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## VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Wed 5.30pm  
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**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

## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Food for Thought

If you are in Urgent need of  
a Priest Call - 6248 8253

A warm welcome is extended to guests & parishioners celebrating our Eucharist today.

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
<b>READINGS</b>	2 Kings 4:42-44 Ephesians 4:1-6 Gospel: John 6:1-15

## WELCOME CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

We welcome all the students from Rosary School and the Parish School of Religion who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Friday 14th September. *We pray for them and their families as they commit themselves to preparing for this Sacrament that the Holy Spirit will enrich their lives with His Gifts and His Grace.* All are invited to stay after the 10.00am Mass and share refreshments & a sizzled sausage!



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 144:10-11, 15-18

The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God.

The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts.

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## 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

PLEASE after Mass make sure you do not leave anything in the pews, someone else is having to clean up your mess.

## ST DOMINIC MASS

Next Sunday 5th August the Parish will celebrate St Dominic's Feast Day with a special Mass at 10am. This Mass will be followed by a morning tea We would love to see you there to celebrate with our Parish the Feast of our Patron Saint - St Dominic. Everyone is welcome to join us.

## ST DOMINIC'S SCHOOL MASS

Rosary School will be having a Mass to celebrate St Dominic's Day on Friday 3th August at Holy Rosary Church. Mass will commence at 10am. All welcome to attend and join in this special Mass.



## CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Sales of the Catholic Weekly (CW) have been incurring losses over the past three years. The basic reason is that not all copies are being sold each week but the Parish still has to pay for the 20 (minimum order) copies we purchase. The Parish Finance Council (PFC) has requested parishioners who regularly purchase this newspaper to let the Office know if they are prepared to make their own arrangements with the Weekly with a view to the Parish cancelling the current order.

*This story is more than just a miracle to show the power of Jesus, but establishes the role and mission of Jesus -- to feed, sustain and gather all peoples under the kingship of the Father.*

## HOW DID JESUS MULTIPLY THE LOAVES AND FISH?

One of the most spectacular of Jesus' miracles was his feeding of a huge crowd with a tiny amount of food. Actually he did it twice—once in Israel and again in Syria. How did he do it? There are two possible ways, both of which are miracles. Because he is God, he could have made the food appear out of nowhere. It could've grown miraculously as each bit was broken off. But there is another way. Picture the scene: a crowd has come to Jesus from all over the Middle East. Most are very poor, but some are rich. The poorest have little food; the wealthy have plenty. Jesus has been preaching about love and sharing. Now he begins walking around and sharing his meager meal. The rich see his example and decide to pitch in. They have so much that there's enough for all, with plenty left over. You say, "That's not a miracle; the food was already there!" Well, what's a greater miracle: making food appear or making love appear? Lesson: no one in the world would ever have to starve if we all shared.

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



## ELISHA'S MULTIPLICATION

Jesus was not the first person in the bible to multiply loaves of bread. Over 700 years before Jesus, a prophet named Elisha did it on a much smaller scale. He performed this feat for a group of 100 monks. They were starving because of a famine. Elisha had been given 20 small loaves, probably similar to modern Pita or Syrian pocket bread. He accomplished this action along with other miracles mentioned that foreshadow Jesus' miracles.

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## SACRAMENTS ARE GIFTS FROM GOD

'Sacraments are gifts from God that invite a response in faith. Through sacramental symbolic action people express themselves to God. Sacraments nurture our faith by helping us stay connected to both the origins of our religion and to our faith community. Sacraments act as signs along the road in our constant searching for the fullness of God. Through the seven Sacraments Catholics are reminded that as a member of a Church community that they not only receive grace but they also have the responsibility to be grace-filled people for others.'

From *Hearing God's Call*



<b>In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:</b>	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 Laughton, Beth Delos Santos, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Martiniello, Elizabeth Webster, Mimma Giampietro, Alexia Harris, Joe Schimizzi, Zelma McManus, Paul Neddrie
<b>Our deceased</b>	Tom Denmead, Julie Cronin, Stan Murray, Angelo D'Ambrosio,
<b>In Loving Memory</b>	Phillipa Weeks, Adriano Focarile

## WEEKLY ENVELOPES

Our counters of the collections need your help. We are still receiving envelopes which do not have the amount written in the box on the front of the envelope. Secondly, if you do not donate each week the envelopes for the weeks you do not use are not needed. If you use coin, please seal the flap of the envelope with tape as sometimes we find envelopes with the flap opened and there is no money in the envelope and no amount written on the front so we cannot record your contribution. The design of the envelopes allows notes to be inserted flat – there is no need to bend them.

