

# Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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## VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH  
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# 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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



## God looks at the Heart


**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>	Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation. Alleluia!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
<b>READINGS</b>	Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8 James 1:17-18. 21-22. 27 Gospel: Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

## FATHERS DAY

A Dad is a person who is loving and kind, and often he knows what you have on your mind. He's someone who listens, suggests, and defends. A Dad can be one of your very best friends! He's proud of your triumphs, but when things go wrong, a Dad can be patient and helpful and strong. In all that you do, a Dad's love plays a part. There's always a place for him deep in your heart. And each year that passes, you're even more glad, more grateful and proud just to call him your Dad because he listens and cares, gives and shares, but, especially, for just being Dad! Thank you...



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

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.  
Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart.  
  
He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord.  
  
He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever.  
  
The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

### INDIGENOUS APPEAL

The Bible Society's RIMS (Remote Indigenous Ministries Support) Project, is a major undertaking and part of The Bible Society of Australia's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary push to provide scriptures to Australia's first people, our Aboriginals. These projects have been endorsed by Archbishop Christopher Prowse Canberra & Goulburn Diocese, Sydney Auxiliary Bishop Terry Brady, Sydney Auxiliary Bishop Richard Umbers, Darwin Bishop Emeritus Eugene Hurley, Parramatta Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen, Federal Member of Parliament Ms. Linda Burney and Federal Senator Patrick Dodson. Richard Allcock will be attending all Masses on the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September, and will present a brief talk about the Bible Society's RIMS Project followed by an invitation for support from parishioners. *Funding is needed to support the printing and distribution of the Mur-rinhpatha Mini Bible, Modern Tiwi project, Eastern & Central Arrernte Bible translation (New Testament and Old Testament portions) & Kriol Audio Indigenous Scriptures for our Indigenous brothers & sisters in Australia.* In summary, the RIMS Project is divided into four fundamental areas: Publication of Indigenous Bibles, Recording of Indigenous Scripture, supporting indigenous translation, designing Indigenous Bible resources and workshops. It is important to note that the RIMS Indigenous Project is Tax Deductible and all donations above \$2.00 is claimable.

### 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.

### NEWS

After a turbulent week in politics, hopefully our leaders in Canberra might find some time to focus on the more important issues facing our world. With the possibility of an election on the horizon, there's a hope that Australians might get to have their say again on the things that most matter to them. Given the increasing challenges of climate change, we can only pray that our relationship with the environment is given serious consideration by all our country's political parties. In September, Pope Francis has called for a month of prayer for the **Season of Creation**. Christians all around the world will join a month of prayer and action for the protection of our environment.  
[Michael McVeigh Editor - Australian Catholics](#)

### TRUE RELIGION

Religion can be taken to mean the religious organisation and discipline, so that 'Catholic religion' means Church structures, norms and rules. Of course we are called to worship God as a community, structured and governed in a particular way - that is right and proper. But true religion is much more than that. Those notions of religion as belief in God, acts of worship or structures and discipline are the ones you are likely to find in a dictionary; but they aren't the ones you find in the New Testament. Understanding religion in those dictionary terms runs the risk of the sort of pharisaism that we hear about in today's Gospel. The Pharisees, to be fair, clearly have a concern for the commandments of God which is, in itself, commendable. As a result they have a strong sense of the closeness of God as emphasised by Moses in today's first reading. All that is well and good. But their application of those commandments is so rigid that it misses the point. The point of all those commandments is that we might be holy, that what comes from inside might be pure, and not make us unclean, and that we might shun all those vices listed in the gospel passage. I wonder whether when our contemporaries reject 'religion' it is in fact this 'pharisaism', or at least perceived pharisaism, that they are rejecting. Probably it is. [Excerpt Fr Benjamin Earl OP http://english.op.org/torch](http://english.op.org/torch)

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL DROUGHT RELIEF

Drought Appeal: Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners of Watson and Dickson, the parish St Vinnies conference has raised more than \$6600 for the drought appeal. When combined with a \$1000 donation from the Dominican Friars at Watson, we have made a great difference for drought affected communities.



