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VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Monday, Tuesday,
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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

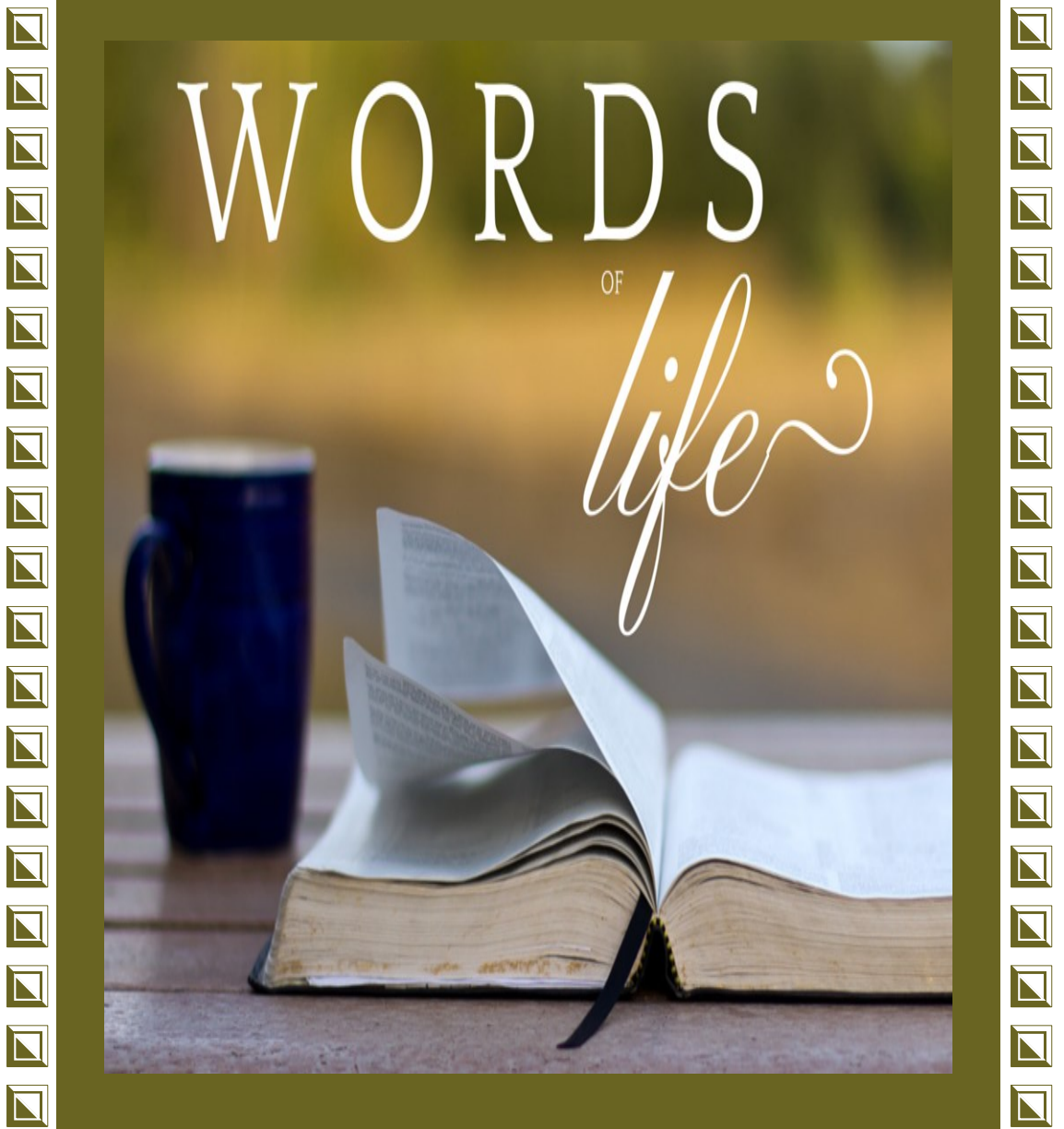
Pray the Rosary

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

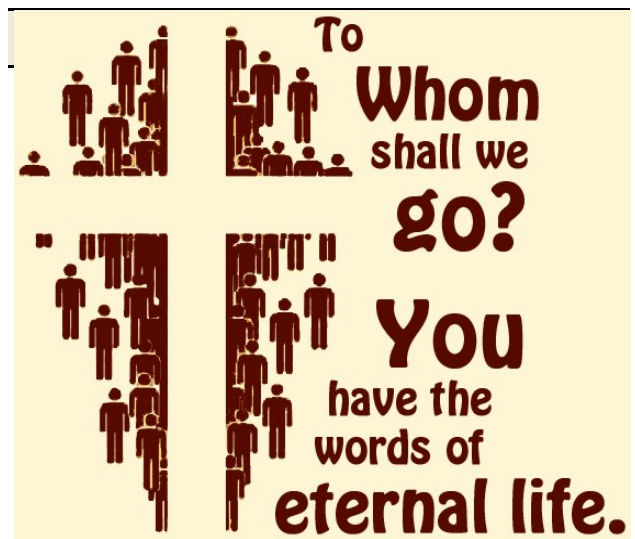
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.
READINGS	Joshua 24:1-2.15-18 Ephesians 5:21-32 Gospel: John 6:60-69



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 33:2-3. 16-23

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.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

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.

