

# Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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## VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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**Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday,  
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9.00am—12.30pm

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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

If you are in Urgent need of  
a Priest Call - 6248 8253

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

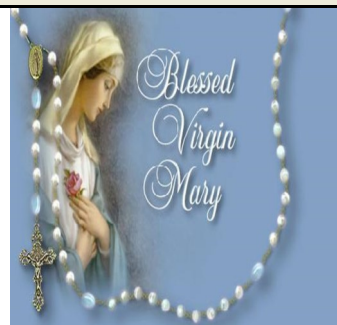


A warm welcome is extended to guests & parishioners celebrating our Eucharist today.

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	<p>Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.</p>	
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!</p>	
<b>COMMUNION</b>	<p>Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.</p>	
<b>READINGS</b>	Genesis 2:18-24	Hebrews 2:9-11 Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

This Sunday the Parish will be celebrating our Church feast day. The 10am Mass will be the Mass for 'Our Lady of the Rosary' and celebrated by



Fr Anthony Walsh the Dominican Provincial. The Mass will be followed by a morning tea. We invite parishioners to attend the gathering and celebrate together and meet Fr Anthony.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 127

May the Lord bless us  
all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!  
May you see your children's children.  
On Israel, peace!

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all the days of our lives.

## ARCHDIOCESAN CHILD PROTECTION

Volunteers who have not received a letter regarding the Archdiocesan Child Protection – code of Conduct please contact the office.

All volunteers within Parishes are asked read and sign the declaration to the Code and return to the Parish secretary. If you are unable to read the Policy at <http://cgcatholic.org.au/child-protection-code-of-conduct/> please contact the office for a paper copy. The declaration is to be in the office no later than 1 November.



## CONGRATULATIONS - FIRST COMMUNION

**Bryanna Vanderzil** will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time at the 10am Mass. We pray for Bryanna that she may come to receive Jesus with faith and love today. May our Eucharistic Lord always be a very important part of her life.



## FLESH OF MY FLESH

God did a wonderful job in creating things. Maybe he used a Big Bang, issuing in the universe and galaxies, and ... well, whatever. He did it.

First and foremost, God wanted to create a living being that could share in the Trinity's inmost characteristic, called deep love. For all eternity the three persons in God had loved each other so intensely that they are one. Unfortunately, in the sequence of creating the world, God made a mistake. Yes. He created the male first (First Reading).

Like the rest of us, you are trying to mirror in your life the loving unity of the Trinity. Everyone knows that a man, left on his own, likely will be helpless. He needs company, needs partnership, correction, and sometimes just a lot of forgiveness. For almost all men, this means being with the creature called woman.

But there were no creatures called women in existence. God understood this gradually. Since the Trinity is a relationship of three persons to the point of forming one being, maybe he thought that adding another creature of any type would make the same thing possible for Adam. So he took scoops of earth and made ... various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. (First Reading)

Our reading continues, " ... none of the wild animals proved to be the suitable partner for the man." Of course not.

So God next made a move that was actually quite smart. Instead of trying to draw a partner out of the earth for the man, as he had with the animals, he spread a deep sleep over the male and removed a rib from him. This he fashioned into a woman.

This new gambit worked. There was a great intimacy between the man and the woman. She was, as the man put it clumsily, "bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh!" In other words, the two were made out of the same stuff—how much closer can you get?

Marriage came next. As the First Reading puts it, "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh."

Centuries went by, millennia really, and there came a popular saying among husbands. "Women! You can't live with them and you can't live without them!" I cannot repeat here what women say about males, but it often starts out with, "MEN! ... " and a list of particulars follows.

Sadly, divorce did make its entrance. It had been around for centuries by the time the Pharisees came to Jesus to argue the following: "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss [his wife]". Jesus reminded them sternly of why God had made both man and woman, not just the one, not just the other. He wanted them to share intimate relationship like the Trinity.

"What God has joined together, no human must separate."

What if today you find yourself divorced, or alone, or left without your beloved because of death? What if your mate and you do not get along?

Do everything you can. Like the rest of us, you are trying to mirror in your life the loving unity of the Trinity. And maybe God has a new way for you in your life!