## WHY TRUE RELIGION IS IRREPLACEABLE

*Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year.  
Fr David Sanders OP helps us to discern  
what lies at the heart of true religion.*

Why is religion so important? It is because it puts us in touch with a special revelation from God that we would not otherwise receive. The Jews believed that through their religion they could know the God who had freed them from slavery in Egypt and who had promised them life. God had given them the Law which instructed them how to remain free and not relapse into idolatry. They were proud that God had chosen them to show the rest of the world what a wonderful God they worshipped. "What great nation is there that has its gods as near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call upon them". Religion then is liberating. And yet many feel that religion is too restrictive and negative in many of its laws. The Ten Commandments may be acceptable, after all they deal with basics like not killing and not stealing but what about all those food and purity rules? They seem out of date. And yet those who deride Jewish kosher laws as being excessive are often just as concerned about what goes into their mouth. They insist on their five fruits a day and the avoidance of the wrong kind of fat.

The Jews developed their purity laws as a way of guarding their faith, keeping certain boundaries so that that they were not just absorbed into the gentile world. Most religions develop traditions which help them to interpret the basic commandments of their religion in the new situations which arise. There is always the danger that these religious traditions can gradually become more important than the basic commandments.

Then religion becomes corrupt. The solution is not to get rid of religion but to purify it so it plays its essential role of mediating God's love and justice to us. And this is what Jesus is doing in today's Gospel.

The scribes and Pharisees point out that Jesus' disciples are not observing the purity laws. Instead of apologising for this he plays the prophet and calls them hypocrites because they are playing at religion. A long line of prophets in Israel before Jesus had attacked the way those in authority made new laws in order to weave a web of protection around their power and they punished anyone who challenged them. Isaiah said it made a mockery of their worship because "you put aside the commandments of God to cling to human traditions."

Jesus is not dismissing the externals of religion in favour of just an interior spiritual attitude. He is pointing to a danger which afflicts all religious people Jew and gentile, catholic and protestant. We can develop religious traditions, whether they are the meticulous details of eating regulations or the intricate instructions of liturgy, which take on a greater importance than the basic commandments of our religion.

The laws and ritual of religion should enable us more easily to encounter the God who has revealed his love to us especially in his concern for our freedom to worship and to do justice.

The basic commandments are concerned not so much about what we put into our mouths but what we allow to come out of our hearts. Our religious worship should allow us to open our hearts to the transforming power of God's love which can overcome the destructive forces which Jesus lists today from fornication and theft down to pride and folly. "All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean."

Jesus was ready to challenge religious traditions for the sake of the deeper purpose of the Law. He ate with sinners, he touched a corpse, lepers, the impure and later in this chapter he reaches out to the deep needs of an unclean Syrophonecian woman. For the whole purpose of his people Israel was to reveal their God to the world and to be a light to the gentiles.

When we come to worship we are invited by Jesus to examine our own religious practices. Do we get too caught up with our human traditions and end up with lip-service? Or do we ask whether religion in our lives puts into practice St James' rather down-to-earth definition in today's second reading:

"Pure unspoiled religion in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it".

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

**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**

Kevin Ford

## WASHING YOUR HANDS BEFORE DINNER

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus and the Pharisees have a public fight about the Jewish tradition of washing your hands before dinner. Jesus puts the Pharisees and their tradition down with a scathing denunciation. He calls the Pharisees "hypocrites," who have God on their lips but not in their hearts. So, what does this story say about tradition? Well, we might think, if cleaving to tradition gets the Pharisees the denunciation of the Lord, then so much the worse for tradition! When the Pharisees privilege hand-washing above the true goodness of Christ, they don't transmit what Moses gave them. And yet where would we be without tradition? Our whole religious understanding and practice, even our creeds, are shaped by tradition.

The solution to the perplexity lies in the story. When the Pharisees ask Jesus why his disciples don't keep the tradition of hand-washing, their question isn't a request for information. It is a challenge to his whole ministry. From the point of view of the Pharisees, a person couldn't be from God and not wash his hands before dinner in accordance with the tradition.

