

# Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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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

## 20th 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	Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.
READINGS	Proverbs 9:1-6   Ephesians 5:15-20 Gospel: John 6:51-58

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 33:2-3. 10-15

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.

Revere the Lord, you his saints.  
They lack nothing, those who revere him.  
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Come, children, and hear me  
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is he who longs for life  
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Then keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn aside from evil and do good;  
seek and strive after peace.

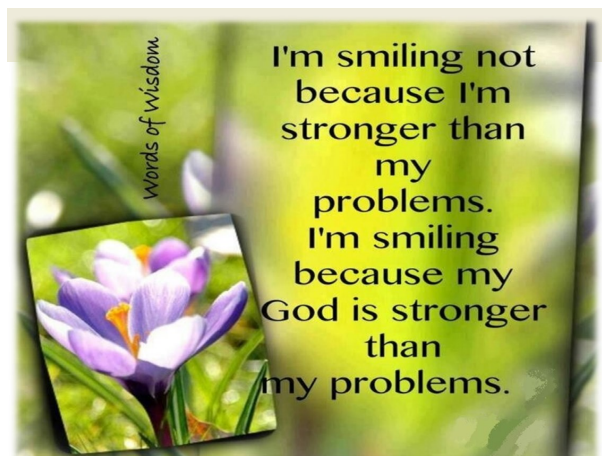
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### CHILDREN'S BULLETIN

**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.**

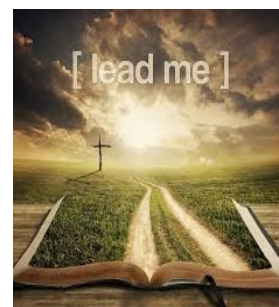
### CHURCH

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



### MAKING THE MOST OF THE OPPORTUNITY

Why did God put us on Earth? Most of us live here for less than a century. Some leave a mark of their passing, but most do not. If we think only of our earthly existence, it may seem futile. But if we see this life as our childhood, it becomes a prep school for something better to come. We graduate when we learn to love unselfishly. God gives us time to mature.



### CARPARK

SATURDAY 25TH August is ACU Open Day - Parishioners attending 9am Mass should be aware there will be increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Some sections of the parking will be closed.

### WISDOM

Wisdom is the ability to discern between the real goods and the shiny fakes. But among the very best of the really good things is the goodness of God. And so wisdom is the ability to see the goodness of God wherever it is to be found in the world.

Christ is the bread from heaven, and every person who tastes this bread will live. He will have the real goods, not the worthless fake goods; and he will see the difference between the two, because he will see God's goodness in Christ. Here is the end: taste the bread from heaven and see the goodness of the Lord. Wisdom lies in this! Among the very best of the really good things is the goodness of God.

[Extract Eleonore Stump - St Louis University](#)

### MARY MacKILLOP EXAMPLE

The Sisters of St Joseph, her spiritual daughters, have educated generations of Australian children for more than 150 years. Many people believe – and who can blame them - that the Catholic church will never recover from its betrayal of little children, the very ones Jesus loved so much. But that's forgetting about the Holy Spirit. And didn't all seem lost after the death of Jesus? Mary MacKillop is an example not just for Catholics but for all Australians. Misunderstood, she knew the hurt of being denied holy communion but never once spoke against the bishop who made that judgement. Now for the first time in history our bishops are asking us - fervent Catholics, those who have walked away in disgust and everyone in between - to pray, and then speak with courage, listen with humility, and share our stories. The question we are pondering together is: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at his time?" To discern true and beautiful answers, we will need the help of fellow Christians and indeed all Australians of good will. Let us ask for that help with humility.

### FOLLOW HIM

To eat the flesh of Jesus and to drink his blood is to become totally identified with his very person, with his deepest thoughts, with his vision of life, with his values, and with his mission to build the Kingdom of God. And there is, I believe, even more. 'The flesh and blood of Jesus was, above all, that part of him which he totally surrendered in his suffering and death. This is John's way of putting the Synoptics' passage that: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and the Gospel will save it." Jesus is here calling us to follow him, to be with him sharing totally and unconditionally his mission and destiny.'

[Excerpt from a homily by Fr Frank Doyle SJ](#)

**"Don't Let Yesterday Take Up Too Much Of Today."**



<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, Mary Martin
<b>Our deceased</b>	Neil Naughton, Mieke Van Rooy Francesco Arena, Gerard Kelly
<b>In Loving Memory</b>	Anton Bach, Giuse Chi

## BAPTISM

### *Eden Iris Bailey*

who will be baptised this weekend.  
May her life filled with God's peace,  
and her heart with God's love...  
on this Baptism day and always.



## MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

In today's gospel reading, Jesus concludes his teaching on the mystery of the Eucharist. We hear again the announcing of the Eucharist as the ultimate expression of the Incarnation: 'The bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world'. The listeners find this hard to accept, giving expression to the challenge all believers face as they own the truth of Jesus' words. The forthright response of Jesus to these doubts is a support and confirmation for our faith: through his Paschal Mystery he has truly become the healing and nourishment of the world, and he gives an ultimate expression to this fact by becoming our sacramental food and drink. Jesus is insistent: 'My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink'; and the words he uses for 'eating' and 'drinking' in the gospel text have a graphic realism, confirming what he has said.

The Eucharistic mystery, whereby the Saviour makes himself - in the achievement of his Paschal Mystery - our very nourishment, is realised in a meal ('Do this' Jesus says). The first reading takes up the banquet theme. A celebratory meal shared with friends is one of the most meaningful moments of our human experience. Wisdom, the personification of God's ways in the world, calls those who are lost to share in her banquet. Now Jesus, who is the very Wisdom of God in person, calls us to his table.