John Foley, SJ <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>



<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 Loughton, Alexia Harris, Sharon O'rourke, Beth Delos Santos, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Martiniello, Elizabeth Webster, Mimma Giampietro, Paul Neddrie, Joe Schimizzi, Zelma McManus, Helen Miller
<b>Our deceased</b>	Dominic Musolino, Jim Tierney

## THE BIRTH OF THE ROSARY AS WE KNOW IT

It was in the year 1214 that the Church received the Rosary in its present form and according to the method we use today. Tradition affirms that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Dominic, the founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), in the 13th Century to preach the Rosary among the people as an antidote to heresy and sin. This blessed formula of prayer unites to the repetition of the Angelic Salutation (“Hail Mary”), the Lord’s Prayer (“Our Father”), and the Minor Doxology (“Glory Be”), as a devout commemoration of the principal events and mysteries of our Redemption. The Blessed Virgin herself referred to the Rosary as “her Psalter”. In 1917, Our Lady appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal, and taught them to add the prayer “O my Jesus...” at the end of each decade of the Rosary after the “Glory Be”. The traditional 15 Mysteries of the Rosary were standardized, based on long-standing custom, by Pope St. Pius V in the 16th century. The mysteries are grouped into three sets of fifty Hail Mary’s: the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, and the Glorious Mysteries, which correspond to the joyful, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries of Christ’s life, death, and Resurrection. This tradition began with the Desert Fathers in the 4th Century, was developed by Irish Monks in the 7th Century, and was taught by St. Benedict in his Rule. St. Thomas Aquinas, who belonged to the Order of St. Dominic, to whom the Rosary was given, also taught that these three equal parts represent figuratively the three stages in which the Faithful find themselves: the state of penance, the state of justice, and the state of glory.

**As October is the month of the Rosary, the choir is going to sing a Marian hymn each Sunday.**

## CATHOLIC MARRIAGES

It will be interesting to see what reasons the task force finds for the declining popularity of Catholic marriages. It may be that more couples are choosing to explore different types of ceremonies, and don’t want the restrictions that come with a Catholic ritual. It may be that some are turned off by the need to undergo a marriage course before embarking on the sacrament. And it may be that fewer people are finding meaning in a partnership that is consecrated before God.

There is, though, still something beautiful about Catholic marriage. The liturgy itself allows relationships to be affirmed and celebrated before family and friends. The sacrament, and the vows that are made, lays the grounding for a life-long journey. To embark on such a journey remains a huge commitment, and the road might not always be easy. But I’m not sure any other understanding of marriage offers the same power, the same beauty, the same goodness, that Catholic marriage offers.

This week, as we reflect on the Gospel readings, let us pray for those who are considering to embark on the journey of marriage together. Let’s hope that God walks with them, and helps guide them into a journey that will enrich their lives and bring great fruits to the world.

Michael McVeigh - Editor - Australian Catholics

Being a Christian is an inside job.

## THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year.  
Fr David McLean OP preaches  
on the purpose of the Law of Moses.*

Most people are turned off by legalism. Laws, rules, and regulations can bog us down. They can curtail our freedom. There are times when we want to do something, and can't see any wrong in doing it, but we are told that it is against a regulation, a rule, or a law. It is attractive to think that we can do away with a lot of laws and legalism.

If we use our imagination, however, it is difficult to see how a society or organisation could work without any rules. People would drive along whatever side of the motorway took their fancy. There would be no such thing as property, and so there would be no such thing as theft – you could simply take what you liked. You may have a personal moral code to live by, but you would have no recourse against someone who lived by a different code.

A balance has to be found. We need some rules in order to build some kind of society. The right amount of law should make our life free and easier. A good balance of law should free us to exercise our rights, and to fulfil our obligations. A good system of law should enable us to live the good life.

Too much law, however, is stifling. We are then often not allowed our rights, and we can even be stopped from fulfilling our obligations. The spirit of the law should encourage us to claim our rights and fulfil our duties, but too many rules, or the wrong rules, can have the opposite effect.

Remembering the spirit behind a law system should discourage its misapplication or its over-application. A good legal system is one that can realise when a particular law or particular case contradicts the spirit behind the law, and repeals the law or throws out the particular case.

