

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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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

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



You Welcome  
Jesus...

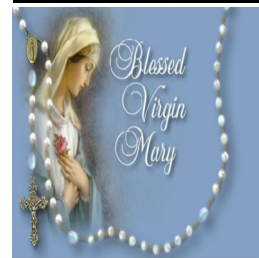
when you welcome one of these!

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>	I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.
<b>READINGS</b>	Wisdom 2:12. 17-20      James 3:16 - 4:3 Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY



On Sunday 7th October the Parish will be celebrating our Church feast day. The 10am Mass will be the Mass for 'Our Lady of the Rosary'.

The Mass will be followed by a morning tea. We invite parishioners to attend the gathering and celebrate together. Please bring a plate to share.

## RESONSORIAL PSALM: 53:3-6. 8

The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayer;  
listen to the words of my mouth.

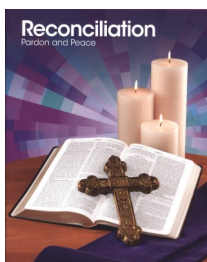
For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God.

But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good.

The Lord upholds my life.

## WELCOME

We welcome the Children from Rosary School & Parish School of Religion for their Commitment Mass. On Monday the 5th on November the Children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on at 6pm and we commend them to your prayers as they begin their preparation program.



## THANK YOU

There are a number of parishioners who do a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes. One special group are our flower ladies who each week decorate the church with their wonderful arrangements. Last Friday night for the Confirmation Mass the flowers were simply beautiful.



Thank you ladies.

## YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE CHURCH

In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me'.

It's also a timely reading in the Catholic Church, with the Bishops Synod on Youth set to take place in Rome in October. Bishops and other representatives will gather in Rome to explore how the Church can better engage with young people.

Sadly, according to journalist Gerard O'Connell the Vatican's list of participants at the synod includes only 36 women (including women religious) – only 10% of the total number. While some disparity might always be expected in meetings involving an all-male episcopacy, one wonders if greater inclusion will be one of the recommendations that come out of the synod.

Inclusion was one of the key themes that came out of a document from young people earlier this year ahead of this synod. More than 300 youth representatives gathered in Rome for discussions, which resulted in a document titled 'Young people, the faith and vocational discernment'. The document drew together submissions from 15,000 other young people through Facebook groups.

It's a rich document, and well worth reading in full. One relevant, section I will quote below explores why young people are leaving the Church. If we are to follow the call of Jesus, and be a Church that welcomes the least first, then it's one that all our communities would do well to heed:

*Young people who are disconnected from or who leave the Church do so after experiencing indifference, judgment and rejection. One could attend, participate in, and leave Mass without experiencing a sense of community or family as the Body of Christ. Christians profess a living God, but some attend Masses or belong to communities which seem dead. Young people are attracted to the joy which should be a hallmark of our faith. Young people express a desire to see a Church that is a living testimony to what it teaches and witnesses to authenticity on the path to holiness, which includes acknowledging mistakes and asking for forgiveness. Young people expect leaders of the Church – ordained, religious, and lay – to be the strongest example of this...*

*On many occasions, young people have difficulty finding a space in the Church where they can actively participate and lead. Young people interpret their experience of the Church as one where they are considered too young and inexperienced to lead or make decisions as they would only make mistakes. There is a need for trust in young people to lead and to be protagonists of their own spiritual journey...*

*Another common perception that many young people have is an unclear role of women in the Church. If it is difficult for young people to feel a sense of belonging and leadership in the Church, it is much more so for young women. To that end, it would be helpful for young people if the Church not only clearly stated the role of women, but also helped young people to explore and understand it more clearly.*

We hope and pray that these issues will be explored at the synod in Rome. In the meantime, let us explore how we can respond to them in our own communities.

Michael McVeigh - Editor - Australian Catholics

## SACRAMENTS ARE GIFTS FROM GOD

Sacraments are gifts from God that invite a response in faith. Through sacramental symbolic action people express themselves to God. Sacraments nurture our faith by helping us stay connected to both the origins of our religion and to our faith community. Sacraments act as signs along the road in our constant searching for the fullness of God. Through the seven Sacraments Catholics are reminded that as a member of a Church community that they not only receive grace but they also have the responsibility to be grace-filled people for others.'

From *Hearing God's Call*

You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them.



<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, Mary Martin 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, Paul Neddrie, Joe Schimizzi, Zelma McManus,
<b>Our deceased</b>	Maurice Joseph, Emma Widdicombe
<b>Loving Memory</b>	Labib Jazrawi, Betty Turner, Peter Nguyen

## HE CHOSE A CHILD AS AN ICON OF GOD

'We think we know what counts as winning: doing better than other people; we think we know what counts as glory: everyone telling us how great we are, and treating us with great respect; we think we know what counts as power: being able to make things happen the way we want them, and people obeying us when we tell them what to do. It's normal to think like that, isn't it?

