift if it is in accord with his will, even if it isn't in accord with yours.

To ask the Father in Christ's name, then, is to trust Christ with your life as you ask.

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

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

Charles Ryan, Lillian Briggs, Olga Michel, Ican Habus, Glenice Entwistle, Rosita Dignadice'

In loving Memory

Tammy Marchesani

DEAR RELUCTANT MASS-GOERS: YOU ARE THE ONE YOUR PARISH IS WAITING FOR

O.K., in spite of dismal national trends, in spite of your family and friends leaving the church like rats jumping from a sinking ship, you want to remain Catholic. You have your reasons. Perhaps you are rock solid in your faith or perhaps it is more of a hunch, that Catholicism is where Jesus is calling you. Conviction or hunch, you suspect that being Catholic is going to involve going to Mass.

But here's the thing: When you go to Mass, you do not get anything out of it. You know no one, the preaching is boring, the music is worse, and whatever is happening on the altar does not make sense. And come to think of it, it has never made total sense to you. So now what? Discouraged, you could just forget the whole thing and get back to your life with Netflix, while your spiritual life withers away.

Or you could do something about it—something more than showing up twice a year and getting depressed all over again. You could make the local parish your parish. Imagine being part of a community of people who know and love you. Imagine a place to worship the living God together with your fellow man and woman. Sounds good, sounds ideal really, and it can be done.

The choice is yours: Will you be a consumer or an investor? Here are steps to try as you move toward investing in your local church. These steps will help you move from being a dissatisfied consumer to a living stone in the holy Catholic Church.

Pray every day. Sunday is just another day with God in your week, not the only day with God in your week. That one hour at Mass is your worship time, but most of your prayer you do on your own. The choice is yours: Will you be a consumer or an investor? And when you pray, try praying for the same amount of time that your priest preaches at Mass. Five minutes? Ten? Listening to God every day has to be at least as important as listening to a priest on Sunday. Pray for the local church, pray that the Holy Spirit fill it with light. Keep praying until it happens and then keep praying.

Commit. Pick a parish. First, go online and look around in your post code. Visit every parish in your area. Check out the different Mass times because you will find different communities, different atmosphere—pews packed with families at 10 a.m., a smattering of young adults at the 5 p.m. Pick the one that suits you and start showing up on a regular basis—you know, like every weekend. Show up. Commit to it. Even read the Sunday readings before Sunday. Sit close to the front in the middle of a pew. Say the responses, and sing the songs. You are what the local church is waiting for.

Be Bold. Introduce yourself to the priest and parishioners. Go ahead, you are an adult, you can do it.

Jack Bentz, S.J. Australian Catholics



CHOSEN TO BE FRIENDS

Sixth Sunday of Easter.

Fr Peter Harries OP reflects

upon the Christian calling to friendship.

Jesus was Jewish. Peter, John, the apostles, Mary and Joseph were all Jewish. As Christians we sometimes forget this. We have just kept the feast of St. Joseph. The main emphasis of the feast was on Joseph as a worker, but another traditional theme is how Jesus cared for his dying father Joseph. Joseph died as a good Jew. So why are we not Jewish? Why don't we habitually eat kosher food?

Luke writing the Acts of the Apostles tries to answer this question. He was writing for church communities which included Jewish converts but who were mainly Gentiles, non-Jews. The first disciples had all been Jews. How had things changed? Even more importantly, why had things changed? The simple answer is, the resurrection of Jesus.

Today's first reading from Acts introduces us to Cornelius, a Roman centurion, an eminent non-Jew. He had received a vision and, following this revelation, he sent for St. Peter. When Peter arrives Cornelius prostrates himself before Peter in a gesture of humility. Peter raises Cornelius up to his feet, they are both men, Peter himself is not salvation. Peter is the messenger of salvation, but he and Cornelius, though Cornelius's faith, become essentially equal as fellow believers. Cornelius and his household are to be baptized promptly, adults and babies. The Holy Spirit comes down upon this household. Jesus has laid down his life for Cornelius just as much as for Peter, or for you and me. Peter realizes that God does not have favourites. Cornelius and his household believe, and the Jewish believers who have accompanied Peter see and recognize the Holy Spirit poured out over this household. God gives the Holy Spirit to Jews and to non-Jews. Luke has told us the story of Cornelius after Peter has had a vision affirming that he may eat non-kosher animals. This vision continues to stimulate the debate within the church, recorded by Luke in Acts, not only as to the eating of kosher food, but much wider; how much of the Jewish law and traditions are to be followed by this new resurrection-believing community, the Christian community, by ourselves.

