

Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have Faith



Just Believe

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	All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that you have sent me, says the Lord.
READINGS	Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15 Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

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.**

FR KIERAN

**Fr Kieran will be taking a break from the 8th to 25th July
and will be back in the office on Thursday 26th July.**

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 any-
thing in the pews.

LOST PROPERTY

The box in the foyer of items left in the Church is filled to over-
flowing - drink bottles, rosary Beads, beanies etc. If you are
missing an item please check the box this weekend. Items not
collected will be disposed of next week.

HELP

Over the last month containers of coins have been left for the
WWCM in the Sacristy safe. Would the person who has provid-
ed those containers please contact the Office urgently.

LIFE: THE ESSENCE OF SALVATION

The Gospel is about two healing incidents in the life of Jesus,
healings which show that Jesus willed life, and willed full life. The
Greek word for being healed also means being saved: to be
brought to full life is the essence of salvation.
The Second Reading mentions another form of the diminution of
life: poverty. No one should live on the survival level: "there
should be a certain equality." We live in a society that pays lip-
service to respect for life, and does not even do that much for
quality of life. Jesus Christ challenges us to create a society that
values life and rescues people from all forms of death and dying.
Everyone has the right to life, to bodily integrity, and to the means
which are necessary and suitable for the proper development of
life. These means are primarily food, clothing, shelter, rest, medi-
cal care, and finally the necessary social services. Therefore, a
human being also has the right to security in cases of sickness,
inability to work, widowhood, old age, unemployment, or in any
other case in which he is deprived of the means of subsistence
through no fault of their own. [Gerald Darring http://liturgy.slu.edu/](http://liturgy.slu.edu/)

LISTENING AND DIALOGUE

Last week Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge was in Rome
for a conference on preventing sexual abuse in the Church. He
conducted a detailed interview which will be on radio in the next
few days in the USA and we will endeavour to provide a link next
edition. However there are a few quotes contained in a report
from Crux, 'Laity could have prevented 'catastrophic' abuse cri-
sis'.

It is perhaps not the headline Mark would have wanted. What
he is quoted as saying is that if 'there had been more lay people
involved in decision-making roles in times past, we wouldn't
have the catastrophe on our hands that we now have'.

He adds: 'There's no point in denying that, generally, clericalism
was at the heart of the problem, and still is. Part of the culture
shift we're trying to bring about is to break the hold of that cleri-
calism. Therefore, obviously lay people need to take on respon-
sibilities that are new in the Catholic Church.'

With the Plenary Council's 'listening and dialogue' process un-
derway, Archbishop Mark has opened the door to an adult dis-
cussion on clericalism, transparency and the state of the
Church in Australia today and the role of the laity in the Church.
It's a discussion that we've been having for many years. Nearly
20 years ago, in February 1998, Sir Gerrard Brennan former
Chief Justice of the High Court, participated in the Jesuit Lenten
Series. His speech on 'Australian values' concluded:

*'Arguably, the Church in Australia has been too insistent on the
incidents of hierarchical authority, too concerned with the fabric
and conduct of our institutions, too timid in challenging us, the
laity, with the radical requirements of the Gospel. And we, the
laity, anxious not to be distinguished from our fellows, fearful of
the loss of status or possessions, have found the Church a safe
haven for our complacency.*

*'The Australian Church is our Church, our responsibility, our
beloved home. In that context, egalitarianism means that, while
bishops, priests and people have different functions to perform,
each has an equal responsibility for, and an equal right to, per-
formance of those functions.*

*'Tolerance requires that we understand that the Church, Divine
in origin, depends on humans to perform their several functions
and we must accept the failures and the shortcomings of our-
selves and others, keeping our minds and hearts on Him who is
our end and purpose. And freedom empowers us to follow our
conscience and, hopefully, to choose to bear the burdens of the
Christian life and to rejoice in the love, Divine and human,
which they bring.*

Archbishop Mark invites us all to participate in the Plenary
Council with open hearts. It seems incumbent on Church
leadership to return that openness by becoming more inclusive
in its discernment, and more transparent in the way that it's
governed. [Australian Catholics—editor@australiancatholics.com.au](mailto:AustralianCatholics-editor@australiancatholics.com.au)

