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HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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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

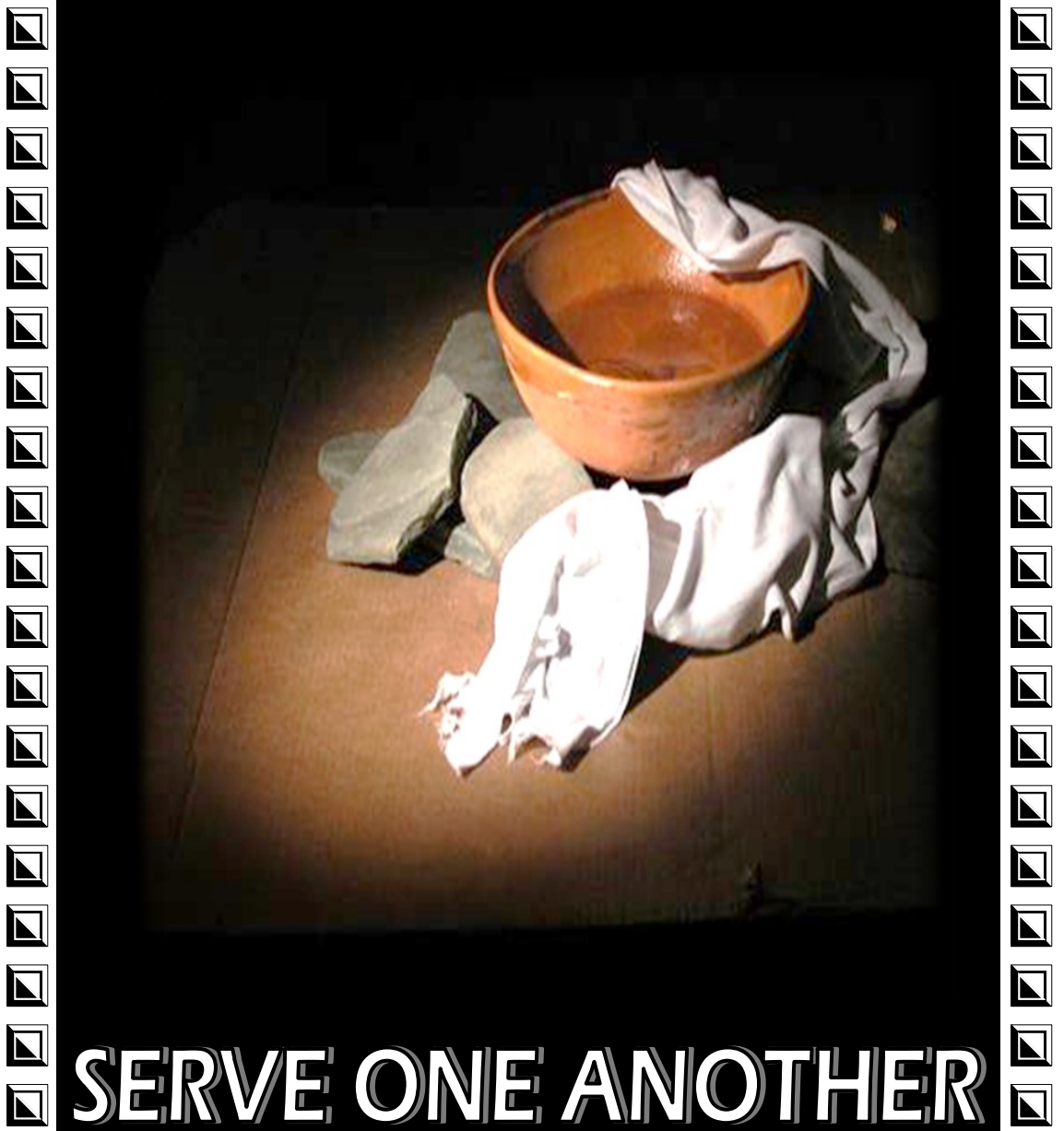
Pray the Rosary

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



SERVE ONE ANOTHER

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	To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.
READINGS	Isaiah 53:10-11 Hebrews 4:14-16 Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Service, in Sunday's readings, is about loving giving, not about kudos or material gain. Many Australians already give of their time as around one-third of the population aged 15 years or over participates in voluntary work, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics. A volunteer is defined as someone who gave unpaid help in the form of time, service or skills, through an organisation or group. The most common reason for being a volunteer was to help others or the community (64%) or to do something worthwhile (54%). While the emphasis is, rightly, on lifting all people from poverty, we also know from Jesus' teachings we must also contend with a poverty of spirit. Volunteering is one way of ensuring we, and our communities, thrive.