'Well, Jesus didn't seem to think so.

'It's not that he thought being killed was a bundle of fun. But where we would think it was the worst thing that could happen to us, Jesus knew that it wasn't. It was the cost of being obedient to the Father, and it wasn't the end. But try telling that to the disciples. They didn't know what he was talking about when he said he was going to be killed and was going to rise again.

'He chose a child as an icon of God, to show that God does not think in the competitive way the disciples were tempted to think - the way Christ's disciples in our own day are tempted to think. The child was simply there, no use to anyone, but simply loved by God, precious to God.

*Excerpt from a homily by Fr Colin Carr OP*

## ON THE WAY

' In today's Gospel the disciples hear again Jesus' prediction of suffering and death. The disciples again are not sure what Jesus means, and when he asks them what they were discussing, they cannot answer. But Mark tells us that they "had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest." The irony here is profound. "On the way," when they should have been reflecting on the mystery of their call to follow Jesus and bear the cross, they trade ambitious desires. Jesus then calls "the Twelve", places a child right in front of them and says that whoever receives "one child such as this in my name receives me."

To understand the power of Jesus' prophetic and symbolic action, we should not think of children simply as loving and innocent. At the time of Jesus children were "non-persons," without any power and often unprotected, and they function here as a symbol of powerlessness and vulnerability. Contrary to the disciples' desire for positions of power in God's kingdom, Jesus says they should be more concerned with welcoming into their midst the poor and vulnerable and by so doing receive both Jesus and the One who sent him.'

*Excerpt from a homily by Fr John Donahue SJ*

## ONE PEOPLE OF GOD

'It follows that though there are many nations there is but one people of God, which takes its citizens from every race, making them citizens of a kingdom which is of a heavenly rather than of an earthly nature. All the faithful, scattered though they be throughout the world, are in communion with each other in the Holy Spirit, and so, he who dwells in Rome knows that the people of India are his members. 'This characteristic of universality which adorns the people of God is a gift from the Lord Himself. By

reason of it, the Catholic Church strives constantly and with due effect to bring all humanity and all its possessions back to its source in Christ, with Him as its head and united in His Spirit.'

*Extract from Lumen Gentium*



## CHALLENGED TO SERVE

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year.*

*Fr Anthony Axe OP reflects on why we, like the disciples, are resistant to Christ's call to serve the most vulnerable.*

We tend to side with the people who agree with us or with arguments we find congenial to our own views. We read the newspapers which complement the image we have of ourselves and reinforce our political allegiance and the way we see the world. For example, whose side do we take in an industrial dispute? Workers go on strike because they consider they are undervalued and not being paid enough and see the management as self-serving fat cats, while on the other hand the bosses think more in terms of the success of the business and their annual bonuses, considering the workers to be greedy. Where do we find the criteria to resolve such disputes justly when, in the words of James, jealousy and selfish ambition exist?

In today's gospel reading even the disciples, the people who were in the constant company of Jesus, were factious and antagonistic towards one another, quarrelling as to which of them was the most important and deserving in the group. At least they knew status should not be their concern because when Jesus asks them what they were discussing they are shamefaced about it. And no wonder. Jesus had just told them how he would abandon himself to the will of others, becoming the least in that he would put himself at the service of all, even going as far as dying for them. In that way he would become the greatest, a paradox at the heart of Christianity. So Jesus teaches his disciples how they should behave.

If anyone would be first he must be last of all and servant of all.

Jesus then took a child as a visual aid. The Aramaic word for 'child' is also the word for 'servant' and to understand the implications of this we must realise that the disciples were looking at a child of their time and not of ours. Then children were totally at the mercy of adults, unlike today when adults are at the mercy of children. The children of first century Palestine were not demanding expensive toys from their parents or clamouring for the latest trainers because everyone else at school had them. Childhood is a recent concept, before which the vulnerability of children was obvious. Many died from childhood diseases which today are no threat to our children. To see what a child from the time of Jesus was like, look at children in the developing world today: babies dying from drinking contaminated water; young children helplessly weak with incurable illnesses; most children lucky if they have enough to eat to keep them alive and well; children scratching a living working in the fields; children helping to run the house and taking care of their orphaned younger brothers and sisters. It is this kind of child that Jesus tells his disciples to receive. He took one of the most vulnerable and powerless members of his society and asked the disciples not to become like one of these children, as he does in the other gospels, but to look after it and make sure it was flourishing. Jesus insisted that the Christian had to extend concern to the weakest members of society, to those who had not the power, authority or means to look after themselves.

