

Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Mass times
Wed 5.30pm
Tues & Thurs 6.45am
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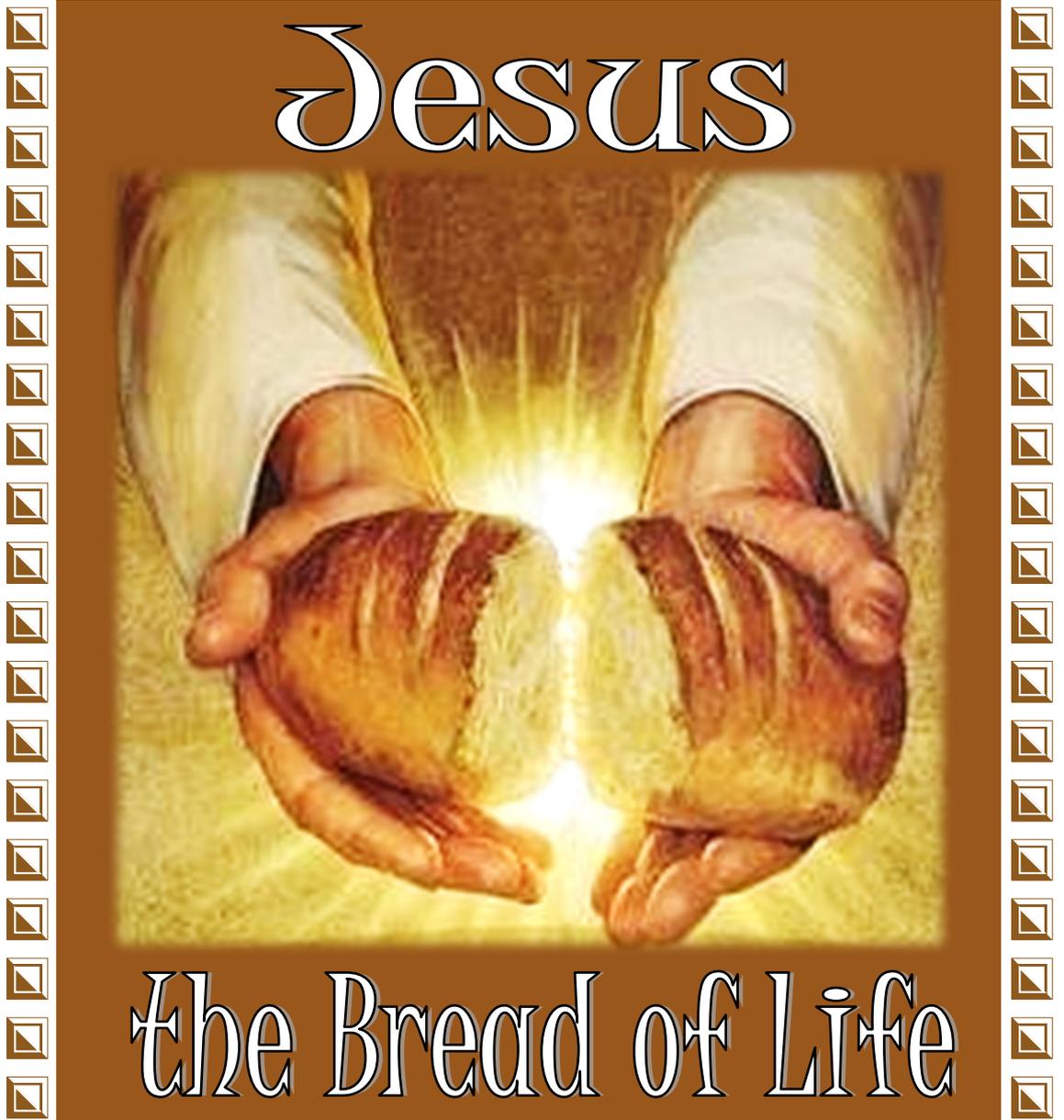
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8am, 10am & 5pm

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

19th 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	Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.
READINGS	1 Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2 Gospel: John 6:41-51

**ASSUMPTION
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

The **Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven**, informally known as **the Assumption**, according to the beliefs of the Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodoxy, Oriental Orthodoxy, and parts of Anglicanism, was the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life.

Mass Times - Wednesday August 15th

Morning - 6.45am
School Mass - 10am
Evening Mass - 5.30pm

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 33:2-9

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him,
to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Jacquie Cortese, our versatile and dedicated parish secretary, for such a lovely home-cooked morning tea for the Feast of St. Dominic. It was much enjoyed and appreciated by the many parishioners who gathered in the Parish Centre after the Feast Day Mass on Sunday.

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!

