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VERITAS



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

Ascension of the Lord



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	Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.
READINGS	Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

PSALM: 46:2-3, 6-9

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

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.**

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.

MUM FACTS

- There's no way to be a perfect mother and a million ways to be a good one.
- A mother understands what a child does not say.
- Moms are like buttons — they hold everything together.
- Mothers don't sleep. They just worry with their eyes closed.
- Nothing is really lost until your mum can't find it.
- 'My mother taught me empathy — the basic concept of standing in somebody else's shoes and looking through their eyes. Barack Obama

WE ARE GOD'S DELIGHT!

'It takes time for the bleak picture of a God who punishes, and remembers sins, to be transformed into a God who delights in being one of us. "God is sheer joy," wrote St Thomas Aquinas, "and sheer joy demands company." This astonishing revelation brings huge challenges for those familiar only with a radically misunderstood theology of fall and redemption. Sin or no sin, it was always God's passionate desire to become just like us. We are God's delight!'

Fr Daniel O'Leary PP, Kingsley, UK



ASCENSION SUMMARY

Today we celebrate what appears to be a leave taking for Jesus has passed beyond our sight. Although it was a leave-taking the apostles returned to Jerusalem 'filled with joy' because he has passed beyond our sight not to abandon us but to be our hope. 'Jesus is no longer present with us as one we can meet in the ordinary superficial way in which we can meet one another. But before he went he said to his disciples: "I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will also. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I you."

'He is the head and we are his body. Now that he is no longer among us as a man we are still united with him since he is the body of which we are the members. We are in him, because we are the body of which he is the head; it is from him that we receive and are alive with a share in his risen life.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Austin Milne OP

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Good and Gentle God,
we pray in gratitude for our mothers
and for all the women who have
joined with you in the wonder of
bringing forth new life.

Grant to all mothers the courage
they need to face the uncertain
future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to
be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.

Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends
as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.

Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them
through the trials of motherhood.

Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help
when they need it most.

May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every
tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and
shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-
grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live
forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.
Amen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ~ FR RAFAEL

May your birthday be full of blessings and God's graces.
May you find happiness in everything you do.
Wishing you a happy birthday.



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
Our deceased	Kathleen Wilson (Myles), Charles Ryan, Lillian Brigg's, Olga Michel, Ivan Habus, Glenice Entwistle, Rosita Dignadice
In loving Memory	Edna O'Brien, Joseph Grzic, Mark Schwinghamer

ASK IN MY NAME

In the Gospel Reading, before his Ascension, Christ gives his disciples a last command: go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel. And he adds a list of things that will characterize those of his followers who obey this command: they will drive out demons, speak new languages, handle snakes safely, drink deadly things without harm, and heal the sick by the laying on of hands. Why *this* list? Isn't it supposed to be just *love* that characterizes Christ's followers? Like a good mother, Christ has already thought about all these things for his traveling people, and in his mercy he has made provision for them all. Well, I think of it this way. When one of my children was traveling to Bangladesh, I made a list of dos and don'ts for him. It was a list intended to help keep him safe. Finding housing with English speakers was on the list, so that there wouldn't be language problems. "Don't drink the water!" was definitely on the list, and so was "Stay away from people who are obviously sick!" The list finished with this prohibition: "Whatever you do, don't come into contact with the ground!" I know it sounds ridiculous; but hookworm is endemic in that part of the world, and you can get full of worms if you let a body part with an open wound come into contact with infected ground. You can see that what was on my list of things to worry about are on Christ's list of things not to worry about: language problems, deadly drinks, sicknesses, even snakes—well, hookworms, anyway (demons weren't on my list, but maybe they would have been if I could have thought of anything to say about them). So the things on Christ's list are the things that you (or your mother) might worry about if you were traveling in dangerous places. Since Christ is commanding his followers to head out to all the world, maybe it is only fair of him to tell those who obey him that they don't need to worry about any of these things. Like a good mother, Christ has already thought about all these things for his traveling people, and in his mercy he has made provision for them all. So here is one way to understand Christ's list of the things that characterize those who believe in Christ and obey him. Whatever roads the journey of their lives takes them on, the care of the Lord encompasses those who travel in his name.

[Eleonore Stump http://liturgy.slu.edu/](http://liturgy.slu.edu/)

ARE YOU WEAK ENOUGH TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

The feast of the Ascension to me marks the time when Jesus passes the mantle over to us as if to say – well get on with it! St Teresa of Avila's prayer puts it this way: 'Christ has no body but yours.' As we have listened to the outpourings of institutional failure – banks, Bishops and churches, utility companies and government agencies, one of the recurring words is weakness – be it of leadership or governance. Weakness evokes all manner of emotional response particularly if we are personally affected. We need to see others' failures through our own weaknesses. Only then can get on with journeying fully with the ascended Jesus in this very imperfect world.