Of course Jesus did not intend our love to be limited to children. He said that if anyone would be first in the Kingdom he must be last of all and servant of all. The child, like the servant, was an example of the most vulnerable members of society, people with no power. So we are to receive anyone who needs our help. They may not be destitute or at death's door but their needs are pressing nevertheless. What we can offer is vital to their well-being and their needs can only be met if we put ourselves at their service. It isn't always practical - we can't be at the service of everyone in need because no one can spread themselves that thinly. As often with Christian morality there is no easy answer. When presented with someone who needs help, we have to decide what we can do, weighing up the pros and cons. Recognising the need and being aware of our own strengths and weaknesses is a great step towards doing the right thing.

Only we ourselves know what we are able to do and can bring ourselves to do it. But to help us make that decision, Jesus has put the image of the most vulnerable person in society before us.

<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 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.

### CATHOLIC VOICE WEBISTE

The Archdiocese has launched a brand new **CATHOLIC VOICE WEBSITE** for current news in the archdiocese go to this link <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/>

**10 October - CES DINNER FORUM - WHY NEIGHBOURS MATTER**  
The next CES forum is the Annual Dinner Forum at 6 for 6.30pm in the Corinna 2 Room at the Southern Cross Club, 92-96 Corinna St, Woden. The speaker will be Hugh Mackay, social researcher and bestselling author who will focus on the role of compassion in lowering anxiety and building stronger communities. The conversation will be facilitated by John Warhust, Chair of the CES Committee. Cost: \$65 per person for a 3-course meal with wine, juice & tea/coffee. To book: Transfer to "Christians for an Ethical Society" BSB 805-022 account 03310199 and reference with "your-surname Dinner". Email bookings to [admin@ces.org.au](mailto:admin@ces.org.au)

# EVENTS

## 28 September - ALED JONES CONCERT

Aled Jones will be performing at St Christopher's Cathedral on Friday 28 September at 7pm. Tickets are available by calling 1300 303 103 (Mon-Fri 10am-5pm) or at [www.AledJonesAustralia.com](http://www.AledJonesAustralia.com)

## 30 September - SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: *Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land*. The Statement confronts the growing challenge of homelessness and housing insecurity in Australia. For further details visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)) or call (02) 8306 3499

## 1 October - ONE DAY RETREAT

The retreat will be led by Fr Augustine Vallooran, VC, Director of the Divine Retreat Centre, Muringoor, Kerala, India. Highlights include breaking the Word of God, Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Praise and worship music led by Teresa and Glen La'Rive. **Venue:** St. Brigid's Catholic Church, Cnr Wilshire & Bancraft, Dickson, ACT 2602 from 9.00am to 5.00pm. Admission is free, bring your own lunch (\$10 boxed lunch available, RSVP by 30th September to [p1.rebello@gmail.com](mailto:p1.rebello@gmail.com)). All welcome. Contact: Parveen: 0439642571; Winnie: 0451015527; Prakash:0406381446; Tom: 0434689957

**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)

## 14 October - MARIAN PROCESSION TRANSPORTATION

Corpus Christi Parish, Gowrie is organising a bus to travel to St Clements Monastery for the Marian Procession. If you please ring the parish office on **6291 6688**.

**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. **Online Tickets:** <https://www.trybooking.com/RLQA>

**YEARNING FOR PEACE** - Bookings for the tour to South India "Yearning for Peace" are due to close shortly. If interested, please contact Marie as soon as possible. The highlight of this tour is a five night's retreat led by Fr Joe Pereira that includes daily mass, meditation and yoga. For further information, please contact: Marie Fonseca: 0418 265117. Email: [info@spiceodyssey.net.au](mailto:info@spiceodyssey.net.au) Website: [www.spiceodyssey.net.au](http://www.spiceodyssey.net.au) Andre Rasquinha: 0403 569 079 Email: [andre@traveltalk.com.au](mailto:andre@traveltalk.com.au)

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### ROSTERS 29 / 30 September 2018

#### Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	R. Paul	
Readers	T. Dennis	J. Maclean
Presentation of Gifts	J. Anderson	
EMOE	C. Lewis	

#### Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	E. Smith	T. Klekner
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	E. Falk	

#### Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	R. Ciaccia	I. Ciaccia
Presentation of Gifts	Volunteer	
EMOE	M. Mastrolembo	E. Musolino

#### Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer	
Readers	M. Nguyen	T. Malone
Presentation of Gifts	Hall-O'Brien Family	
EMOE	M. Proctor	K. Sneddon
Counters	I. Buckley	J. Smith