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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

MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST




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	He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.
READINGS	Exodus 24:3-8 Hebrews 9:11-15 Gospel: Mark 14:12-16. 22-26

THIS IS MY BODY

The words of Jesus at the Last Supper will echo as long as Christian faith survives on the earth, for these words define his relationship with us. He came to give himself to us. We are to carry that self giving spirit to others.



PSALM: 115:12-13,15-18

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people.

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of 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.

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 are now in the foyer.

PARISH RECORDS

A Parish Census is currently taking place and the parish records are being updated. If you are a current parishioner or wish to become a parishioner and have not filled in a parish record card could you please do so. The cards are in the pews and on the exit tables. Once completed they can be put on the second collection plate. Thank you

FAMILIES

Dear families, you too should be fearless, ever ready to give witness to the hope that is in you, since the Good Shepherd has put that hope in your hearts through the Gospel. (Pope John Paul II)

CONGRATULATIONS

FIRST COMMUNION
Congratulations to all
The children who are
receiving their First
Communion this
weekend.

We pray God's Blessings
on their families, their teachers and all who have helped them prepare for this special day.
We pray too for the children that they may come to receive Jesus with faith and love today and always.



THE SOURCE OF OUR DEEPEST COMMITMENT

Israel ratified its covenant with God in blood, half of which the priest splashed on the altar, the other half on the people. Jesus passed around the wine, which he called, "my blood, the blood of the covenant." Like the blood of the old covenant, it was poured out on the altar (of the cross), but unlike the blood of the old covenant, it was drunk by the people.

The priest offered up the "body" of the sacrificial animal as a "peace offering to the Lord." Jesus gave the disciples bread, which he called *my body*, but only after he had broken it.

Jesus thus leads us in the direction of giving ourselves totally for others. He pours out his blood for love of the world; he offers his broken body for love of the world; and then he has us consume these signs of love, to make them part of us so that we will make our own the total commitment to others expressed in the sacrifice of the cross.

Jesus became "mediator of a new covenant" by shedding his own blood. We follow Jesus into this new covenant by offering ourselves up totally for the well-being of our brother and sister humans.

The quest for human freedom and justice is not optional for Catholics, nor is it a small part of the Church's mission. Participation in the struggle for freedom and justice is a duty for each one of us, as it is a central element of the Church's mission of redemption and liberation. In the Eucharist we find the source of our deepest commitment to the loving service of our brothers and sisters.

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

JESUS BREAD OF LIFE

Christianity and humiliation have much in common. Christ suffered the ultimate humiliation on a cross. The weeks after Easter offer us challenges to test whether we were going through the motions of Lent and Easter or whether we have embraced Pentecost with a new sense of enthusiasm and vigour.

Jesus Bread of Life: Jesus in the Eucharist I believe in You. You have promised me yourself and Your word is true. Son of God. I long for You; come to me and stay! Be the Bread that makes me grow More like You each day.

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), Ivan Habus, Nicola D'Ambrosio

In loving Memory

EUCHARISTIC SERVICE

*The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).
Fr Malcolm McMahan OP
challenges us to become what we have received
in the Holy Eucharist, the body of Christ,
and as members of His body to carry him
into all aspects of our lives.*