WELCOME



Welcome To students & parents from our Parish School, who are celebrating the Eucharist with parishioners at the 10am Family Mass. This Mass will be followed by a Sausage Sizzle and Refreshments. All are invited.

THE VALUE OF COMPASSION

World Migrant and Refugee Sunday celebrated by Catholics around the world.

It invites us to extend our compassion beyond our own suburb, city and nation, and reminds us that the plight of refugees and immigrants is world-wide. The constant flow of people from the Middle East, the pushing back of refugees from Europe, the hostility shown by governments and people in many countries, the suspicion of migrants from Africa and the punishment of people already punished by war, are features of many societies besides our own. Compassion and hospitality are central values of the Catholic Church. They are Jesus' values. He invites us to feed people who seek protection and are left without any support wherever we are. He also invites us to help their children learn, to offer them free medical care, to find them work that will help them support themselves, to demand compassion from politicians, and to weep at and denounce cruelty towards them. These invitations are not made simply to saints in other places and at other times. They are made to people like us around the world.



Pope Francis is often seen as the face of the Catholic Church. His own face has certainly been turned compassionately to people who have sought protection. Early on as Pope he visited Lampedusa, the Mediterranean island to which people seeking protection often came. He prayed with them and lamented the cruelty that led so many of their relatives and friends to die at sea. Last month on the anniversary of his travel to Lampedusa he again prayed for them.

Fr Andrew Hamilton

POPE'S MESSAGE

Each Migrant and Refugee Sunday the Pope sends a message to Catholics and through them to the wider world. This year it is built around four words: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. Each is a central part of a good society. At the heart of each is the conviction that each human being is precious and is bound to all other human beings. We make a claim on each other.

Refugees are our brothers and sisters, and in their vulnerability and resilience they are blood brothers of the people whom we serve. To welcome is to smile, speak well of people, and to make them feel at home. To protect is to look beyond numbers and differences, to recognise the danger that people are in, and to respond by giving them shelter. To promote is to look to their welfare, to help them access services, to speak up for them and to make connections between them and society at large. Finally, to integrate is to invite them into our churches and local groups, to visit them in their places of worship and at their festivals. It is to make space for them by accepting their invitation to move into their space. We can do this by prayer, by conversation, by visiting, by advocacy and by hospitality. All these things are the stuff of the Gospel.

For more information, see www.acmro.catholic.org.au.

Leave undone whatever you hesitate to do.

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, Mieke Van Rooy Francesco Arena, Gerard Kelly, Elly Odin
In Loving Memory	Anna Gallo, Kevin Ford

RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

The best way to stay with Jesus is to try to live your life in relationship with Jesus every day, by receiving the Eucharist, reading a little of the Gospel every day, and taking a little meditation time in the morning to be with Jesus, to tell him your problems, share your life with him, and listen to what he has to say to you; and then at work, in the middle of the day, to check in with him, imagine he's right there with you; and then in the evening, to be with him too, talk with him, listen to him, to ask him again how to follow him the next day.

'Today, when Jesus asks, "Do you also want to leave me?" we respond "Lord, we do not want to leave you. We want to follow you and love you and be with you every day. We want you to guide us and teach us and lead us. We want to be your friends and companions, no matter what, no matter who else leaves, no matter what the cost, every day for the rest of our lives."'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. John Dear SJ

LASTING JOY

The opening prayer tells us what to consider in our reflection on the readings: "the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world." What are our values? What is important to us? To put it another way: Who or what is our god?

The Israelites were tempted to serve other gods, for they were in a new land occupied by the worshipers of idols. Joshua challenged them to serve only Yhwh, and they accepted the challenge: "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." Jesus challenged his followers to believe in the one, true God: "Does it shake your faith?" he asked them. Peter responds for the others, saying that they will not forsake Jesus, who has the words of eternal life. Jesus challenges us also to remain faithful to the one God. There are many in the world who worship other gods: power, money, pleasure, comfort, security, self-interest. Our prayer is that "all these attractions of a changing world serve only to bring us the peace of your Kingdom which this world does not give." We want to say with Joshua and his people: "We will serve the Lord." If certain forms of modern 'imperialism' were considered in the light of these moral criteria, we would see that hidden behind certain decisions, apparently inspired only by economics or politics, are real forms of idolatry: of money, ideology, class, technology.

