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VERITAS



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Mass times
Wed 5.30pm
Tues & Thurs 6.45am
Fri 5.30pm

Saturday 5pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8am, 10am & 5pm

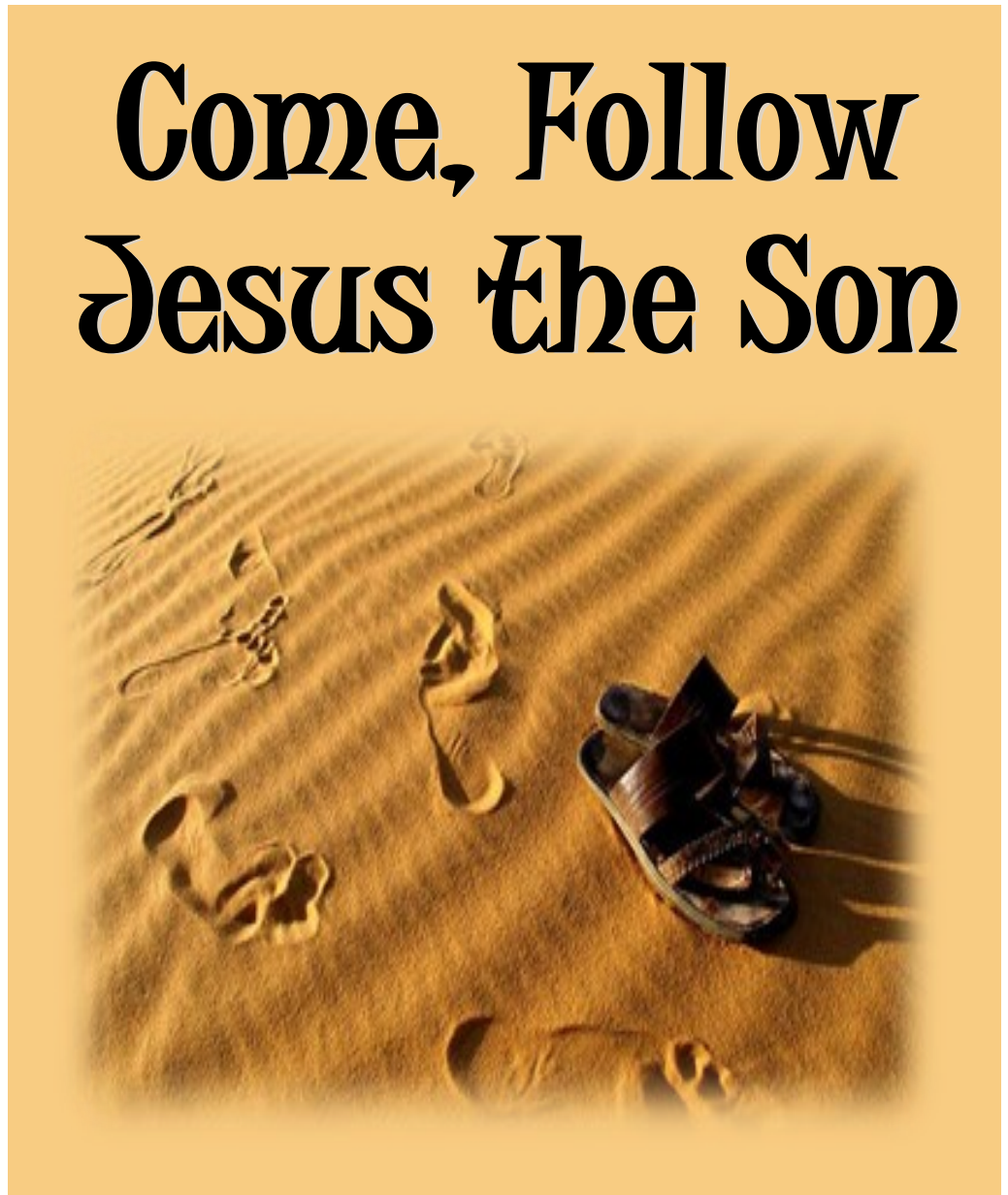
9am Mass Saturday & Public
Holidays
excluding Mondays

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Come, Follow Jesus the Son




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	As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.
READINGS	Amos 7:12-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

PUTTING THE WORLD TOGETHER

A father who was trying to read a magazine was being bothered by his little daughter, Jane. So, he took a sheet out of his magazine, where the map of the world was printed. He tore it into small pieces, gave it to Jane, and said, "Go into the other room and try to put this together." In a few minutes, Jane came back and gave him the map correctly fixed together. The father was very surprised and asked how she had finished so fast. "Oh", she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got Jesus in His place, then the world came out all right."