## THE EUCHARIST MIRRORS DAILY LIFE OF SERVICE

'Processing to the altar with gifts and returning as gift for the life of the world is the ebb and flow, the summit and source of daily lives of humble service. The faithful come from their daily practice of the Christian life to participate in the Eucharist which in turn nourishes them for their return to daily life. It is like the water lapping on the beach ever revealing something new - and sharing in the Eucharist provides a privileged opportunity to reflect on one's own behaviour and attitudes. Enlightening insights allow for a gradual maturing over the course of one's life, ever coming to know oneself before God and in the Christian community so as to draw from this source the nourishment needed to live anew.'

Daniel McCarthy OSB

When asked if my cup is half full or half empty,  
my response is that I am thankful I have a cup.

## HUNGER

'There is much hunger in the world today. Millions of people go to sleep with empty stomachs. Children's stomachs are swollen from malnutrition. Wars are fought over food, and people starve as a consequence of war. Where are such needy people to turn for help? The focus this Sunday is on the generous power of God that mysteriously meets basic human needs.

'Paul sketches the profile of such a caring community. The members are humble and gentle and patient; they belong to the one body and share the same Spirit; they are children of the one God who is over all, and in all, and works through all. We are the community that he describes. We are the ones called to feed the hungry today. We cannot allow empty stomachs to cry out in hunger. We can no longer fight over food or allow the war-torn to starve. As members of the body of Christ, we are diminished whenever another goes hungry. But miracles can unfold through the workings of our own hands, when we distribute the food destined for all by our generous God.'

Excerpt from a commentary by Sr Dianne Bergant CSA

A 4-year old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets  
as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

## CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

Seventeenth Sunday of the Year.

Fr Peter Harries preaches on the sign of the barley loaves.

Our Gospel passage from John is set shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. In Jesus's time this was always a tense holiday period, particularly in Jerusalem, because it was widely believed that the Messiah would make his appearance at Passover time. We know that in Jerusalem there were occasional protests and riots and men claiming falsely to be the messiah during Passover. There were various expectations – not always consistent with each other – about the coming of the Messiah. For some people the longed-for Messiah was primarily a political figure. He would be a king of David's line who would liberate the people from Roman rule and oppression. For other people the Messiah was primarily the longed-for prophet – like a second Moses or Elijah of old. As prophet he would set affairs right between God and the people, involving a major reform of the temple. Whatever the mix of expectations, naïve or sophisticated, the political and religious establishments would be threatened. To help us understand this Gospel, the church presents us with a first reading about Elijah. This involves a little-known story set at Passover-time, about Elijah feeding one hundred men on twenty barley loaves. How large a barley loaf was uncertain but perhaps we should think of them like bread buns. So the lad that Andrew finds in the Gospel has sufficient bread for himself and perhaps enough for two, but certainly not enough for a picnic with five thousand guests. Barley was harvested about Passover time, and the Passover feast was originally in part a thanksgiving festival for the barley harvest, as well as celebrating the liberation of God's people from slavery in Egypt. It may be significant that usually only the very poor ate barley bread, and that most people ate wheat bread. The wheat harvest was later, about Pentecost.

The early Church told this story, as with all the stories in the Gospels, at many gatherings but particularly when gathered together for Mass. It is no surprise then, that there are many allusions to the Eucharist in John's telling of this story of the multiplication of the loaves. This miraculous feeding is not a Eucharist, but John wants his listeners (and ourselves) to reflect on the meaning of the Eucharist when hearing this story. Indeed soon after this passage, John reflects extensively on Jesus as the bread of life. So this story should lead us to reflect on our Eucharist and our Eucharistic church community. Jesus feeds the crowds - the poor and those seeking health and wholeness. Is this a model of our local church community gathering for Mass? Jesus sits on the mountain as teacher. Do we listen to him? Do we allow ourselves to feed on the Word of God? Do we receive God's grace in the sacraments? The disciples gather twelve baskets of fragments. We may notice that the Greek word here translated 'fragments' is used in early Christian documents for the Eucharistic bread. This super-abundance of food is a reminder of the messianic banquet when all will be feed abundantly. The Mass is a promise of this banquet, a promise, a foretaste, of heaven.

