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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

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God in him.
READINGS	1 Reading: Genesis 3:9-15 2 Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

CONGRATULATIONS

To all the young children who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time last week-end. Hopefully, it is the beginning of a life-long relationship with their Lord.

THANK YOU To all who helped in the preparation of the children ,their teachers, parents and other family members. Thank you to Maryanne Falk and Basia Dobrowolska from our Parish School of Religion, who generously give of their time each Sunday in nurturing the faith development of the children in our Parish.



PSALM: 129

With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

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and fullness of redemption.

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. Thank you

KINFOLK

The Gospel for this 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time can be puzzling. For instance: it raises the question whether Jesus actually had brothers and sisters, and whether they and Mary, the blessed mother, think that he is crazy? First, did Jesus actually have brothers and sisters in our present-day sense? There are many theories, and this is one: In Semitic usage, the terms "brother," "sister" are applied not only to children of the same parents, but to nephews, nieces, cousins, half-brothers, and half-sisters. The overall purpose of life itself is letting in the love of God and passing it along to everyone we know.

So, Jesus had cousins and other kin, in this alternative. Do you remember his pregnant mother's trip to see her cousin, Elizabeth? Today children of "first cousins" are called "second cousins," and would qualify as brothers and sisters in ancient Semitic usage. Jesus would not be different from other Nazarenes in this regard. Nor would there be a contradiction to anything central to the faith.

Second, could it be that his "mother and his brothers" were among those who thought of him as "out of his mind"? The Gospel of Mark asserts only the following: His mother and his brothers arrived. Standing outside they sent word to him and called [for] him (Gospel). Perhaps this was just familial interest on their part instead of a desire to "seize him" and carry him away.

Conclusion: we do not have to think that his mother was being critical of Jesus when she arrived with other relatives.

Third: but now, Jesus seems to totally ignore his family. Hearing that they are calling out to him, Jesus says, "Who are my mother and my brothers?"

And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers." Some have taken this speech as Jesus rejecting Mary and his other relatives. Actually it is a statement of Jesus' mission. He is showing that the most important reason for life is the love of God and one's neighbours, as opposed to the easy and presumably self-enclosed way of staying home where relatives will take care of you. Growth in this kind of love must come from God. As Jesus says: "whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." He is widening our life-search to include others, not instead of the family but including them in the overall purpose of life itself: letting in the love of God and passing it along to everyone we know.

Fourth, we have now discovered the meaning of Jesus' words, whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin. Sounds severe, but it is just repeating the message of love.

If a person or a society turns against (blasphemes against) the Holy Spirit of God, they will have shut off the very source of love. As we have seen repeatedly, Christians discovered the Trinity of God by seeing it played out in this world: the love of the Father for the Son, together with the loving inclusion of everything in existence, which is the work of the Holy Spirit.

John Foley, SJ <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

ROSARY'S MID WINTER MINGLE FUNDRAISER

Friday 22nd June - 6:00pm to 7:30pm, Veritas Building - 25 a head Dress: Smart casual. Come and support Rosary Primary School's mid-winter fundraiser. This social event will give you a chance to meet and/or catch up with others in the Rosary Community. There will be: · Drinks and Canapés · A Silent auction · A warm, fun Atmosphere · Not too many speeches! Tickets can be purchased at the Rosary Front office.

GETTING OLDER

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'.."

PUTTING THE PIECES BACK TOGETHER



I remember a gentlemen telling me that his greatest fear is that some day he will be found out. "What do you mean?" I said. "That they will know I'm not who I say I am; that I'm not who I want them to think I am; that I'm not who I want to be," he answered. Beneath his fear he

knows there are cracks in his house. He knows that a divided house cannot stand and a divided kingdom will crumble. From the beginning of his ministry, as told by St. Mark, Jesus has been dealing with divided houses and kingdoms. He has cast out demons, healed Peter's mother in law, cleansed a leper, and caused a paralytic to walk. The houses and kingdoms of these people are divided. The strong man has invaded their homes. Their lives are not their own. They live with inner conflict and turmoil. They have been separated from their community and all that gave them security and identity. Their outer conditions of illness, paralysis, and possession point to the inner conflict; the battle between health and disease, not just physically but, more importantly, spiritually.

This division and inner conflict is a reality of today's world and our lives. A marriage divided is a divorce. A nation divided results in vitriolic politics and in the extreme, civil war. An economy divided yields poverty and injustice. A community divided becomes individualism and tribalism, prejudice and violence. Humanity divided is all these things on a global level. Faith divided is sin.

We all know what it is like to live divided lives. You know those times when your outsides and your insides don't match up? That's what it means to be a house divided. You're one person at work, another at home. You act one way with certain people and a different way with other people. Life gets divided into pieces. Behavior, beliefs, and ethics become situational. There is the work life, the family life, the prayer life, the personal life, the social life. Pretty soon we're left with a bunch of pieces. It seems that we are forever trying to put the pieces of our lives together. That's why the crowd has gathered around Jesus. That's why the religious authorities oppose him. That's why his family tries to restrain him. In their own way each is trying to put the pieces of their life together but it's not working. They won't fit. They have been found out. Their life and their world are neither what they thought they were nor what Jesus knows they could be. One reality has fallen and a new one is ready to rise. Jesus always stands before us as the image of unity, wholeness, integration. He is the stronger one. He does for us what we cannot do for ourselves. He puts our lives and houses back in order. Jesus offers a different image of what life might look like. He does so by revealing the division in our lives, the houses that cannot stand, and the crumbling of our kingdoms.