DEPARTED, BUT STILL WITH US

The Ascension of the Lord.

Fr Austin Milner OP

preaches on the presence of the exalted Christ.

Today we celebrate what appears to be a leave taking for Jesus has passed beyond our sight. Yet we remember that he has said: "Behold I am with you always even to the consummation of the world". Although it was a leave-taking the apostles returned to Jerusalem 'filled with joy' because he has passed beyond our sight not to abandon us but to be our hope. Has Jesus gone away from us, or is he still present with us? Has he abandoned us or is with us always? Let us then consider the way in which he is absent and the way in which he is still present; the sense in which he is with us and the sense in which we are with him. First of all he is no longer present with us as one we can meet in the ordinary superficial way in which we can meet one another. There were many who associated with him while he walked this earth and never knew him, never really met him. Only through faith can one meet the Son of God. Many will say 'You preached in our village, you walked in our streets', but he will say to them, 'I tell you I do not know you.' Now that he is ascended into heaven we can no longer meet him in that superficial way, but he is very present to those who believe in him and love him.

Before he went he said to his disciples:

I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will also. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I you. (Jn 14:18,20)

He is the head and we are his body. A living body is not separated from its head, and in a sense we are already where our head is. The Son of God became a human being so that he might unite all human beings with himself. Now that he is no longer among us as a man we are still united with him since he is the body of which we are the members. We are in with him, because we are the body of which he is the head; it is from him that we receive and are alive with a share in his risen life. Jesus goes on to explain that this happens above all through love.

'They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.' Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, 'Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?' Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them' (John 14:21, 23). As we heard him say in the Gospel two weeks ago: Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing (John 15:4). I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you (John 14:16,18). He is not here to be touched with the hand or seen with the eyes. Only through the symbols of our sacramental celebrations, if we celebrate them in faith, can we in a sense make bodily contact with him because in the sacraments he comes to us through touch of water and oil, through the smell of chrism, through taste of bread and wine, which has become his body and blood.

In faith we can still hear him as he speaks to us when the scriptures are read in church. He often makes himself know in the depth of our hearts with secret whisperings. If Jesus is still with us then what power we have! We must believe in that power and use that power. You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

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

I was in darkness, but I took three steps and found myself in paradise. The first step was a good thought, the second, a good word; and the third, a good deed.

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 Jacque 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.

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.

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

EVENTS

Catholic Schools 2018 Enrolment Period For All Catholic Schools

The Catholic Schools Enrolment Period is from **Monday 7 May - Friday 25 May** (Weeks 2 - 4 inclusive, Term 2) for students commencing in 2019. If you know of anyone outside of our school community who has a child at a Pre-school or Early Learning Centre, please notify them of the opportunity to enrol at Rosary Primary School during the above period.

LEGION OF MARY RECRUITMENT & INFORMATION SESSION

Calling all men and women of faith and courage to undertake spiritual works of mercy, for example: home visitations, proclaiming the Good News, leading rosary recitations, circulating pilgrim statues of Our Lady, and other works for God under the banner of Our Lady. Come to the information Session: Saturday 26 May commencing at 2 pm, St Brigid Parish Hall, Queries to Marie Lazaro 0405 669022 or Robert Sharf 0438 436524.

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. Pilgrim's may do as much or as little as they want as they explore the designs, paths, patterns and one's life journey through meditative walking and contemplative prayer exercises. 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 -

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 more information.

SINGING GROUP—A small group of singers meet at the Ainslie Church of Christ Hall on Wednesday from 7-9 to sing old Shape Note hymns. There are no performances, rehearsals or costumes, no auditions or any expectation that you need a good voice to join. Although we are singing religious material, there is no expectation that anyone in the group has a particular religious conviction or does not. This is just about a community of people making a joyful noise. Details contact Carolyn on 0490833056

*Stay away from negative people.
They have a problem for every solution.*

ROSTERS 19 / 20 May 2018

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Presentation of Gifts	Tran Family	
EMOE	J. Maclean	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson
Presentation of Gifts	E. Falk	
EMOE	E. Smith	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer	
Readers	C. Rheinberger	H. Pham
Presentation of Gifts	Barbaro Family	
EMOE	A. Moore	K. Murphy

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer	
Readers	T. Ryan	V. Van der Sanden
Presentation of Gifts	Hall-O'Brien Family	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
Counters	T. Ryan	R. Walpole J. Smith