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VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Wed 5.30pm
Tues & Thurs 6.45am
Fri 5.30pm

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

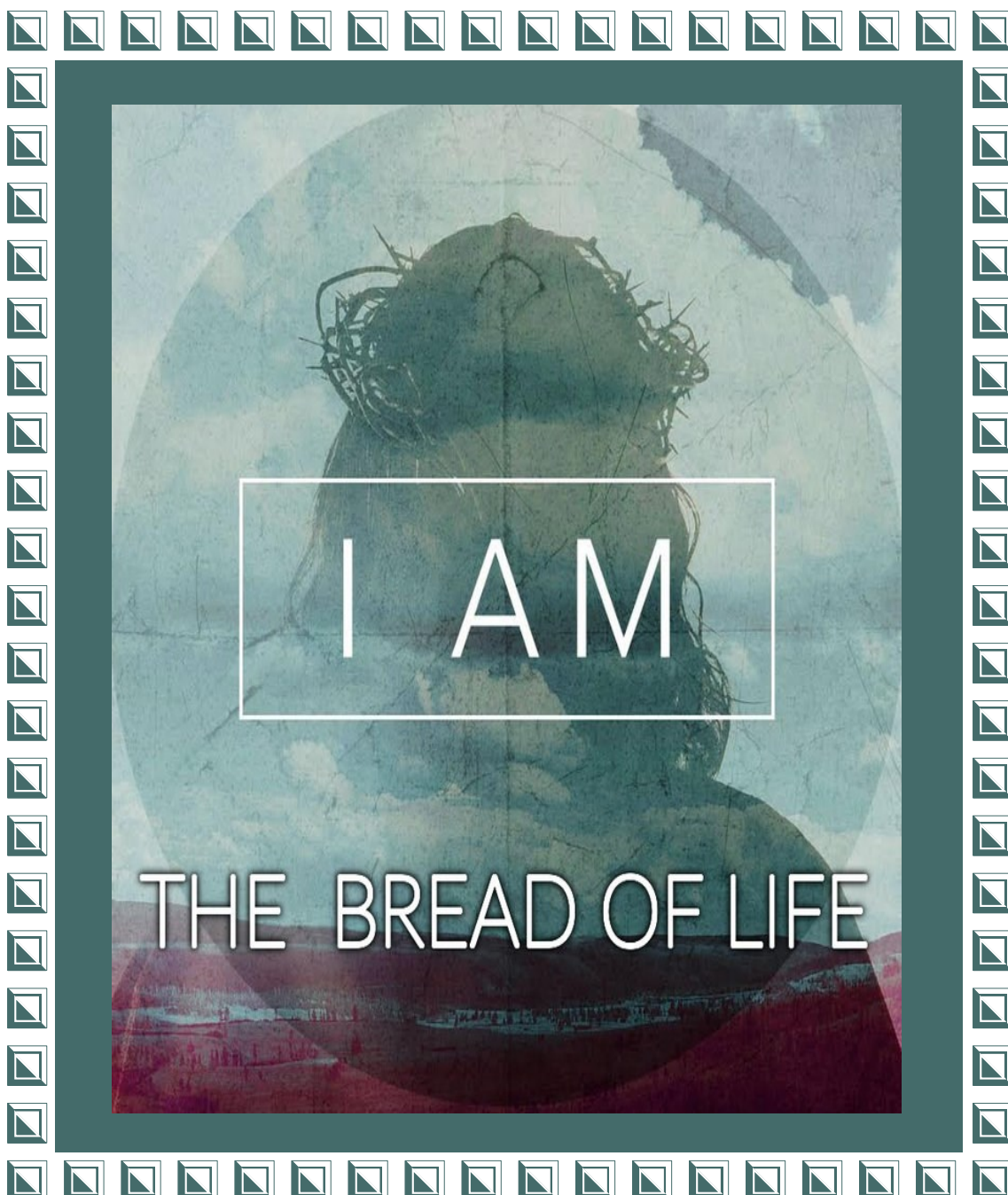
9am Mass Saturday & Public
Holidays
excluding Mondays

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

ACU Chapel Signadou
Masses are now suspended
until February 2018

18th 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	<p>O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.</p>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<p>Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!</p>
COMMUNION	<p>I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.</p>
READINGS	<p>Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15 Ephesians 4:17. 20-24 Gospel: John 6:24-35</p>

PSALM: 77:3-4. 23-25. 54

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might.

He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven.

Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which
his right hand had won.

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

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 the mess.

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.

Only God can turn a Mess into a Message...
A Test into a Testimony...
A Trial into a Triumph...
A Victim into a Victory!!

FEAST OF ST DOMINIC

To Celebrate the Feast of St Dominic our Parish will celebrate with a Special Morning Tea after the 10.00am Mass. We would love to see you there to celebrate our Parish Patron Saint - St Dominic - Everyone is welcome to join us.