A tradition hands on something precious from one generation to another. But the tradition the Pharisees cling to does not in fact convey the God of Moses, does it? What kind of God would make his total acceptance or rejection of a person dependent on whether or not he washed his hands before dinner? Where is the righteous, merciful, loving God of Moses in this view of the Pharisees? In the First Reading, Moses orders the people to communicate God's commands without adding or subtracting anything from them. The Nicene creed, which is part of the tradition that structures our faith, does not violate this order of Moses, because the Nicene creed does not change biblical teachings. It only unfolds them and gives deeper insight into them.

But when the Pharisees privilege hand-washing above the true goodness of Christ, they don't transmit what Moses gave them. They wreck it, in the name of tradition. And that is why Jesus says the tradition of the Pharisees is the tradition of men. These defenders of religious tradition have lost their grip on the very thing they were supposed to pass on, God's goodness and love. That is why Jesus calls them 'hypocrites.'

It is a cautionary tale for all of us, isn't it?

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

## CAR ACCIDENT

If you were the driver who had an accident in the Car Park after Mass on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August or went to the assistance of the driver please contact the Parish Office on Monday morning.

## BAD DAD JOKES

I don't trust stairs. They're always up to something.  
Just thought of a great pizza joke but it's too cheesy to share.  
What do prisoners use to call each other? Cell phones.  
What sound does a sneezing nut make? Cashew!!  
Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a can of Coke? He was lucky it was a soft drink.

**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.

## THE WAY OF ST JAMES

Cygnets Catholic Parish each year organise a pilgrimage in which travellers walk 30km from Mountain River through Ranelagh before finishing at St James Church.

The famous 750km Spanish pilgrimage, which translate to "The Way of St James" provides a model for the Southern Tasmanian overnight walk.

Walkers take with them a pebble to represent the burden they are carrying. When they lay that rock down at the foot of St James Church at the completion of the pilgrimage, they have unburdened their body, mind or spirit. Walkers often carry a scallop shell which symbolises the different routes pilgrims walk worldwide that lead to the one point.

Visit [www.waytostjames.com.au](http://www.waytostjames.com.au)

# EVENTS

**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 Trinity Christian School, Wanniasa* For more [events@biblesociety.org.au](mailto:events@biblesociety.org.au)

**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)

**11 September - The future of the Catholic Church in Australia** Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn will hold its 4<sup>th</sup> Public Forum at the Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Barton at 7pm for 7.30pm. Special guest speakers: Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv DD - Diocese of Parramatta - Sr Clare Condon - Ms Anne Kirwan.

**3-16 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, themselves 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

**15 September - Alpha Team Training Workshop** To be held at the Fr Greg Collins Wing, St Benedict's, Narrabundah. Fiona Smith [fonadoj@gmail.com](mailto:fonadoj@gmail.com) or 0411144208

**19 September - ACU Blackfriars Lecture Series** From 5.30pm for 6.00 – 7.00 pm lecture by Danielle Dal Cortivo "Designing for transforming a tale of two worlds". The lecture will held in Room 301.1.20, Veritas Building, ACU (Signadou). **RSVP** Friday, 14 September, [canberra@acu.edu.au](mailto:canberra@acu.edu.au).

**14 October - "MARIAN PROCESSION"** Join the Archdiocesan family in a day of prayer, festivities and fun at our Annual Archdiocesan Marian Procession. This year the Papal Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Yllana will be the main Celebrant as we celebrate 100 years since the foundation of St Clements, Galong. Mass start at 11.30am. BYO food, or purchase at the sausage sizzle. [www.marianprocession.org.au](http://www.marianprocession.org.au)

**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)

**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. 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>

**Time is what keeps things from happening all at once.**

### ROSTERS 8 / 9 September 2018

#### Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	K. Markcrow	D. Hinds
Presentation of Gifts	N. Higgins	
EMOE	C. Lewis	

#### Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	K. Linard	
Readers	N. Clark	G. Thompson
Presentation of Gifts	Flynn Family	
EMOE	M. Falk	

#### Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	C. Rheinberger	E. Hall
Presentation of Gifts	Musolino Family	
EMOE	A. Moore	K. Murphy

#### Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	M. Karunaratne
Presentation of Gifts	B. Dobrowolska	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
Counters	C. Barn	G. Gleeson I. Buckley