The story also has resonances of the story about Moses in Numbers Chapter 11 where Moses feeds the people with manna in the desert and quails from the sky, after they have complained that they have not enough to eat. The crowds who have been feed realize that Jesus is indeed the Messiah – 'the prophet who is to come into the world' – and want to acclaim him as king. They want him to challenge the political and religious establishment, with all its corruption and oppression, by force. This is not Jesus way, and so he escapes to the hills before the crowd force him to be king.

Jesus is not a one-off political leader. Jesus is indeed the Messiah, the true king, but he will live out his kingship in a very different way by dying for the people upon the cross, as we read later in John's gospel. Then in Jerusalem the fickle crowd will deny that they have any king but Caesar. Jesus must die, so that he may rise again and liberate us from our sins. He is our Passover.

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

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:pmonagle@family.org.au) Book at [www.trybooking.com/WDXT](http://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](mailto:cclear@sccliving.org.au)

**CAMINO in FRANCE and THE KERRY WAY (Ireland).** Audio-visual presentations by Peter Kearney. Saturday, **4th August**. Holy Spirit Parish Gungahlin. Two sessions – attend either or both. 11.00am France and/or 2.00pm Ireland. \$10 per session. **Advance registration essential.** Email Peter [camino@peterkearneysongs.com.au](mailto:camino@peterkearneysongs.com.au) Or sms Peter 0425 328 185. Please specify 'France', 'Ireland' or 'Both' and 'Amaroo' and how many seats needed. Peter will confirm registration.

## 4 August - FAITH AND LIGHT

From 2.00pm in the Collins Wing, St Benedict's Parish, Narrabundah. Everyone is invited to find out more about Faith and Light – an international Christian association of people with intellectual disability, their families and friends. People who do not have a lived experience of disability are also welcome to attend and learn how they can derive great joy from sharing a small part of their lives with people with intellectual disability. Enquiries to Peter on 62884324 or 0410394954

## 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 by contacting L'Arche Genesaret on 6282 9066 or [www.trybooking.com/396985](http://www.trybooking.com/396985)

## 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 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](mailto:catholic.women@cg.org.au)

**13-16 September - MEN'S CURSILLO** A Men's Cursillo weekend is to be held at Hartzler Park Conference and Retreat Centre, Burradoo NSW. Many find a Cursillo weekend provides a new direction and an opportunity to explore their relationship with God, their selves and with others. For further information please contact Joe Jambor at [irm-andjoe@gmail.com](mailto:irm-andjoe@gmail.com) or Mob: 0401 159 852

**14 – October - "MARIAN PROCESSION" Save the Date** - This year will be a celebration of 100 years since the foundation of St Clement's Monastery. Lead by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Yllana.

**19 October - MOVIE NIGHT** - *Home in Queanbeyan* will be holding a Movie Night at the Q Theatre from 6.00pm. [www.homeinqueanbeyan.org](http://www.homeinqueanbeyan.org)

I do not fix problems. I fix my thinking.  
Then the problems fix themselves.

## ROSTERS 5 / 6 August 2018

### Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	K. Markcrow	D. Hinds
Presentation of Gifts	Vanderzil Family	
EMOE	Volunteer	

### Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	K. Linnard	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson
Presentation of Gifts	E. Falk	
EMOE	E. Smith	

### Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Q. Vu / R. Tanzer	
Readers	R. Ciaccia	I. Ciaccia
Presentation of Gifts	Vu Family	
EMOE	R. Marson	H. Zobec

### Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer		
Readers	J. Curnow	T. Malone	
Presentation of Gifts	Hall - O'Brien Family		
EMOE	J. Curnow	C. Mackay	
Counters	F. Higgins	N. Higgins	I. Buckley