It's hard to look at the division and inner conflict within our lives. The beginning of wholeness, however, is acknowledging our brokenness. Where is our own house divided? How and to what extent have we created conflict and division within our relationships. In what ways do we live fragmented lives, parceling out pieces here and there? What is it that shatters your life? Anger and resentment, greed, insecurity, perfectionism, sorrow and loss. Fear. Envy. Guilt. Loneliness.

There are all sorts of forces, things, events, sometimes even people by which our lives are broken and through which we are separated from God, others, and our self. Christ is stronger than anything that fragments our lives. He binds the forces that divide, heals the wounds that separate, and refashions pieces into a new whole. There is nothing about your life or my life that cannot be put back together by the love God in Christ.

Fr Mick Marsh <https://interruptingthesilence.com/>

HELP

Would the parishioner who in the last two weeks has left containers of coins in the Sacristy safe please contact the office in person, by phone 62485925 or email watson@cg.org.au

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

Michael Higgins, Nicola D'Ambrosio

FEAR AND FORGIVENESS

The fearful Gospel Reading says that there is an unforgiveable sin. What is *that*?

To see the answer, consider the Psalm: *Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? Who doesn't feel this way about his sins?*

And so the unforgiveable sin is a permanent refusal to accept God's forgiveness.

And now notice how the Psalm continues: *But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered*—or, as another translation has it, *that you may be feared*.

Why think that God forgives your sins so that you might revere or fear him? Wouldn't it be more true to say that you fear God because you worry about your sins? Wouldn't you fear that if you faced God, your sins would just seem worse because you would see them in the light of God's holiness?

And yet look what the Psalm says: there is forgiveness with God! God's forgiveness can gentle you into a surrender to God's love, can't it? If God himself loves you and forgives your sins, then wouldn't you love God and want to cleave to him? And so the Psalmist is right: there is forgiveness of your sins with God so that you might fear God—not with a fear of God's punishing or forsaking you, but just with a fear of your own turning away from the Lord who forgives you.

But, then, if God forgives you so that you might fear him, what sin of yours is unforgiveable?

You can see the answer for yourself now, can't you?

What happens if when God forgives you, you turn away from him instead of cleaving to him and fearing him? If you turn away from God even when God forgives you, then there is nothing left that God can do for you, is there? The gift of God's forgiveness is there for you. But if you won't open to receive it, then even God can't give it.

And what does a refusal to accept God's forgiveness come to except a refusal to believe that the love and forgiveness of God are there, there *for you* too? In effect, a refusal of God's forgiveness is a rejection of God as love.

And so the unforgiveable sin is a permanent refusal to accept God's forgiveness. But that refusal really is blasphemous against the Spirit of God, isn't it? What does Scripture say? God is Love. (I John 4: 7-8)

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

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will hold its Winter Appeal as a leaving collection at Masses on the weekend of 16/17 June. Vinnies once again asks for your help in supporting its work with needy families in North Canberra. Receipts available.

CHURCH

Now that winter is upon us please be aware that if you leave used tissues, drink bottles, gloves, hats, paper, bulletins etc in the church someone else is having to clean up the mess left after Mass. PLEASE after Mass make sure you do not leave anything in the pews.

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.

PLENARY COUNCIL LISTENING & DIALOGUE SESSIONS

Your voice is important to shaping the future of the Church. Canberra Sessions - Session 1 & 2 - Tuesday June 19 - 10am to midday and 7pm - 9pm Eastlake Football Club Gungahlin. Session 3 & 4 - Thursday June 21 - 10am to midday and 7pm - Eastlake Football Club Kingston. To learn more and to make submissions go to <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

The phrase "do not be afraid" is written in the bible 365 times. That's a daily reminder from God to live every day being fearless.

EVENTS

13 June - BLACKFRIARS LECTURE SERIED

Dr Mike Freeland will be presenting on "The first 1000 days of life" Wednesday 13 June at Australian Catholic University.

Contact: 6209 1129 or email OCD.Canberra@acu.edu.au : CBRTaizeFriends@internode.on.net or Annemarie 0421 492 554

22 June - ST THOMAS MORE FORUM

Friday 22 June 2018 | 7.30PM - 9pm

Keynote Speaker: The Hon Dan Tehan MP Federal Minister for Social Services . 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.*

RSVP: Friday 15 June 2018 Enquiries: 0416 823 447

22 - June THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION IN AUSTRALIA

This year's annual St Thomas More Forum Dinner will be held at Mercure Hotel, Ainslie. The Hon Dan Tehan MP will speak on 'The Freedom of Religion in Australia'. Time: 7pm for a 7:30 start, cost \$85 per head. Bookings RSVP 12pm Friday 15 June. Enquiries to fo-rum@stthomasmore.org.au or campbell@cg.org.au or 0416 823 447.

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

14 July - "WINTER WOOLIES AT CALVARY" - The Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is having a WINTER WOOLIES sale on Thursday between 8.00am and 4.00pm in the main foyer of the Hospital. Take the opportunity to visit and buy scarves, beanies, crocheted/knitted rugs and many more

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.

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.

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

Don't wait for people to be friendly, show them how.

ROSTERS 16 / 17 June 2018

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	R. Paul
Readers	J. Maclean
Presentation of Gifts	J. Anderson
EMOE	C. Lewis

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	N. McGahey	
Readers	N. Clark	G. Thompson
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	M. Falk	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer	
Readers	M. Fitzgerald	K. McCluskey
Presentation of Gifts	Barbaro Family	
EMOE	L. Musolino	M. Mastrolembo

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer		
Readers	M. Brotohusodo		
Presentation of Gifts	T. Ryan		
EMOE	J. Curnow	K. Sneddon	
Counters	C. Barn	G. Gleeson	I. Buckley