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 84:9-14

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

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.

PLENARY COUNCIL

Three parishioners attended a Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue Session on Tuesday morning 19th June at Eastlake Football club Gunghalin. A review of the four local meetings held can be found on pages 2,10 and 11 of the July issue of Catholic Voice.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Many of us will be shaking our heads at the events in Adelaide, Newcastle and elsewhere over the last few weeks.

A book of images by the brilliant Australian photographer Michael Coyne - *Second Spring* - The regeneration of the Jesuits. It is a simple book filled with images of Jesuits in mission with humanity around the world. The forward to the book was written by Morris West, one of Australia's most successful writers whose literary works were translated into 27 languages and sold more than 60 million copies who in part opined:

"We are a church in crisis. We are a community divided. We need for ourselves and for our children a restatement of the Godspell in the language of the human heart and not in the language of theologians and canonists. These were the terms in which the original message was delivered to us by the Savior. He did not give us theological treatises. He gave us simple parables: the sower going out to sow his seeds, the passing birds whose flight was known by the Creator, the lilies of the field more glorious than Solomon, Caesar's coin and the coinage we pay as tribute to the Creator.

"The time of rebirth and restoration is overdue. The people of God are parched and thirsty for sweet water."

There is much pain, distress and anger to name a few of the emotions of the people of God. Socially and demographically, Church composition has changed significantly over the last 40 years. Our institutions have grown and we find people where they gather now, not where the primary points of congregation used to be in our parish churches. We are charged to hear the many voices. So it is timely for us all to participate in this plenary process. But to do it requires imagination not only of the organisers but of the participants. Under canon law, 50% of the members of the Plenary will be ordained clergy. It is critical that the voices of many are heard gently through this initial stage so that the conversations transmitted to them reflect impetus, not just noise.

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CARRYING FORWARD CHRIST'S MISSION

'In reality, the unity which God wills for humankind is broken in many different ways. The poverty gap between rich and poor has widened in the past decade. In developing countries destitution, malnutrition, vulnerability to disease, remain scandals that may implicate Western nations as the beneficiaries of an unjust economic order. Within so-called 'developed' nations migrants and asylum-seekers may be isolated and humiliated, a far cry from the compassion which is to be shown to strangers by members of the Promised Land. Their advertised exclusion supposedly serves our national or cultural unity - whatever that is. As I write this sermon, I can only guess if and how these questions are addressed in the new papal encyclical from Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth).

'Yet the very existence of such an encyclical can inspire hope. It reminds us that the prophetic mission of Amos (First Reading) to speak the words given to him by God is not a dead letter or dead end. That mission to Israel continues, culminates, in the advent of the Divine Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, whose preaching is carried forward in today's Gospel by the apostles. The encyclical reminds us that His and their mission is likewise carried forward in the Church. Her vocation is inescapable. For - mercifully - whatever our disunity, whatever the false compromises, God has acted decisively to restore our full unity in Christ. As the *Letter to the Ephesians* insists, God chooses us to be His adopted children in Christ so that all things are brought together at the end under His authority.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr Richard Finn OP

**Let us be grateful to people
who make us happy;
They are the charming gardeners
who make our souls blossom.**

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, Russ Handcock
In Loving Memory	Peter Que, Peter Vwong, Mattha Tit, Antony Back, Erin Pollard

PLANNED GIVING

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 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. Please make sure you return your letter received recently.

A DRESSER OF SYCAMORES

The first classical prophet was not a professional preacher. Amos laboured as a migrant farm worker traveling throughout Israel to find employment. Among his jobs was that of tending Sycamore trees. These are not the European or North American variety, but a type of plant native to the Middle East. Sometimes called "the poor man's fig tree," they produce a small fruit encased in a husk. During the growing season these husks must be pierced with a sharp stick for the fruit to ripen. The yield was of little value. Despite his low-paying occupation, Amos was rich in prophecy. He was the first prophet to write down his words.

Fr R. Lonsdale <http://www.4catholiceducators.com/lonsdale>

LIVE OFF THE LAND

After having trained his apostles in his teachings, Jesus sends them on a trial missionary journey. He instructs them to be "free spirits" by living off the land and charity. They are not to carry anything that could encumber them in their work. Baggage is a handicap for a person with a mission. The very fact that they will be living by faith will be a sign to others of the efficacy of their message. We also see that Jesus institutes the Christian sacrament of anointing by giving his apostles power to heal with oil.