Dominicans from St Thomas Aquinas onwards have been very articulate in helping the Church understand more deeply the mystery of the Blessed Eucharist that we celebrate today. A modern Dominican, the late Father Paul O'Leary from Ireland has helped me personally in making the vital association between the Eucharist and justice. The constant mistake that we all make about the Eucharist is that it is a thing rather than a person. With a person, we can develop a relationship which of its very nature is dynamic and healing, consoling, and loving. This is no less so with the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Personally I do not like the term adoration, which has become fashionable nowadays, because it can so easily make me think of idolatry. The Blessed Sacrament is not a thing to be adored but a person to love and who loves us. Experiencing this creative love should change us and make us anxious to spread that love in our everyday lives. That is what Fr Paul pressed home to me in a sermon I was privileged to listen to when he was teaching in South Africa. The exact point he made was that there was little point in us sharing the consecrated bread of the Eucharist if we were not prepared to share unblest bread with our brothers and sisters when we left Sunday Mass or Benediction and went back to our homes and work. In other words the Eucharist demands that we "love one another as I have loved you". The link between the Eucharist and Justice is an unbreakable bond of love. If we fail to allow this to work in our lives and continue to think that Eucharist is only about myself and how I feel then we are in danger of missing the point. The tradition of the Corpus Christi procession in public places brings this gift of the Eucharist to those who may not know or understand the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It will startle some people and evoke all sorts of behaviour. Some will kneel down, their conscience jogged so that they resolve to be a better person. Other people will walk away and try to ignore the spectacle before them. It is not unusual for the procession to provoke a violent response among some of the members of the public. Though I imagine many will simply carry on with their shopping. But we know these reactions from the gospels so we should not be surprised. However when we take the Blessed Sacrament out of churches and process through the streets we are making a clear statement that Christ is for all people not just for those who go to church. In so doing we are taking the responsibility not to let Christ down. So don't process unless you are prepared to help those who sit by the roadside begging. You must be prepared to take Christ into those parts of society where injustice prevails whether it is in an abortion clinic or a business that exploits its workers. At times this may seem just too challenging. But don't worry about this, because in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist you will be given the grace to see what needs to be done and power to carry it out. We are not alone because Christ is among us as one who serves, offering his life as a ransom for many. The Eucharist makes present for us, now, Christ's sacrifice of his entire self for me. And so, each time we eat the Bread of Life and drink the Blessing Cup, we associate ourselves intimately with that offering of the Lord. We are saying 'Amen, yes, so be it', to his invitation to a life of committed and self-sacrificing love and service. For Christ has left us as example that we are to copy: an example expressed in the simple gesture of washing feet and a call to do the same for one another. A final thought on this Feast of Corpus Christi that we can pray is the post-communion prayer from the Liturgy for the feast of St Augustine: *Lord, make us holy by our sharing at the table of Christ.*

*As members of his body,
help us to become what we have received.*

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

GOSPEL SUMMARY

Mark describes for his community the words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper. Scholars believe that the words are more an attempt on Mark's part to help his early Christian community understand the Eucharist than they are the actual words spoken by Jesus. Still they help us understand that Jesus was leaving the physical company of the apostles, and he gave them a way of remembering him through bread and wine, his body and blood. Much of this reading is about sharing a meal with those we love. In today's crazy world, with all the ways we run our children and ourselves ragged, one of our greatest priorities should be mealtime. Make this a time of day when family members feel safe to share their dreams, joys, and struggles of the day. As often as possible, allow enough time so that the meal is not rushed. Try to have all members together at least for one meal each day. Even special touches such as flowers, soft music or lit candles help create an atmosphere that encourages fellowship. Most families have lost loved ones, relatives, or close friends in death. Consider who some of these people are in your family's experience and share ways that you still remember that person. Perhaps you have photographs, some of their belongings, or beautiful memories. Make a connection to these memories and the memory Jesus left with his disciples and us. Allow each person to suggest ways he/she experiences Jesus' presence today.

WE BECOME HIM

We use the phrase 'Body of Christ' in three distinct but interconnecting ways. The first use is to refer to Jesus himself, stressing the full humanity of the Incarnate Son of God. He was formed in his mother's womb, was born and grew. He suffered, was tortured, murdered and was dead and bodily buried. But he is no longer dead, but Risen and glorified in his body. He is alive and with us. 'The second use of this phrase is to refer to the men and women and children who form the embodying of the life of Jesus in each and every generation. He, the living Lord, is the Head of his Body the Church. By baptism every Christian has the serious vocation of being the embodying of Jesus in the place, situation and time of their own lived life. 'What is true of the individual is even more vibrantly true of the Body of Christians under the active Headship of the Risen Jesus. Every parish community, or other grouping of Christians, has the on-going duty of being an embodying of Jesus in this particular place and time. 'The third use of the phrase 'The Body - and Blood - of Christ' is to refer to the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of every Christian community. 'The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist'. Whereas other food is eaten so that it becomes us, with this food which Jesus himself gives us we become him because it is him we are receiving.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr John Farrell OP