THE SIGN

'The people Jesus encountered, those he fed with bread, demanded more from God so that they could believe, when all along that 'sign' they so desired was right in their midst. Jesus fed them with bread and they were stuck on that, because they were concerned only with satisfying their physical hunger. They failed to see that it was Jesus who could give them the true bread, that is, eternal life.

'Today we are invited to focus on this Bread from heaven that gives us life, that is, Jesus Christ. Each time we come to the table of the Lord in the Eucharist, we receive that life-giving Bread that provides us with the spiritual nourishment needed for our Christian journey to the Lord. 'God gives us the true Bread in Jesus and this Bread gives life to the world. Let us therefore hunger for this Bread that will last and look beyond the tangible, to recognize God's love for us and presence to us. Hunger after Jesus, who is the Bread of life, and let us be more appreciative of all that God gives to us, especially in his Son, Jesus.

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Charles Dominique OP

HE IS THE GIFT

'With the coming of Jesus, God gives a new kind of food, which even his disciples found it hard to recognise. Jesus gently chides the crowd that thronged him after the feeding of the five thousand. "You are seeking me because you had all the bread you wanted, not because you understood what that meant." He is himself the bread which comes down from heaven.

'It is not simply food which strengthens us, body and soul, in the here and now. It is food which is God himself. He does not say: I give you the living bread. He says: I am the living bread. And this bread comes to us by way of sacrifice. "The bread which I will give is my flesh, given for the life of the world."

'All is God's gift. So much so that in the end even the distinction between giver and gift breaks down. God does not merely give us food. He is our food. He does not merely give gifts. He is himself the gift.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr Fabian Radcliffe OP

CHRIST SATISFIES OUR HUNGER

All four Gospels relate the miracle of the Feeding of the Five Thousand, which comes immediately before the passage we hear in today's Gospel, taken from St John. This text begins what is known as the 'Bread of Life Discourse' (John 6. 22-59), which we start today and will continue reading over the next two Sundays.

It is the morning after the night before, and the people go across the lake looking for Jesus - because, as he says, 'they have eaten all the bread they can eat'. Through dialogue, Jesus helps them to see that it is the Father who has always provided for them - a theme reinforced in the First Reading and Psalm. Jesus also reveals something new to them: he himself is the sign they seek. Through his gift of living bread, he is offering them renewal of their minds and the ability to walk in the way of goodness and truth (Second Reading). This week, let's give time for dialogue with the Lord that we, too, might respond to his desire to give himself totally to us, so that our deepest hunger and thirst may be satisfied.

Prepared by St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham

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, Paul Neddrie, Mary Martin
Our deceased	Sr Gabriel Anne Cuzner ocdm
In Loving Memory	Jose Luis Prates Leal, Evol Cravino, Phillipa Weeks, Adriano Focarile

BAPTISM

Zoe Lorraine Alderman
George Leo Alderman
Max Cyril Alderman

who will be baptised this weekend.
May their lives be filled with God's peace,
and their hearts with God's love...
on this Baptism day and always.



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.

ST MARY MACKILLOP

Mary MacKillop (1842-1909), now known as St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, was an Australian woman of early Australian colonial times.

On March 19, 1866 at Penola in South Australia she, with Father Julian

Tenison-Woods, founded the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart (Josephites). Mother Mary of the Cross was its first Religious Sister and Superior.

In her lifetime, Mary MacKillop established a number of schools and welfare organisations throughout Australia and New Zealand with a focus on education of the poor, particularly in country regions. Conflict with Fr Tenison-Woods and other clergy resulted in Mary's ex-communication by Bishop Sheil on September 22, 1871 for her alleged insubordination. Consequently most of the schools were closed and the Josephites almost disbanded. On February 21, 1872, Bishop Sheil, as he lay dying, realised his mistake and lifted the ex-communication. In 1873, Mary MacKillop successfully travelled to Rome and attained Papal approval for the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart. In 1875, after returning from Rome, she was formally elected Superior General.

Since her death in 1909, St Mary MacKillop has attracted much veneration in Australia and internationally. Following recognition of the required miracles, she became Australia's first saint on October 17, 2010.



Be content with what you have. Rejoice in the way things are.
When you realise there is nothing lacking,
the whole world belongs to you.

ST DOMINIC

The Spanish churchman St. Dominic (ca. 1170-1221) founded the Dominican order, a religious community officially called the Order of Preachers.