PSALM: 32:4-5. 18-20. 22

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS

*'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet
of the messenger who announces peace, who
brings good news...'* Isaiah 52:7



Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to help to heal a nation through education in Myanmar. Led by Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, the Church is developing an alternative system of quality education, with comprehensive teacher training programs and the establishment of new schools, especially in remote areas. It has been called an "education revolution", and the potential impact is far-reaching. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously to this important work. You will have an opportunity to become an integral part of this inspiring monthly giving partner. This regular contribution will directly support education in Myanmar. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar



Reach out. Give life.

Sometimes, all it takes is just one prayer
to change everything.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Have Your Say on Holy Rosary Parish Renewal

In the lead-up to the Plenary Council in 2020, Pope Francis and Australia's Catholic Church leaders have invited all parishioners across Australia to partake in Listening and Dialogue encounters. 2018 is a "Year of Listening", lasting until 19 March 2019 and will be followed by a "Year of Discerning" in 2019, to form the agenda for the actual Plenary Council. Everyone is invited to respond to the 3 questions:

- What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**
- What questions to do have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?**
- Do you have a story of your experience of faith or the Church you would like to share?**

Everyone's experience of faith and the Church is unique and it is important that the Plenary Council hear a diverse range of responses from as many people as possible.

If we want renewal, this is where to begin! Please come along to an information session and Listening and Dialogue encounter to learn more about the Plenary Council and start thinking about what you believe the Plenary Council should consider. Choose between two times available:

Monday 12 November 2018, 7:00 – 8:15 PM OR

Saturday 8 December 2018, 3:30 – 4:45 PM

Room 301.1.19

First floor, Veritas Building, Australian Catholic University

All members of the community are welcome, no matter how engaged you are with the Church at this time in your life.

Feel free to subscribe to the Plenary Council e-newsletter at their webpage

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>,

Like the [Plenary Council Facebook page](#)

and follow the [Plenary Council Twitter account](#).

To find out more or even to make an online submission visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

TRUE CONVERSION – A REVOLUTION IN UNDERSTANDING

'Jesus has to contend with the naïve ambitions of James and John – and with the indignation of the 'other ten', resentful that the sons of Zebedee have tried to steal a march on them. It comes as no surprise that the response of Jesus refers to the ordeal that lies ahead of them.

'The incident we are considering points to the fact that true conversion is much more than a reform of personal morals. It is a revolution in our understanding of what our life 'in Christ' means; it is the starting point of true discipleship. Jesus now urges the twelve to be converted, to broaden their vision, change their values – by identifying with the paradoxical ways of God that are the subject of his reflections as he journeys to Jerusalem. If they are to be leaders and guides in the community of disciples, their exercise in authority must be more than the realisation of their ambitions for a place of prestige and power. If they want to be truly great, they must make themselves 'servants' – even 'slaves' – of all.

Excerpt from a commentary by Fr John Thornhill SM

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:	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, 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, Charlotte Woolner
Our deceased	Dominic Musolino, Jim Tierney, Rachel Lo Pilato, Marisa Perre
Anniversaries	Glenn McCluskey

BAPTISM

Darragh Moss Harnett
Edward Thomas Jackson-Hope

who will be baptised this weekend.

May their lives be filled with God's peace,
and their hearts with God's love...
on this Baptism day and always.



THE GREATEST SERVICE

Today's liturgy is about service. In the opening prayer we ask for "strength and joy in serving God as followers of Christ." The First Reading is from the fourth servant song of Second Isaiah: the prophet sings of one who "gives his life as an offering" (First Reading). The Gospel is about disciples who want to be important. Jesus teaches them this lesson: "whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all" (Gospel). In the prayer over the gifts, we ask for the "freedom to serve you with

Our Lord and Master calls us to be a community of service. Our strength comes from following in the footsteps of this Master, who "has not come to be served but to serve."

What is our service to the world? If all we do is affirm the world's wisdom, what kind of service is that? After all, it is the wisdom of the world that has led us into the dark alleys of hatred, alienation, and killing. "It cannot be like that with you." We must provide an alternative to the wisdom of the world: that is the greatest service we can offer.

The fundamental moral criterion for all economic decisions, policies, and institutions is this: They must be at the service of all people, especially the poor.

The process of development and liberation takes concrete shape in the exercise of solidarity that is to say in the love and service of neighbour, especially of the poorest.

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

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.

Fr Kieran

THE LEARNING CHURCH

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year.

Fr Edward Booth OP suggests that the Church today continues to learn from its mistakes, just as the Apostles did.

How surprising it is that the Apostle and Evangelist John should be one of those who fancied for himself a conspicuous place in the heavenly glory! By the end of his life he had experienced enough of the glory of heaven as he received the visions from which he wrote his apocalypse.

But if we find ourselves thinking how wrong he was, we ought also to be thinking that his conversion to what he became was enormous and totally authentic. He, with his intensely profound perception that God is love, had then asked with a different intensity that Our Lord should conform himself to the wishes of himself and his brother. It is just one of the mistakes which the Apostles were prepared to allow to become common knowledge through the Evangelists.

