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VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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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

PENTECOST



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 love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!	
COMMUNION	They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.	
READINGS	Acts 2:1-11 Gospel: John	Galatians 5:16-25 15:26-27, 16:12-15

PSALM: 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34

Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

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.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question:

"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary

Council 2020 at the new website, now online:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

PARISH FINANCES



This weekend, members of the Parish Finance Council will be giving you an overview of how our Parish finances are going, and will be asking you to consider your level of financial support for the running of our parish. More information is available on the insert. If you have a bulletin with no insert extra copies are available on the table in the foyer.

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
from the clear celestial height
thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
come with treasures which endure
come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
thou, the soul's delightful guest,
dost refreshing peace bestow
thou in toil art comfort sweet
pleasant coolness in the heat
solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
visit thou these hearts of thine,
and our inmost being fill:
if thou take thy grace away,
nothing pure in man will stay
all his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds,
our strength renew
on our dryness pour thy dew
wash the stains of guilt away:
bend the stubborn heart and will
melt the frozen, warm the chill
guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
thee confess and thee adore,
with thy sevenfold gifts descend:
give us comfort when we die
give us life with thee on high
give us joys that never end.



PENTECOST

Like the finale of a symphony that weaves together motifs and melodies from the whole work, the Feast of Pentecost recapitulates all we have been celebrating throughout the Easter season. For fifty days it has been the first day of the week, the day the Lord has made, the day of joy and gladness.

Love has conquered death, now and forever. Come evening, the Easter candle will be extinguished, but only to let the light of Christ burn on brightly in our hearts. We pray today for a new church, a new world, a new creation, aflame with the wisdom of God.

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	Vince Foster, Kathleen Wilson (Myles), Olga Michel, Ivan Habus
In loving Memory	Barbara Parker, Thea Foster

POPE FRANCIS

In May 2015, on the Feast of Pentecost Pope Francis unmasked his extraordinary encyclical on ecology and climate Laudato Si – Our common home – a blueprint for a change of hearts and minds. Pope Francis wrote: “But we should be particularly indignant at the enormous inequalities in our midst, . . . We fail to see that some are mired in desperate and degrading poverty, with no way out, while others have not the faintest idea of what to do with their possessions, . . .” (no. 90). As we celebrate Pentecost this coming Sunday, let us pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance on how to live a life that embodies the teaching of Jesus, “it is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Let us celebrate our new beginning as audacious people filled with the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE OF GOD

The sinful spirit of the world divides and separates people; the Spirit of Christ unites people and brings them together. It was the sinful spirit of the world that caused the people of Babel to become confused and scattered. The Spirit of Christ, on the other hand, enabled people to understand those who were different from them. What would happen if we carried the Spirit of Christ into the sinful structures of the world? What if we brought the Spirit of Christ into the dead bones of our broken relationships among races and sexes and cultures and regions of the world? Wouldn’t those dead bones rise to life, as in Ezekiel’s prophecy, if we were able to breathe into them the Spirit of Christ! Paul wrote to the Romans that “all creation groans and is in agony.” We long for unity, and so we pray that the Spirit may “unite the races and nations on earth and disperse the divisions of word and tongue.” We Christians “have been given to drink of the one Spirit,” whom the sequence names “Father of the poor.” When we shall have done away with the human divisions represented by the poor, then, indeed, the Spirit shall have renewed the face of the earth, and we shall be able to say to people, as Jesus did, “Peace be with you.”

All are called to be part of this catholic unity of the People of God, a unity which is harbinger of the universal peace it promotes. And there belong to it or are related to it in various ways, the Catholic faithful as well as all who believe in Christ, and indeed the whole of humankind. For all [persons] are called to salvation by the grace of God.

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

RESPONDING TO THE ROYAL COMMISSION

Some encouraging news coming out of the Bishops’ plenary last week is the establishment of a new advisory group to monitor Church reforms in response to the child sexual abuse scandal. Three groups will oversee this work – Catholic Professional Standards Ltd (CPSL), A National Redress Reference Group and The Implementation Advisory Group. Let us pray that each of these groups will serve the survivors and the Church in the search for justice and reconciliation.

PENTECOST

Pentecost Sunday.

Fr David Rocks OP explains how Pentecost is the gateway to Eternity.

Fifty days have passed since Easter. Days of joy, but marked by uncertainty. The message of Easter Sunday is not a joy that is complete for us. We are invited to remain patient.