Dominic was born to the well-to-do Guzmán family in the town of Caleruega in northern Spain. As a young man, he studied the liberal arts and theology at Palencia. After he was ordained a priest, he joined the cathedral canons of the city of Osma, who lived a community life under the rule of St. Augustine. When he was about 30, Dominic accompanied his bishop on several diplomatic missions in northern Europe. In the course of these travels he became aware of the religious ideas of the Albigensians, a Manichaean movement in southern France. This sect believed that the soul is good and the body is evil and that man must be purified and must not indulge in any physical pleasures. The Pope had sent legates to counteract the movement, but with their sumptuous clothes, fine horses, and numerous attendants they only succeeded in reinforcing the Albigensians' beliefs. Dominic saw that the only way to preach orthodox doctrine effectively to these people was to be as poor as they were and to be thoroughly knowledgeable in Christian theology. He stayed in southern France for several years and, together with a small group of like-minded men, tried to put his ideas into practice by preaching, studying, praying, and living in poverty. After a papal crusade crushed the heretics, in 1215 Dominic and his group of 16 were welcomed by the bishop of Toulouse and established as the official preachers of that diocese. Dominic then went to Rome, where he obtained Pope Innocent III's approval for the establishment of a religious order dedicated to preaching and based on a deep knowledge of the Scriptures and Christian truth. Until this time religious orders had been associated with monasteries, where men lived apart from the world and spent their time in prayer and physical work. But Dominic conceived of a group of men who would be dedicated primarily to preaching and thus to helping people in the mainstream of life. Living together in a city house, where they would pray and study, these men would be able to go wherever they were needed and would substitute study for the traditional manual labour of monks.

In 1217 Dominic showed his confidence in the men who shared his ideal and scattered the little group of 16 around Europe. He sent some to Paris to study theology, some to Bologna to study law, and others to Rome and Madrid. Two stayed behind in Toulouse and two more in nearby Prouille. Wherever they went, these men attracted others, and soon there were hundreds of followers of Dominic's ideal, many of them students and masters at universities.

During the next 2 years Dominic travelled over 3,000 miles on foot, visiting and encouraging his men in Toulouse, Paris, Milan, Rome and in Spain. In 1220 the first meeting or general chapter of the friars took place in Bologna, and there it was decided that the order would have a representational system of government, with the friars in each house electing their superiors for fixed terms. These representatives met again in 1221 and divided the order geographically into provinces. Shortly after this meeting Dominic died in Bologna in 1221; he was canonized in 1234.

Dominic's genius had several ingredients. He was a charismatic leader, able to evaluate a situation and act decisively. He had confidence in his own ideals and in the people who shared them. His mind was sharpened by study, but before he wrote, lectured, or preached, he turned to God in prayer. It was said of Dominic that "he loved everyone, so everyone loved him." By 1256 the group he had founded had over 13,000 members, and it continues to flourish today.



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 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.

FINDING YOURSELF — A CHRISTIAN MEDITATION RETREAT

St Clement's Retreat and Conference Centre is proud to present a healing and meditation retreat presented by Sister Carmel Moore RSJ on Sunday 9th December For further enquiries or to book please contact St Clement's Retreat and Conference Centre at; info@stclement.com.au or telephone 02 6380 5222.

BOOKS AND BEANIES FAIR

8am-4pm Thursday 30th and Friday 31st August.

We have a large selection of fiction paperbacks, childrens books, cook books, biographies and more! Books nothing over \$2, beanies \$5. Xavier Building foyer adjacent to Zouki Cafe, Calvary Public Hospital, Cnr Haydon Drive & Belconnen Way Bruce. All proceeds go to equipment and patient services at Calvary Hospital. Enquiries: Pat on 040379192.

EVENTS

CANTATE DOMINUM - 5 August at 5pm

The choir of St. Christopher's Cathedral will be coming to sing Vespers at St. Brigid's. Yes, the cathedral choir is joining us to sing the Evening prayer of the Church with us here in Dickson! Along with a beautiful array of psalmody and other musical forms of prayer, we will also be having Exposition and Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament to add to the beauty of this timeless liturgy. This liturgy will be an opportunity to experience Cathedral style music and worship in our Canberra Central Parish St. Brigid and St. Patrick churches! All are welcome to attend!

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

14 August "Are you aware of the origins of the Transgender Movement and the tensions between this social theory and science? Are you aware of the impact of gender theory on our legal, educational and medical practices and the implications for children, men, women, schools, sport and politics? Come and hear Dr Quentin Van Meter, a noted Paediatric Endocrinologist from Emory University and Morehouse School of Medicine in the US, speaking at Old Parliament House 14 August 7.30pm. Hosted by the Australian Family Association. Enquiries paulmonagle@family.org.au Book at www.trybooking.com/WDXT

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. Register your interest: Jacinta (02) 62019861 or catholic.women@cg.org.au

13-16 September - MEN'S CURSILLO

A Men's Cursillo weekend is to be held at Hartzer 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 irmandjoe@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

ROSTERS 11 / 12 August 2018

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	R. Paul	
Readers	A. Blakey	M. Cox
Presentation of Gifts	Blakey Family	
EMOE	C. Lewis	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

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

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	M. Fitzgerald	K. McCluskey
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	L. Musolino	M. Mastrolembro

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer	
Readers	T. Ryan	V. Van der Sanden
Presentation of Gifts	C. Mackay	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
Counters	C. Barn	G. Gleeson I. Buckley