NEWS

Last week I picked up a copy of the January 1889 Australian Messenger which was published by the Jesuits from 1880 to 1992. Under the heading of Catholic Associations, is an article which reads:

At a banquet given last year (1888) to Cardinal (Patrick Francis) Moran in Brisbane, Sir Charles Lilley, Chief Justice of Queensland, and a Protestant, made an eloquent speech in which he spoke of the power and mission of the Catholic Church. "To it we owe the elevation of our moral and spiritual nature. Its intellect, its genius, its imagination and its tastes are living today in the greatest works of art in the world. It has served to quicken the moral life of the Christian and to enable the spiritual life of our race. Some of the brightest, noblest, purest spirits that have ever lived have been children of the Catholic Church. Passing as I have through many countries in which the Catholic faith is predominant, I have not failed to recognise its quickening influence over the lives of men."

So how would Sir Charles Lilley frame his speech today? We have much to pray for this week which is both one of celebration for the Catholic Church in Melbourne with a measure of hope tinged with deep shame at the failure of our Bishops, clerics, religious and lay in their dealing with the criminal acts perpetrated against children in Australia.

Wednesday is the installation of Bishop Peter Comensoli as Archbishop of Melbourne, following the retirement of Archbishop Denis Hart. In our links, we carry a story of the welcome from retired priest Father Eric Hodgens. "Spare a thought for the new archbishop". There will be not much time for rest or celebration. A press release from ACBC had this to say: *The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has convened an additional plenary meeting for 2018 to expedite the Catholic Church's response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The meeting will be held in Melbourne on August 2 and 3, and will allow the bishops to consider, as a body, the Church's formal response to the Royal Commission. "The bishops hadn't received enough advice at their May meeting to prepare our response to the Royal Commission's final report," ACBC president Archbishop Mark Coleridge said. "Additional advice, including from the Truth, Justice and Healing Council, the Implementation Advisory Group, Catholic Professional Standards Limited, local safeguarding experts and canon lawyers has now been received and is informing the bishops' response. "We have also begun discussions with the Holy See about issues that concern the discipline and doctrine of the universal Church." Representatives from Catholic Religious Australia, the Implementation Advisory Group and Catholic Professional Standards Limited will attend the meeting. Archbishop Coleridge said he hoped the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's formal response to the Royal Commission would be released as soon as possible after the August plenary meeting. "We decided we couldn't wait until our next scheduled plenary meeting in late November to finalise our response," he said. The bishops will also receive an update on the Catholic Church's participation in the National Redress Scheme and on Commonwealth funding for Catholic schools at next week's meeting. We can but hope and pray that the Holy Spirit will unite the bishops to speak with courage and audacity and with one voice. This is not the time for fiddling as Rome burns.*

ACBC president Archbishop Mark Coleridge said in a press release: 'After two productive days of meetings, the bishops have reached a common position on the Royal Commission's recommendations relating to the Catholic Church and its various ministries,' The press release indicated the response would be released in conjunction with Catholic Religious Australia this month together with the four volumes of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council's final report. Many will look on with interest for the release of these materials.

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

Neil Naughton,
Sr Gabriel Anne Cuzner ocdm

In Loving Memory

GRIEVING GOD

In the Second Reading, Paul warns people not to grieve the Holy Spirit of God. It is a sad thing to grieve your mother or your best friend. It is really dreadful to grieve God himself. How does a person manage to do such a lamentable thing?

You grieve God when you engage in malice, Paul says. Now malice is the opposite of love. To love someone is to want the good for him and to want to be united with him, too. So you can be malicious by refusing either of these desires of love. If you want what is bad for another person, or if you utterly reject another person, you are malicious with regard to him.

If you are bitter, you are malicious; and when you are malicious, you are opposed to love. So you don't have to engage in murder or theft or adultery to grieve God. As the Second Reading implies, you can grieve God just by reviling another person. You revile a person when you say bad things about him, to his face or behind his back, just for the sake of putting him down. When you do this, you take a kind of perverse pleasure in his badness. That is why reviling is malicious. It is the opposite of love's desire for the good of the other.

Bitterness is on Paul's list of ways to grieve God, too. A bitter drink is one that has no sweetness in it; it just sets the drinker's teeth on edge. Your heart and mind are bitter if you are focused largely on the bad in things, and that bad-tempered focus of yours sets everybody else on edge as they try to tiptoe around you. You can't want the good for others if all you can see is the bad in them. And you can't want to be united with them either if your bitterness blocks joy in you.

If you revile others, if you are bitter, you are malicious; and when you are malicious, you are opposed to love. But God is love, and it isn't possible for there to be union between God and what is opposed to God.

Your malice grieves God, then, because he has lost you when you are malicious; and, for God, your loss is worth grieving. It's a sobering thought to be so loved, isn't it?

[Eleonore Stump http://liturgy.slu.edu/](http://liturgy.slu.edu/)

DO NOT SADDEN THE SPIRIT

Today's second reading is possibly the most tragic passage in the bible. Some people have the idea that the Holy Spirit is nothing but an impersonal force, without feelings. This is a terrible misconception. The Spirit is equal to the Father and the Son, who both show powerful emotion. Moreover the Spirit is intimately involved in our personal lives. This is not the characteristic of a detached "energy", but of a person. In view of this passionate interest, it is a tragedy that the Holy Spirit can be sad. Love means making another person happy, even at the cost of our own happiness.