During Eastertide, Alleluia has been our song. Nobody wants to be a killjoy, but there is a tension: between the hallowed “Alleluia” and a hollow alleluia. Our Christian calling draws us to dwell in the centre of that tension. Let our praise of God be authentic, let our complaint to God be heard. We need to experience God’s love in our lives in tension – he loves us to the end, but our fullest experience of his love for us remains incomplete. We need to learn how much he loves us so that we can grow in faith.

This is where the tension is: our alleluia song of joy expresses nothing saccharine – rather, it announces the great abundance and generosity of God as he comes to us and saves us. The totality and completeness of his self-giving and all-embracing love demands something total and absolute from us, and we are not always ready or able to give that. This is why our Easter alleluia can be painful. It doesn’t yet fit with the glory that we know is promised to us in the Easter message. We can’t quite see that fullness.

Pentecost day is marked with exuberance, confidence, abundance. The great news is that things which seemed impossible begin to happen, and a message that seemed difficult to comprehend or express is widely proclaimed. It is a moment of completion, a summit, an achievement. It is also a new beginning. Pentecost invites us to make our response to the story of our salvation. It is the time when our names are brought into the story, the moment where we enter into the mystery. Pentecost is our gateway to eternity.

Jesus came to save us. He healed and preached, he revealed God’s love. He was condemned and rejected, he suffered and died for us. He rose from the dead, and explained the scriptures to his disciples. He ascended to heaven, and promised us a new comforter, to remain with us forever. The comforter is here, the Holy Spirit who fills our hearts and calls us out of slumber to live the fullness of the joy of the Gospel in our lives.

Pentecost is not just a season or annual feast for us. It is not simply a fact or event that we commemorate. It is our beginning, our entry point, our ever-present moment. Whatever it is that we face in our lives, at whatever point of our own story we find ourselves, the Holy Spirit is interceding for us with sighs too deep for words. The Holy Spirit is working in us to transform and inspire us, so that God’s great work of salvation can be shown forth in us. The perpetual Comforter that the Lord promised to us is with us now.

It is the presence of the Holy Spirit that enables the Easter alleluia to resonate through every aspect of our lives. The working of the Holy Spirit in us conforms us to Christ, so that we can begin to live the new life that we are offered. Thus it is that joy triumphs over uncertainty, because the pledge offered to us by the coming of the Holy Spirit will never be diminished.

So wherever we are today, however our lives are going, the Spirit is with us. Inspired by the Holy Spirit’s action, we receive the courage to lift our hearts in hope, and the Spirit fills us, making us new.

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

LITURGY ROSTER

The Liturgical Roster July to January will be prepared shortly. Over the last year we have lost a number of volunteers, if you have not volunteered before please consider volunteering. The 5pm Sunday Mass is especially short on volunteers. The volunteer sign-up sheets will be available in the foyer next weekend.

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion donations totalled \$8,300.00. Receipts have been posted to those who requested them. If you do not receive yours by Friday 1st June please contact the Parish Office. Thank you to all who contributed to this appeal.

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.

26 May - 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.

27 May - Kaleidoscope presents its new concert "Gems"

In support of HOME, a loving place for men and women with mental illness. **When:** Sunday 27 May at 2pm
Where: Queanbeyan Uniting Church, Rutledge Street, Queanbeyan
Cost: Adults \$15, Concessions \$10 - with afternoon tea included

13 June - Blackfriars Lecture Series

Dr Mike Freeland will be presenting on "The first 1000 days of life" Wednesday 13 June, Australian Catholic University, Canberra Campus
Contact: 6209 1129 or email OCD.Canberra@acu.edu.au

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 a community of people making a joyful noise.

SHADOW AND TRANSFORMATION - What is meant by "Shadow" and how is it a powerful means to transform our lives? Seminar by Dr. Patricia Moroney, Spiritual Director and Jungian Analyst/Psychotherapist; Saturday 2nd June from 10.30 a.m. till approx. 1 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Strangway St., Curtin. Free entry. Please register by phoning 6286.3388.

Don't audit life.

Show up and make the most of it now.

ROSTERS 26 / 27 May 2018

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	R. Paul	
Readers	K. Markcrow	D. Hinds
Presentation of Gifts	N. Higgins	
EMOE	A. Moore	K. Murphy

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	K. Linnard	
Readers	M. Gabbitas	T. Klekner
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	M. Falk	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Q. Vu	
Readers	R. Ciaccia	I. Ciaccia
Presentation of Gifts	Vu Family	
EMOE	R. Zochling	J. Munro

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer	
Readers	J. Curnow	T. Malone
Presentation of Gifts	Malone Family	
EMOE	C. Mackay	Volunteer
Counters	W. Wade	J. Smith