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GOSPEL THOUGHTS

'The Gospel passage follows immediately the story of Jesus' rejection as a "prophet without honour," who then commissions his 12 disciples to adopt the prophetic life-style of itinerant preachers. 'In Mark the "formation" of the disciples unfolds in stages. They are called to follow Jesus and become people who fish for humans (1:16-20); later they are called "to be with him" and are given power over evil (3:13-19). At this point their mission closely parallels that of Jesus: preaching repentance, confronting the power of evil, healing the sick. Jesus will later tell them that they too will be rejected by their loved ones (13:9-13). The lack of material support, food, money and sack (briefcase) and their dependence on hospitality from others are signs of their total reliance on God and of their freedom.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr John R. Donahue, S.J.

CARRY NOTHING BUT THE WORD

Fifteenth Sunday of the Year.

Fr Leo Edgar OP examines how the excess baggage

of modern life can get in the way of preaching the Word.

Is it fear that prompts us to rely on modern technological advances in communication? An interesting question, perhaps. Are we too afraid to rely on the gift of memory? Is this the "power" referred to in the passage from Mark's gospel?

Mark writes of the power conferred by Jesus on those he sent out. But along with the power he gave them, he also instructed them on how important it was not to be restricted by unnecessary 'baggage'.

No extra tunic, one pair of sandals; little, presumably, in the way of food or money.

To be able to trust in the generosity of others is indeed a great virtue, particularly in a society that nowadays rarely goes anywhere without a cell phone or a laptop. Is it fear that prompts us to rely more and more on artificial means of communication? Fear that we can no longer rely on memory, one of the greatest of the gifts of the Holy Spirit? The Twelve Apostles had no such restrictions or fears in their preaching, going out to the whole world to share the Good News.

Remembering some of the great Christian preachers of the past, Paul & Barnabas, Dominic & Francis of Assisi, Vincent McNabb, Billy Graham, Martin Luther King, and, in more recent times, some of our own contemporaries, what inspires the preaching of the Good News is the News itself. The gospels never cease to inspire, no matter how frequently we visit them – in fact the more often we approach the 'Word' the greater the impact it should have on our lives, the more Christ's power is working through us.

Jesus sent his disciples, his preachers, out into the world with a clear message: "Tell the world the Good News that I have given you."

Nothing else is needed; no advertising; no TV commercials; no computerised back-ups; simply the word as it is given to them should be passed on without additional 'baggage'.

The ability to preach the gospel therefore, depends not so much on externals as on a desire to convince one's hearers of the validity, the truth, of the message one preaches. Accompanied by healing powers given by Christ and through faith, the impact can be dynamic, and no doubt was, and still is.

The Acts of the Apostles tells us little of the impact made by Christ sending his ambassadors into the world; but Mark tells us that the Twelve set out and preached repentance, casting out demons and anointing and healing many who were sick. St. Paul's letters give a more detailed & graphic coverage of the effect of his early preaching.

Current ambassadors of the Word have a distinct legacy to live up to in their bringing the Good News to the world of today. Modern technology should assist in that task, as it enables the message to reach beyond the boundaries of conventional church. But above all we should recognize the power that accompanies the preaching of the Good News. Even the poorest of preachers can produce a rich result in the minds of those who listen. And there is a warning: if there are those who refuse to listen, then we should not be afraid to shake off the dust from the feet, and leave the task to another, possibly at another time. There seem to be two clear messages in this Passage from Mark; one, that Christ's church must not allow itself to get clogged down with too much "baggage", too many irrelevant additional rules that may detract from the preaching message; and two that it must be prepared for those who refuse to listen, but stay determined to continue to preach the Good News in the same way that Christ himself continually preached.

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

**Nothing is easy. Easy is something you earn.
It is something you figure out. Easy is a process of failure,
discomfort, discovery, getting knocked down,
and getting up again.**

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

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 churched 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

22 July - AMICUS

"Amicus", a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering at the Murrumbateman Country Pub on Sunday 22 July meeting at 12 NOON for Lunch. To join us

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.

12 August - "L'Arche Genesaret FUND RAISING CONCERT

The annual L'Arche Genesaret concert features renowned pianist Robert Schmidli, at the Wesley Music Centre, 20 National Circuit, Forrest (entry at Fitzroy St) from 3.00pm. Bookings available at

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, 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:

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.homeinqueanbeyan.org

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

ROSTERS 21 / 22 July 2018

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	A. Blakey	M. Cox
Presentation of Gifts	Blakey Family	
EMOE	K. Murphy	A. Moore

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	N, McGahey	
Readers	J. Schwinghamer	P. Wilkinson
Presentation of Gifts	Flynn Family	
EMOE	M. Falk	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	K. McCluskey	
Readers	C. Barbaro	P. McDonald
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	R. Zochling	J. Munro

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer	
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	J. Curnow
Presentation of Gifts	K. Turrise	
EMOE	M. Proctor	V. Van der Sanden
Counters	W. Wade	J. Smith