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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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus was rejected



When rejection occurs Don't Give-Up

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	Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.
READINGS	Ezekiel 2:2-5 Corinthians 12:7-10 Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

PEOPLE SIMPLY DIDN'T GET IT

'Have you ever wondered what it must have been like to meet Jesus? It would have been such a privilege to have heard him, to have seen the things that he did. Yet time and again in the Gospel, we find that when Jesus speaks to people, or when he teaches and preaches, people simply didn't get it. In today's Gospel Jesus is acclaimed as one with wisdom and an ability to work wonders that does not match with his background as the simple carpenter, the son of Mary. The people are so distracted by their own ideas about who and what Jesus is, and cannot allow themselves to really listen to what he says, and look closely at what he does. They are not attentive enough to be able to truly see, and through seeing, truly believe. [Excerpt by Fr Robert Gay OP](#)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 122

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he shows us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.

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.

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.

HELP

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

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's gospel also conveys the sense of immediacy often present in Mark. We have an echo of the reaction of those who witnessed the event (the "disciples" who accompanied Jesus to his "home town") – they are surprised and disconcerted by the very human reaction of Jesus. Rejected by the people of "his own country" and "his own relations", Jesus seems to be disarmed, so that "he could work no miracle there". A very human situation and a typical human reaction – Jesus truly became one of us, our brother. What the gospel describes is so true to life that Jesus' summing up has become a proverb: "No honour for prophets among their own".

For Mark, of course, as we have seen, this rejection is a foreshadowing of the great rejection described in the final chapters of the gospel - something for which Jesus will repeatedly prepare his disciples as they make their way to Jerusalem: he is to be "rejected", "put to death", but he will "rise again" (Mk 8: 31). The reading from Ezekiel reminds us that a pattern of rejection and rebellion runs through the whole story of the Scriptures. The patient but firm spirit of the Saviour, so well captured in Mark's gospel, is an expression of the patient firmness of God as the divine plan unfolds in the life of an uncooperative and self-centred people.

[by Fr John Thornhill sm](#)

REJECTION

Rejection proves that even Sacred Heart has challenges

It was very disconcerting for me to see how many people would marvel temporarily about my miracles, about the words of wisdom they listened to and how even then they would not realize that God was doing wonders among them. All the prophets demonstrated that they were bringing a divine message and they deserved to be listened to. However they all perished because of the hypocrisy of those who heard them with doubts and contempt, they sinned by underestimating the gift of God, together with those who didn't listen to me and don't even listen now but reject my Word.

Who can have words like God, who can unite power to his word the way God does, who can speak perfectly without error, expressing himself directly from Wisdom, the way God does? There is only one who has been able to do that, and He is the same Word of God, He who is the Incarnate Word, the Wisdom of God that has come to the earth, Jesus, your friend, your heavenly doctor, the true way, the truth and the life.

How difficult it was for me to convince the humanity that listened to me, even demonstrating my power, so that they would see that the Holy Scriptures were being fulfilled before their eyes, many were called, but few were chosen.

Many expected the Messiah, but few recognised Him when he came, many sought Him, but few found Him, and even after finding Him and listening to His testimony, they rejected His teachings and preferred to put Him aside. For this reason, their hearts were filled with jealousy and evil, beginning with those who knew me since my childhood and could not accept what their eyes were seeing, those who studied the law of Moses and had been filled with human precepts that had nothing to do with the divine teachings. Finding something new, something unconventional, those people rejected me totally, they despised the gift that God had sent them and they closed their eyes so that they would not see the Light that descended from above.

[A reflection from Inspiration of the Holy Spirit - From the Sacred Heart of Jesus](#)

A PROPHET HAS BEEN AMONG THEM

Many people wrongly believe that the job of a prophet is to predict the future. Actually, prophets only occasionally make predictions, some never predicted anything. The word that is usually translated "prophet" is the Hebrew word "nabi" which means "one who sees." In the biblical sense "seeing" means understanding, as in "Oh, I see!" Prophets are simply deeply sensitive people with a strong faith. They can "see" a connection between what is going on around them and the ideas of God. We might call them interpreters of God's sign language.