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:	Elizabeth Cronin, Mary Bui, Greg O'Neill 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 Loughton, Beth Delos Santos, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Martiniello, Elizabeth Webster, Mimma Giampietro, Alexia Harris, Joe Schimizzi, Zelma McManus,
Our deceased	Stan Murray, Angelo D'Ambrosio, Michael Higgins, Beulah McAppion, Noel Whatmore, Emma Villamor, Russ Handcock
In Loving Memory	Isidoro Martiniello, Caterina Schimizzi, Antonio Schimizzi, Don Turrise, Daphne Turrise, Caterina Oliva

BAPTISM

Kiera Lindsey Bolanos

who will be baptised this weekend.
May her life filled with God's peace,
and her heart with God's love...
on this Baptism day and always.



PLANNED GIVING

Weekly Envelopes for 2018/2019 are in the foyer . **It is important to use the new envelopes from 1 July as the your Envelope number has changed.**

Receipts for 2016/2017 year will be sent out during the first week in July.

Weekly Envelopes: Parishioners using **Envelopes** for donations to the Planned Giving should ensure that they record the amount put in the envelope in the box on the front of the envelope.

Credit Card contributors please advise the office if there is any change (expiry date, new card number etc) to your details by phone, letter or E-mail as soon as the changes occur.

Direct Debit contributors should advise if there is any change to their banking details.

THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

' Here we see two facets of Christ's character - firstly His compassion. Human suffering always touched Him; and, secondly, His ready response to Faith. In responding to the father's plea and restoring the daughter to life, Christ makes a statement that, eventually, all would be raised to full life in the Father. His display of power over death in this instance is but a forerunner to the ultimate victory shown in His Resurrection.

'Throughout recorded history, people have constantly asked the question - "How does one make any sense of life, if it is all blotted out in death?" It was Christ who crystallised this thinking by resurrecting from the dead. The raising of Jairus' daughter proclaims this theme that with Christ -"Life conquers death".

'Such thinking does not mean that Christians are exempt from the natural trauma associated with death. We follow the advice of St. Paul: "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope". This is the core message of Christian belief - that what happened to the little girl when Jesus took her by the hand, will eventually happen to us.

Excerpt from a homily by Fr Noel Tobin, Geraldton, WA

POPE FRANCIS ON MARRIAGE

When I meet someone who is getting married I say to them, "You are the ones who have courage!" Because it is not easy to form a family, not easy to commit your lives forever; it takes courage. And I am proud that you are courageous. (Pope Francis)

A LOVING TOUCH

The first reading is meant to focus our thoughts on the main theme in the Gospel reading. The five verses extracted from the forty that make up the first two chapters of the Wisdom of Solomon are meant, presumably, to emphasize that, since God wants nobody to die, here we have Jesus healing the woman for whom many doctors did nothing, and then bringing the twelve year old girl back to life.

The vital clue, however, is surely the references to *touching*, to the woman who touches Jesus, and to himself taking the little girl by the hand. The woman was ritually unclean, such that everything she touched became unclean. As for the child, touching a corpse was even worse. Jesus, however, is not contaminated. On the contrary, the spotlight is on Jesus ignoring these purity laws, setting aside such primitive taboos about bleeding women and dead bodies. In these down to earth, practical miracles Jesus graphically overcomes these ancient, almost instinctive and natural fears, that keep people from keeping company with one another. Jesus challenges his followers to identify and disown any such rituals by which we are accustomed to avoid being contaminated, as we fear, by outsiders and outcasts. Jesus challenges us all to face up to whatever sinister prejudices and irrational beliefs there are which set us apart from our fellow human beings.