And what does the nourishment of this meal bring to those who respond to the Lord's invitation? Nothing less than a sharing in the divine life that unites Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the same gospel, at the Supper, the prayer of Jesus to the Father will be: 'All I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them [my disciples] I am glorified' (17:10; see also v.21). In this discourse Jesus emphatically links this sharing in the divine life with the Eucharist: 'As I draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me'. And the joy of that life will never end: 'Anyone who eats my flesh has eternal life and I shall raise him up on the last day'.

*From a homily on the Gospel by Fr John Thornhill sm*

## 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 this weekend.

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.



## ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE

*Twentieth Sunday of the Year.*

*Fr Brendan Slevin OP always has a song in his heart.*

This is not the homily I was expecting to offer to you but as they say 'life is what happens when your making plans' We can take so much for granted that when something unexpected happens our whole way of doing things can be thrown up into the air. No doubt as you are reading this you give no thought to what's going on in that box in front of you, your computer just quietly works away feeding you with all sorts of information. When, however, your computer anti-virus software decides to delete a 'dll' file then what was taken for granted, what was simple and ignorable, suddenly consumes your time. This then is the condition I find myself in; granted, it is not an earth shattering moment or on the level of so many disasters just waiting to befall us, but it does cause one to stop and think. St Paul in his Letter to the Ephesians tells us to come together and sing psalms and hymns to the Lord but also to continue singing and chanting in our hearts. What a wonderful instruction, to have our hearts full of music. When we listen to music it alters our mood. It can raise our minds to something beyond us, bring alive in us memories of the past it can even bring us from despair to hope. To have that music within us, within our hearts, how much more will it consume us? So let us take heed of St Paul and keep that song of thanksgiving to the Lord resounding in our hearts, echoes on earth of the celestial choirs of angles. There are some other benefits of singing in our hearts: it is our music, music that only we can hear rising to the throne of God. It can be a constant hymn, a constant prayer of thanksgiving wherever we are and whatever else we are doing. But above all it builds within our life a constant reminder of God. And let's be honest with ourselves, when our life is going along all right we can so easily forget about the God who keeps us in being. When no disasters hit there is no need to beg for help. When there is nothing to fill us with joy there is not need to thank God for it. It is in the more extreme moments of life that we find ourselves paying more attention to God, the rest of the time we can take just take God's gifts for granted.

I suppose part of the problem is remembering what we have to be grateful for, though every breath we take should be a reminder of our creator. But what about giving thanks for that which is to come, our future life without end with God?

From the earliest of times man has searched for the secret to eternal life. The first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang, believed his physicians had found this secret and daily digested the tablets they gave him. Unfortunately as is so often the case their secret, a compound containing mercury, not only shortened his life but also affected his mental state. It is remarkable how much time, effort and expense was put into attempts at securing an afterlife. From the moment you became king in ancient Egypt you began your tomb. With King Horemheb we can see in his first tomb the moment he became king and the craftsmen stopped carving the walls as it would no longer be needed. Then in his second tomb in the valley of the kings we see the moment his body was brought in and again the craftsmen stopped working and ran out before it was sealed.

We have no need to build tombs, we need not man made structures for our future life, it is not about structures or man made things. Our preparation for eternal life is to live not to spend our life planning. With whatever befalls us good or bad let the praise of God be in our hearts. St Paul tells us 'this may be a wicked age but your lives should redeem it'.

Instead, then, of taking so much for granted let us fill our hearts with a song of thanksgiving to the Lord 'so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ'. Then with our hearts full of joy we can begin to live.

So I sit here singing to the Lord in my heart, giving thanks for this small revelation via the unexpected activity of my anti-virus software.

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

## 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](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** 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.

### 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](mailto: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

### 23 – August to 4 October "Seminar - New Life in God's Spirit"

Free 7 week seminar at St John the Apostle church, Blackham St, Holt (Kippax) ACT. Each Thursday from 23 August to 4 October, from 7pm to 9pm. Talks, testimonies, praise and worship, prayer ministry. Book provided. Contact Carl 0402 883 322; Maida 0423 658 326; Neda 0415 266 019"

### 30 August - EVENINGS FOR THE ENGAGED

A marriage preparation program which will commence on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30 pm for five-weeks. Enquiries: Mark and Kathy Haseler, 6166 7634.

**6 September - BIBLE SOCIETY** — You are invited to a FREE public talk by Dr John Dickson where he will answer the question 'Are we better off without Christianity?'. **Thursday 6 September, 7:00pm – 9:00pm** Trinity Christian School, 34 McBryde Cres, Wanniasa For more information please email [events@biblesociety.org.au](mailto:events@biblesociety.org.au)

### 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](mailto:shalomcarcoar@gmail.com) or book on line: [www.shalomcarcoar.com](http://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](mailto: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 [irmandioe@gmail.com](mailto:irmandioe@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)

**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.

### ROSTERS 25 / 26 August 2018

#### Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	R. Paul	
Readers	T. Dennis	J. Maclean
Presentation of Gifts	J. Anderson	
EMOE	A. Moore	K. Murphy

#### Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	N. McGahey	
Readers	J. Schwinghamer	P. Wilkinson
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	E. Smith	

#### Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	E. Northcote	J. Northcote
Presentation of Gifts	School	
EMOE	A. Northcote	C. Rheinberger

#### Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer	
Readers	M. Nugyen	T. Malone
Presentation of Gifts	Malone Family	
EMOE	K. Sneddon	C. Mackay
Counters	W. Wade	J. Smith