Jesus didn't always get on very well with the Pharisees. The Pharisees were great legalists. They not only obeyed every law handed down by Moses and the Torah; they also added lots of new ones. They laid down what you had to do in your religious life and your ordinary day to day life in great detail. Some may say that the Pharisees enforced the law at the expense of the spirit of the law.

In today's Gospel reading, the Pharisees say divorce is acceptable, because Moses allowed it. According to the Pharisees, because Moses said you can draw up a writ of dismissal and so divorce someone, divorce must be acceptable.

The Pharisees give no analysis as to why Moses said divorce by writ was permissible. The Pharisees base their view on a dry legal interpretation of Moses's statement. They do not consider the spirit behind what Moses said.

Moses was actually making divorce more difficult, by requiring a writ, than it was before when only a verbal statement was required. Before Moses, you could divorce by simply saying 'I divorce you' three times.

A great concern of the Torah was to protect the vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, and the traveller. The prophets criticised those who claimed to follow the letter of the Law, but in the end actually managed to avoid looking after the vulnerable, the very people much of the Torah is about protecting.

Moses wanted to make divorce more difficult to avoid leaving individuals without a means of support. The most likely victims were women who would have more difficulty making a living as single people. The spirit behind what Moses said was a concern to protect the vulnerable. The spirit behind Moses's permission is that divorce is a bad thing, that it would be better not to divorce at all.

Jesus reminds his audience that it is the spirit of the law that matters. Law should be about protecting the vulnerable and not making their situation worse. Laws, rules, and regulations should be about freeing us to be good people and not curtailing us. If laws enable us and encourage to be good people, then they fulfil God's law.

<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 Siam Twist Hackett 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/>

## WWVP CARD

Working With Vulnerable People cards are a government requirement for some volunteers. Letters have been sent in July to those Volunteers who require WWVP cards.

If you have received your card please make sure you come into the office with your card.

If you have not applied for your card please do so as soon as possible.

# EVENTS

## 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, Woden. The speaker will be Hugh Mackay, social researcher and bestselling author. The conversation will be facilitated by John Warhust. 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 [ad-min@ces.org.au](mailto:ad-min@ces.org.au)

## 13 October - PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

Please join the Public Square Rosary! As we all know, Australia is in need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We must ask God's blessing upon Australia. Please join us in praying for our nation on October 13, 2018 at 2:00pm which will take place at Garema Place, City. Please contact Robert at 0438 436 524 or Jasmin at 0431 060 556 for more information.

**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

A coach will be leaving from St Joseph's, O'Connor on the 14th of October for Mass and the Annual Marian Procession, which is being held in Galong. The coach will depart from St. Joseph at 8.30am and from Galong 3.30pm. Pensioners and students are welcome to travel free of cost, all others are requested to pay \$20.00. For more information please contact Trevor Dennis on 0417 663 262.

**The Archdiocesan Marriage & Family Office** and St Edmund's College are hosting a free Parent Forum and Documentary Screening 6-8pm **Thu 18th October** to help raise parental awareness about the nature of the pornographic content that children are accessing or stumbling across online and the effect it is having on their mental health and wellbeing. Parents will receive a free resource pack from Perimeter Guardian with tips and advice about how to speak calmly and confidently with you children about this issue and how to make them as safe as possible online. Bookings are essential at <http://bit.ly/over18doco> Enquiries [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) 0429 192 869

**19 October - MOVIE NIGHT** - *Home in Queanbeyan* will be holding a Movie Night at the Q Theatre from 6.00pm.

## 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>

### ROSTERS 6 / 7 September 2018

#### Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Presentation of Gifts	N. Higgins	
EMOE	J. Maclean	

#### Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	K. Linard	
Readers	C. Widdowson	E. Smith
Presentation of Gifts	E. M. Falk	
EMOE	M. Falk	

#### Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer	
Readers	M. Fitzgerald	K. McCluskey
Presentation of Gifts	Musolino Family	
EMOE	H. Zobec	R. Marson

#### Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer	
Readers	T. Ryan	V. Van der Sanden
Presentation of Gifts	K. Turrisie	
EMOE	C. Mackay	V. Van der Sanden
Counters	F. Higgins	N. Higgins I. Buckley