The second reading is just as down to earth. Paul commends the Corinthians for their 'gracious work' --- though the selection of only five verses obscures the main theme of the chapter, which is that Paul, crude and embarrassing as this may seem, is *asking them for money!* Here, some twenty or thirty years since the Gospel of the resurrection of Jesus was first proclaimed, Paul is celebrating the immense generosity of the churches in Macedonia, in order to provoke the congregation at Corinth to emulate them. Despite their problems, their 'severe test of affliction', they have given according to their means, even beyond their means, begging to be allowed to do so, in order that they might share in 'the relief of the saints'. By 'the saints', in this context, Paul means the original Christian community in Jerusalem. As we know also, from his Letter to the Romans, he was deeply concerned that Christians 'ought to minister also in material things', as well as demonstrate unity in faith, knowledge, earnestness and love, and suchlike. Thus, despite 'their extreme poverty', the tiny new congregations that Paul was so instrumental in founding 'have overflowed in a wealth of liberality'. From the outset, excellence in faith, utterance, knowledge, earnestness and love for him, has been matched by generosity in sending financial aid to the beleaguered Jerusalem community. Solidarity, in this practical down to earth way, has been asked of Christian communities from the beginning.

From the beginning, that is to say, the congregations that Paul founded throughout the eastern Mediterranean established a network of common faith that extended to vital *tangible* support of one another. While appealing for money from the pulpit needs to be informed, and conducted with tact and intelligence, this direct and uninhibited call for material solidarity has always been a central element in Christian life. Even more radically, Christ's touching, and letting himself be touched, by people who were regarded, in that culture, as 'untouchable', calls his disciples to face up to the ways in which people, and even whole categories of people, are accustomed to avoid one another, in today's culture --- fearful, as we all are, not always unreasonably, of being 'contaminated', one way or another. A bleeding woman and a dead child may still be powerfully evocative symbols of deep-seated irrationalities in our own society. Would that we always had the faith of the woman that there was some one in the crowd: 'If I touch even his garment, I shall be made well' -- someone in whose hands there might be healing and life.

Fr Fergus Kerr OP <http://english.op.org/torch>

THANK YOU to all who donated to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. \$5570.85 was raised to aid those less fortunate.

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.

YEARNING FOR PEACE TOUR

Marie Fonseca is organising her 7th tour to India "Yearning for Peace" to Goa, Karnataka and Kerala, from February 3 - February 25, 2019. For further information, please contact: Marie Fonseca: **0418 265117. Email: info@spiceodyssey.net.au Website: www.spiceodyssey.net.au Andre Rasquinha: 0403 569 079 Email: andre@traveltalk.com.au**

ARE YOU THE RIGHT PERSON? Residents in southern Cross Apartments, Campbell & Garran are waiting for a visit from a person with caring qualities. Join the volunteer Pastoral Care Team in our Residential Aged care Apartments. More information see the notice board or ring Sr Colleen Clear rsj - 0437 152 095 or cclear@sccliving.org.au

8 July - AMICUS The next gathering for 2018 will be at the Little Brother Café Red Hill at 12 noon for lunch. To join us please call Patricia on: 0412 351 548".

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

12-15 - July "Chosen 2018 - National Youth Conference"

A national annual gathering of catholic young people (18+) at Mannix College Clayton, Melbourne which will attract youth from diverse ethnic, cultural, linguistic and socio-economic realities brought to you by Jesus Youth Australia. The theme of the conference is, "You did not choose me but I chose you and I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last" - John 15:16. Registration at: www.chosenconference.org.au

29 July "COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING"

At St Christopher's Pastoral Centre from 7.00pm. Come along to hear a presentation by Heather Moore, National Policy and Advocacy Coordinator for Salvation Army, and join in discussion about what the Australian Government is doing to combat human trafficking through the introduction of an Australian Modern Day Slavery Act. Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) is working in a Consortium with the Salvation Army, Red Cross, UNICEF, Human Rights Law Centre and other groups to find realistic pathways towards eliminating trafficking in Australia.

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 47 Lowe Street Queanbeyan.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY - Please note the cost of the Catholic Weekly is \$2.00. It is not a FREE publication.

ROSTERS 7 / 8 July 2018

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	Volunteer	J. Maclean
Presentation of Gifts	N. Higgins	
EMOE	T. O'Neill	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	C. Widdowson	E. Smith
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	M. Falk	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	J. Cooke	H. Pham
Presentation of Gifts	Musulino Family	
EMOE	B. Affas	S. Tanzer

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim		
Readers	V. Van der Sanden	T. Ryan	
Presentation of Gifts	B. Dobrowolska		
EMOE	D. de Luca	T. de Luca	
Counters	C. Barn	G. Gleeson	I. Bucklsey