[Fr Lonsdale](#)

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	Tom Denmead, Julie Cronin, Stan Murray, Angelo D'Ambrosio, Beulah McAppion, Noel Whatmore, Emma Villamor, Russ Handcock
In Loving Memory	Kenneth Fleeton, Greg Spies, Peter Que, Matta Tit

PLANNED GIVING

Weekly Envelopes for 2018/2019 are in the foyer.

It is important to use the new envelopes as the your Envelope number has changed.

Receipts for 2016/2017 year have been posted. If you have not received you receipt please contact the office.

Weekly Envelopes: Parishioners using **Envelopes** for donations to the Planned Giving should ensure that the amount placed in the envelope is recorded 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.

A THORN OF FLESH WAS GIVEN ME

There are sections in Paul's letters in which he seems to be boasting of his accomplishments. The true braggarts were a group of conservatives who were hounding him during his missionary tours. Paul mimics their braggadocio to illustrate the shallowness of their claims. Lest anyone think that he is truly conceited, he adds a self-mocking reference to a "thorn of flesh" that afflicted him. No one knows the nature of this pain, but there have been suggestions that Paul suffered from malaria. He may have contracted this disease in the swamps of south Turkey.

<http://www.4catholiceducators.com/lonsdale>

ETERNALLY LOVED

We see Jesus Christ, true God and true man, grappling with the limitations of his own humanity and that of others. He preaches in his home town, but does not succeed in convincing those whom he probably knew from when he was a boy. We are told: 'And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them.' This may mean that Jesus, shocked and disappointed, felt that a miracle would not be worthwhile because of their degree of unbelief, but did not wish the sick to suffer because of what was lacking in others.

'For Christians, to be mindful that we are limited creatures is not to put ourselves down, but is meant to be a source of comfort. In a world where profit and loss, efficiency and productivity, dominate, there is something truly wonderful in knowing that our relationship with God does not work like this.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. John O'Connor OP

Don't follow the path. Go where there is no path and begin the trail. When you start a new trail equipped with courage, strength and conviction, the only thing that can stop you is you!

TAKE A SECOND LOOK

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year.

Fr Robert Gay OP suggests that we need to recognise who we are in order to know who Christ is.

Have you ever wondered what it must have been like to meet Jesus? Or perhaps wondered about what it would have been like to be sat in front of him as he spoke his parables and explained them? It would have been such a privilege to have heard him, to have seen the things that he did.

Yet time and again in the Gospel, we find that when Jesus speaks to people, or when he teaches and preaches, people simply didn't get it. It is easy to get frustrated when we read or listen to the Gospel, because people don't understand who Jesus is. They don't seem to understand what the message is about, and the power that the message might have. How could they be so blind?

Today's Gospel is just such a frustrating passage. Jesus is acclaimed as one with wisdom and an ability to work wonders that does not match with his background as the simple carpenter, the son of Mary. The people are so distracted by their own ideas about who and what Jesus is, and cannot allow themselves to really listen to what he says, and look closely at what he does. They are not attentive enough to be able to truly see, and through seeing, truly believe.

If we are frustrated by this passage and by similar Gospel passages, we must take care that we do not fall into a trap. It would be all-too-tempting to pity these poor people who could not understand who Jesus was and come to believe in him. In doing so we might end up thinking that we are so much better than them. This would be to succumb to pride, something which St. Augustine refers to as the 'love of our own excellence'.

Pride is certainly not good news, because it gives us the illusion that we already know it all, and prevents us being disposed towards receiving from God. We may think we know all about Jesus, about who he was, and about the message that he preached, yet how often do our lives fall short of the demands that following Jesus makes of us? We may think that we get the message, but our lives so often suggest otherwise.

So what are we to do? Well, we should take heart from our second reading. Paul had a dramatic conversion experience when he saw the risen Lord on his way to Damascus. This one profound experience was sufficient to change the whole course of his life, from being a person who persecuted the Church to being one of the greatest preachers and Church leaders.