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

GOD AND SCRIPTURE

'The Scriptures are a gift from God. Through Scripture, God meets people with great love and speaks tenderly with them. The word of God in Scripture is not simply marks on paper; it is living and active when it is proclaimed in worship, or meditated on in quiet prayer.'

From Call and Response

"We do not need magic to change the world.
We carry all the power we need inside ourselves already."

J. K. Rowling

HARD SAYINGS

Twenty-First Sunday of the Year.

Fr Richard Joseph Ounsworth OP preaches on our reaction to Christ's sermon on the Bread of Life.

Today finally brings us to the end of this long chapter of St John's Gospel, and Jesus's sermon on himself as the bread of life. And today we are invited to decide once again on our own responses to the extraordinary claims Christ makes for himself, and to the extraordinary language in which he expresses himself.

We are told that the response of many of those disciples of Jesus who heard this language was to turn away from Jesus. The way Jesus speaks of himself is 'hard'. The Jerusalem Bible, which most Catholic churches in England use, translates it as 'This is intolerable language', which sounds rather like someone writing to the *Daily Mail* to complain about swearing on the BBC, but at least captures the sense that they are driven away from Jesus by the way he speaks.

And this is quite understandable: we have been told that we must eat the flesh of Jesus and drink his blood, or we cannot have life in us. Jesus's flesh and blood are life-giving because he himself is sent by the Father and draws life from the Father (verse 56). This encapsulates the central mystery of Christ's identity. He is at once absolutely flesh and blood, as we are, living and breathing, sweating and thirsting when it's hot, bleeding when he is pierced and dying when he is hung on the tree. But at the same time he is absolutely united to the Father, eternally proceeding forth from him and with him and the Holy Spirit the source of all life, all existence.

Most extraordinary of all, though, is that he invites all people to share in his union with the Father through sharing, in the most intimately physical act of eating and drinking, in his human life, his human death and his human rising from the dead. This invitation is given, in this sermon recorded by St John, in words both beautiful and horrifying, both wonderful and appalling.

Little wonder, then, that the majority turn away. This invitation seems too magnificent to be real and too ghastly to accept. As it was in the beginning, so it is now: if the Christian Gospel is preached authentically, preached as it was first preached, it will inevitably meet with this reaction, and we know that it has done so since the earliest days of the Church. Neither should we feel ashamed if this same reaction rises in our hearts too. The mystery of who Christ is, and of the life he offers us, is deeper than the ocean and higher than the heavens. It is like the sun bursting in, and if we find ourselves blinking and tempted to put the pillow over our heads, that is only natural.

But the warmth of this sun seduces us out of our hiding places, and its brightness dares us to gaze at it, until we can do so unblinkingly in the glorious light of heaven. One of the vital themes of St John's Gospel is this challenge to enter into the light, for all that it will show up our faults and failings, and not to be like those who prefer to scurry off into the dark corners.

There is a third possible reaction that the Gospel does not envisage. Perhaps it was not possible at the time, when Jesus was walking the earth, but it is possible and common enough now. That is to pretend that Jesus did not say what he said, or did not mean what he said. It is the temptation to reduce the mystery to a manageable size, to reassure ourselves that *of course* Jesus doesn't *really* offer us his flesh to eat and his blood to drink... *of course* Jesus isn't really saying that the sacramental sharing in his life and death are the means by which we enter into the eternal life of God.

But these hard words of Jesus are, as St Peter says, 'the words of eternal life'. We can say with him that 'we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.' It doesn't matter that we cannot comprehend the mystery of the Eucharist; all will become clear in due time. It does matter that we acknowledge the reality of the invitation it offers us. To whom else, after all, shall we go?

<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

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 0403 797 192.

EVENTS

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.

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

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 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 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.homeinquanbeyan.org

10 November - REXBAND CONCERT - QUEANBEYAN

The Alphonsa Syro-Malabar parish community extend an invitation to one and all to join them for a concert with the Rexband from India. The Rexband are associated with the Jesus Youth movement and they will share the Good News of the Gospel through a three hour performance of lively music, which promises to be a fun and memorable evening for anyone who comes along.

Online Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/RLQA>
<https://www.trybooking.com/306644> <http://stalphonsa.com.au/>

ROSTERS 1 / 2 September 2018

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. De Riva O'Phelan
Presentation of Gifts	Vanderzil Family	
EMOE	T. O'Neill	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	E. Smith	T. Klekner
Presentation of Gifts	E. M. Falk	
EMOE	N. Clarke	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer	
Readers	J. Cooke	H. Pham
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	B. Affas	S. Tanzer

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer	
Readers	T. Ryan	V. Van der Sanden
Presentation of Gifts	De Luca Family	
EMOE	J. Curnow	M. Proctor
Counters	F. Higgins	N. Higgins I. Buckley