CANCER MORNING TEA

A big thank you to all those who helped to make the Parish Cancer Biggest Morning Tea event such a success, \$1064.00 was raised.



*You cannot do a kindness too soon
for you never know how soon it will be too late.*

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.

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.

Stop worrying about what you have to lose and start focusing on what you have to gain.

EVENTS

3 June - Vespers and Benediction sung by the Cathedral Choir. Please join us at St Christopher's Cathedral on Sunday 3 June at 6.30pm for the Feast of Corpus Christi. Gregorian chant and psalm settings by Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611).

6 June - CONVERSATION WITH PAUL COLLINS

Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn is hosting a conversation with noted author and media commentator Paul Collins and media commentator Paul Bongiorno at Holy Trinity Parish Hall in Curtin from 7:00-8:00pm to discuss Paul Collins' most recent publication - *Absolute Power: How the Pope became the most influential man in the world.*

10 June - AMICUS

The next gathering will be at Crowes Colonial Inn Gundaroo at 12 NOON for lunch. To join us please call Patricia 0412 351 548".

13 June - BLACKFRIARS LECTURE SERIED

Dr Mike Freeland will be presenting on "The first 1000 days of life"
When: Wednesday 13 June
Where: Australian Catholic University, Canberra Campus

22 June - ST THOMAS MORE FORUM: THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION IN AUSTRALIA

Friday 22 June 2018 | 7.30PM - 9pm
Keynote Speaker: The Hon Dan Tehan MP Federal Minister for Social Services will speak on 'The Freedom of Religion in Australia'.
Venue: Mercure Hotel Limestone Avenue, Braddon
Cost: \$85.00 (Dinner and wine) *Canapes and complimentary glass of sparkling wine on arrival, followed by a two course dinner with a bottle of red and white wine per table and tea/coffee and cake.*
Bookings RSVP 12pm Friday 15 June. Enquiries to forum@stthomasmore.org.au or campbell@cg.org.au or 0416 823

MEN ALIVE - The MenAlive group meet twice a month on Mondays at 7pm at St Raphael's Catholic Church Parish Office 47 Lowe Street Queanbeyan.

7-14 July - FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a public Short Course "From death to new life: preparing and celebrating Catholic funerals" in the Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre in Forrest, over two Saturdays, July 7 and 14. Leading scholars will investigate a Christian theology of dying and death and explore how the Order of Christian Funerals celebrates death in a specifically Catholic way. Registration is essential, at: http://www.acu.edu.au/acu_centre_for_liturgy/short_courses. For more information phone 02-9701 4751

30 August - EVENINGS FOR THE ENGAGED

A marriage preparation program which will commence on Thursday, 30th August at 6.30 pm for five-weeks.
Enquiries: Mark and Kathy Haseler, 6166 7634.

ROSTERS 10 / 11 June 2018

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	P. English	E. Smith
Presentation of Gifts	Tran Family	
EMOE	T. O'Neill	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	M. Falk	
Readers	B. Bandle	C. Bandle
Presentation of Gifts	Flynn Family	
EMOE	J. Smith	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	K. McCluskey	
Readers	C. Barbaro	P. McDonald
Presentation of Gifts	Musolino Family	
EMOE	H. Zobec	R. Marson

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer	
Readers	M. Proctor	
Presentation of Gifts	J. Curnow	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
Counters	F. Higgins	N. Higgins I. Buckley