Yet he understood that what he knew of Jesus might lead him to pride, and that God had his own way of keeping him in check. Paul's weakness was God's way of reminding Paul of who and what he was. The reality of Paul's weakness shaped this energetic man into one who was truly zealous for the things of the Lord. It kept him humble, kept him in need of God's grace.

And so it is for us too. The word humility comes from the Latin word for earth, or soil. To be good Christians we need to have our feet firmly on the ground, and this means knowing who and what we really are. This is important, because we are then open to looking more closely at Jesus, and recognising who and what he was. Then we can start living Christian lives that are shaped by God, attentive to his word, and open to the change that the Gospel message calls us to.

The next time we are tempted to think that we know all there is to know about Jesus, let us pause for a moment and think again. Let us dare to take a second look, and strive to live the Gospel at a deeper level, asking that we might receive that life which Christ has promised us.

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

THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

The ACU Faculty of Theology and Philosophy is delighted to announce the next short course in theology, "Listening to the Spirit: Towards the 2020 Plenary Council". This course will explore the future of the Church in Australia. The course will start at 6.00pm with refreshments on 30 July, 6, 13 and 20 August at ACU Canberra Campus. More information about this short course may be found on: www.acu.edu.au/short-courses-canberra Registration via the website is essential, and will close on Friday 27 July.

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.

14 August - AUSTRALIAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION – TRANSGENDER MOVEMENT - The Australian Family Association are hosting Dr. Quentin Van Meter, a noted Paediatric Endocrinologist from Emory University and Morehouse School of Medicine in the US, at Old Parliament House at 7.30pm. Dr. Van Meter will be speaking to the impact of gender theory on our legal, educational and medical practices and the implications for children, men, women, schools, sport and politics. Enquiries pmonagle@family.org.au Book at www.trybooking.com/WDXT

ARE YOU THE RIGHT PERSON? Join the volunteer Pastoral Care Team in our Southern Cross Residential Aged care Apartments Campbell & Garran. More information see the notice board or Sr Colleen Clear rsj - 0437 152 095 or cclear@sccliving.org.au

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

20 July - THE BREAD OF LIFE RETREAT – CARCOAR

This retreat will commence at 6.00pm on Friday 20 July and conclude at 3.00pm on Sunday 22 July. It is for everyone to enjoy and the best part is there is no need to have any technical baking skills or advanced training, or holiness, or to be church-ed to attend. The venue is Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins Street, Carcoar and the cost a suggested donation of \$190 to cover all meals and accommodation. To register phone (02) 63673058 or shalomcarcoar@gmail.com Online bookings at shalomcarcoar.com

27 July - CALVARY HOSPITAL TRIVIA NIGHT

The Calvary Public Hospital Auxiliary is having a Trivia Night at the Canberra Labor Club Belconnen at 6.30pm for start at 7pm. The theme will be Christmas in July, with prizes for the best 'Christmas' dressed person and table, plus wine and chocolate raffles and front door prizes. Tickets \$20 pp available from Daphne on 0407 835 846.

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.

8 September - CONSULTATION FOR WOMEN OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

From 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton. Women are invited to share their story of faith with other women. It will be an occasion for women to name their reality, concerns and dreams for the Church in a safe and supportive environment. *It will be an opportunity for women to shape a response to the listening sessions for the 2020 Plenary Council.* Register your interest: Jacinta (02) 62019861 or catholic.women@cg.org.au

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.

19 October - MOVIE NIGHT

Home in Queanbeyan will be holding a Movie Night at the Q Theatre from 6.00pm. www.homeinquanbeyan.org

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

ROSTERS 14 / 15 July 2018

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	P. English	E. Smith
Presentation of Gifts	J. Anderson	
EMOE	C. Lewis	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	M. Falk	
Readers	B. Bandle	C. Bandle
Presentation of Gifts	Bandle Family	
EMOE	N. Clarke	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	C. Rheinberger	E. Hall
Presentation of Gifts	Ciaccia Family	
EMOE	A. Moore	K. Murphy

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer		
Readers	M. Nguyen	T. Malone	
Presentation of Gifts	De Luca Family		
EMOE	K. Sneddon	C. Mackay	
Counters	T. Ryan	R. Walpole	J. Smith