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

LIFE IS LIKE A BOOK

Some chapters are sad, some happy, and some exciting. But if you turn the page, you will never know what the next chapter holds.

DO NOT WAVER, HOLD FAST

*Nineteenth Sunday of the Year.
Fr John Patrick Kenrick OP helps us
to see the connection between fasting,
trusting in God and the Holy Eucharist.*

In the gospel today people are complaining – they are ‘murmuring’ just like the Israelites in the desert – but they are not complaining about a lack of food. They are complaining that Jesus seems too ordinary, too human perhaps? They know him, they know his family. The problem is not one of communication. Many of them would readily have understood the implications of what Jesus is saying. The giving of manna, the feeding of the chosen people with bread from heaven, was often associated in Jewish minds with the giving of divine teaching. In other words Jesus is clearly giving his teaching a unique status – he sees his own teaching as indispensable and as life-giving as our daily bread. In what he says we can hear an echo of those words from the book of Proverbs (9:5) – ‘Come, eat of my bread’. If the Israelites in the wilderness were sceptical about God's ability to feed them, Jesus' contemporaries are sceptical about something else – the possibility of finding divine wisdom in their own midst. It seems a not unreasonable position until we reflect that these are the very Galileans who have just seen Jesus feeding 5,000 people. According to John's gospel, they had no doubts *then* that Jesus must be some kind of prophet. That is why they took the trouble to pursue him, hoping perhaps for a repeat performance. As with so many of us, their problem is really inconstancy. They are waverers, given to changing their minds, unwilling to accept the truth, unable to trust even their own judgment. As Jesus reminds them, those who come to Him must be drawn by the Father. It is not, then, just an inability to accept his authority but something more basic that is lacking, something that is missing in their relationship with the Father. And if they are unable to accept the divine wisdom in Christ's teaching they will certainly balk at the very idea that they must consume his flesh and blood in order to have life.

The brief extract from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians reminds us that we no longer suffer from this inability to relate to the Father or to His Son. The apostle assures us that because Christ has sacrificed himself for us we can now recognize that we are God's children and even imitate the Father's love. Liberated by the Spirit, our communities can truly become the models of harmony that God intends. We still have the task of preaching the word and we may still have very positive reasons to fast and exercise self-discipline; but we have no reason to complain, no reason to doubt God's providence.

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

BECOMING FOOD

The prophet Elijah is weak from hunger, but the angel of the Lord feeds him with a hearth cake and a jug of water. Elijah is no longer hungry, but what is more important, “strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights.” There was work to do, a journey to be made, and the food made it possible.

When Jesus talks about the bread that he is giving, he compares it to manna, which performed a role similar to Elijah's food: it enabled a journey to take place (out of the desert and into the promised land). So it is obvious that Jesus intends the bread of life not just to satisfy hunger but also to make possible the accomplishment of a task, the completion of a journey.

In one sense, this journey is on the road to salvation: “bring us to our promised inheritance,” we pray in the opening prayer. Jesus has to have something else in mind also, because he talks about not just feeding but also becoming food: “the bread I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world.”

We are to sacrifice ourselves, as Jesus on the cross and in the Eucharist, for the sake of the poor ones, the lowly and the afflicted. The Eucharist challenges us to become their food, so that they may complete the journey “to the mountain of God.”

According to the Christian message, man's relationship to his neighbour is bound up with his relationship to God; his response to the love of God, saving us through Christ, is shown to be effective in his love and service of men. Christian love of neighbour and justice cannot be separated.

<http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

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.

VINNIES DROUGHT APPEAL

As part of a broader suite of appeals occurring at this time, Vinnies will hold an appeal for drought affected farmers and communities as a leaving collection at masses on the weekend of 18-19 August. The Society is always appreciative of the support for our regular appeals and asks you only to donate what you can. Receipts will be available.



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.

7 - September "The Shalom Wellness 2018"

This weekend retreat is all about finding balance and nurturing your mind, body and spirit. You can do as much or as little as you want while enjoying the good food and lovely atmosphere of Shalom House of Prayer. **Cost:** suggested donation \$250 (All meals, materials & accommodation) **Bookings:** ph: 02 63673058 or email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com or book on line: www.shalomcarcoar.com SHALOM HOUSE OF PRAYER , 7 COLLINS STREET CARCOAR **Presenters:** The Shalom Community, Life/Wellness Coaches - Simon and Majella Price, Artist - David Newman-White and Jan Green Pranayoga Bathurst.

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

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.

Be happy for this moment. This moment is your life.

ROSTERS 18 / 19 August 2018

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	P. English	E. Smith
Presentation of Gifts	Tran Family	
EMOE	J. Maclean	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

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

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	A. O'Donnell	L. Fardell
Presentation of Gifts	Musolino Family	
EMOE	H. Zobec	R. Marson

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer		
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	M. Karunaratne	
Presentation of Gifts	K. Turrisse		
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca	
Counters	T. Ryan	R. Walpole	J. Smith