During the history of the church, some issues keep cropping up, money-lending (usury) and slavery for example. A great modern issue is protection of the environment, and we await Pope Francis' forthcoming encyclical on this issue. As Catholic Christians we acknowledge that the Holy Spirit has been at work in Christian women and men down through the centuries, people living and teaching the gospel in their lives, even if not always perfectly! Jesus in today's gospel passage tells us "What I command you, is to love one another". We, as members of the church, as disciples of Jesus, are chosen to be friends of Jesus, if we do what we are commanded by God. We are not to be called servants, because we know what God wants. But what does what God want us to do? To love one another!

So simple, but how do we live this out. But how are we as Christian people to love one another?

We must love each other in the church. There can be no room for distinctions of race or caste or gender. We must love our neighbour as ourselves. <http://english.op.org/torch>

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST?

For Catholics, the sacrament of the Eucharist, the sacred meal whereby we break bread and share the one cup, is the paramount sign of our unity with and in Christ. It has been described as the source and summit of the Church's life. When we receive the Eucharist we believe that we receive Jesus in an extraordinarily intimate way: we take him into our very beings in the form of food and drink. In doing so, we remember the way he died for us and rose again to lead us into eternal life. The Eucharist not only commemorates past events, it draws us into the mystery of Christ in the here and now and ultimately towards our eternal life with God.

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 .

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.

CANCER MORNING TEA

Our Parish will once again be holding a morning tea to raise money for Cancer Research on Thursday 24th May at 10.30am in the Parish Centre. Entry is by donation and all money raised will go to the ACT Cancer Council for Cancer Research. Everyone is welcome - men, women, young and old. Please come and support this parish function and have some fun.

EVENTS

8 - May - ST CLARE'S: We invite prospective Year 7 students to St Clare's College. Please register on our website.

9 - May - MERICI COLLEGE - 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

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.*

10 - May - CANBERRA WOMEN FOR THE WORLD LUNCHEON
This year's lunch will focus on the plight of refugees. Royal Canberra Golf Club (RCGC), Yarralumla. Cost: \$130 per person. Register online by 23 April. www.caritas.org.au/donate/online-fundraising/women-for-the-world Phone: 6201 9852 Em: Fiona.Wilkinson@caritas.org.au

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 at 7.30am.
For Bookings: Phone Judy & Joe Mewburn on 6254 6202

18-20 May - PILGRIM'S WALKING RETREAT – THE CARCOAR CAMINO
Come and enjoy a two day retreat commencing at 3.00pm following the way of the pilgrim walking the shalom labyrinth and around the beautiful Carcoar Valley. This retreat is about reconnecting with one's spirituality and God through the Pilgrim's Camino and the Christian labyrinth. Cost: \$190 (Includes all meals and accommodation).
Ph:63673058 Em: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com Online: <http://shalomcarcoar.com/events/>

21 - May "L'Arche Card Day"
Canberra Bowling Club Hobart Ave, Forrest ACT from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Cost \$25 (tea, coffee, lunch, wine or juice included). To book a table of four, please RSVP by 14 May. Contacts: Mary - 6258 1739 or Di 62412658

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.

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 Yllana will be leading those gathered on this special day.

ROSTERS 12 / 13 May 2018

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	T. Dennis	J. MacLean
Presentation of Gifts	J. Anderson	
EMOE	C. Lewis	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	N. McGahey	
Readers	B. Bandle	C. Bandle
Presentation of Gifts	Bandle Family	
EMOE	N. Clarke	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	A. O'Donnell	L. Fardell
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	E. Musolino	M. Mastrolembo

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	K. Kralikas
Presentation of Gifts	De Luca Family	
EMOE	J. Curnow	V. Van der Sanden
Counters	C. Barn	G. Gleeson I. Buckley