Over what an enormous distance the preparations for the Church of the future had to pass, and how dependent they were, humanly speaking, on those with a mistaken grasp of the message of Jesus with whom they were associated! They were still interpreting his message in relation to their unreformed and unenlightened conception of Messiahship.

From a review of the behaviour and the idealism of their successors as Bishops, priests and deacons over the centuries of the Church, we can readily see examples of the same mistakenness - often being corrected by enlightenment received, perhaps occasioned by personal crises in their own apostolate.

So great is the distance between the beginning and the end of conversion of life, from being earthly-centred to being heavenly-centred, and so all of these histories become in fact material for our consolation and encouragement if our standards were in need of reformation - and which of us can say that they were not! In scale the failings of Peter were greater still, but still Our Lord saw in him the choice rock on which to build his Church. Peter and John were sharers of the revelation of the nature of Jesus at the Mount of Transfiguration. But Peter gave himself to be crucified after he was arrested at Rome where he had gone, clearly to be able to direct the whole Church from there more effectively. With such reflections we can see that the Church has always been in the making from the stuff of life at its most typical. And there is always the other side to these human failings. That despite itself, the Church carries on: through bad periods and through good periods, through friendly times and unfriendly times, from tragedy and disaster to rebirth and renewal. It is not absolved from participating in the historical process, and in fact it must participate in it as a sign of its genuineness in order to sow around itself the seeds of an eternal hope.

And always with the sense that it works under the direction of one Pastor and one Master, who is Christ himself.

That gives a particular quality to the corrections of Our Lord, which he offers in this Gospel passage. It would be outside the norms of historical development if he had abstained from saying anything, and all of his corrections are spiritual models for the future pastoral activity of the Church. The whole union of initiatives and failures which make up the Church's activity is yet the vehicle for God's initiatives for the salvation of humanity, and so we can trust in the Church in our greatest need.

For the Church seems sometimes, and especially at its weakest moments, to move only at the surface. However it is in a constant state of movement backwards and forwards from its depths to its heights of inspiration. To presume that it is in a state of inevitable decline is to apply to it the secular understanding of secular institutions. It combines a real sense of human freedom with an experience of the human heart and its moods, and especially the experience of human sin.

So let our age like every age address itself to the Church in its needs, and let the Church address itself to the age in tones of realism, and always communicating hope. Amen.

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

You never stop failing until you stop trying.

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 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 Jacque in the office Ph. 6248 5925 Fax.6248 7564 or Email: watson@cg.org.au

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/>



Assignments abroad - Could your skills assist communities overseas? How does the Palms approach work? Just want to know more? **Palms Info Session:** Tuesday 30 Oct, 4:15 pm St Clare's College, Griffith Find out more at www.palms.org.au/events or contact Palms on 02 9560 5333

HOLY HOUR, LITURGY OF LAMENT AND HEALING

22nd October - Archbishop Christopher invites parishioners to join him at St Peter Chanel Church, 6-7pm in Yarralumla. This liturgy accompanies the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse. In prayer, we will gather with heads bowed seeking healing and hope in Christ.

EVENTS

25 October - Public Forum on Homelessness

Christians for an Ethical Society are joining with our Catholic Social Justice Commission to hold a public forum on this year's Social Justice Statement, *A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land*, 7 for 7.30pm-9.30pm in the Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton. **Dr John Falzon OAM, Fr Frank Brennan AO SJ** and **Peter Thorley** are the keynote speakers with the evening moderated by **Fr Michael Cockayne**. Enquiries to Ann Skamp 6254 0487 (CES) or email Social.Justice@cg.org.au (CSJC).

28 October - AMICUS

"Amicus", a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering at Bredbo Barn at 12 noon for lunch. To join the group please call Paul 0419411691.

29 October - SHADOW & TRANSFORMATION

How Shadow is the gold of Transformation. A seminar by Dr Patricia Moroney, a Spiritual Director/Psychotherapist on Monday 29th October - 6.45pm at Holy Trinity Parish Centre Strangways Street, Curtin. Register by 22 October on 6286 3388.

30 October - ST THOMAS MORE FORUM

The Catholic Church In Australia - Where To From Here? Tuesday 30 October 2018 | 7.30PM - 9pm - Keynote Speaker: Professor Greg Craven AO, GCSG Vice-Chancellor and President of Australian Catholic University. Holy Faith Hall, Campbell. RSVP 26 October. Bookings at forum@stthomasore.org.au

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 Website: www.spiceodyssey.net.au Andre Rasquinha: 0403 569 079 Email: andre@traveltalk.com.au

ACCOMODATION WANTED

Weekly Board - country female Nursing student to attend CSU Dickson, Monday to Friday, well mannered and responsible. Please phone Sharon at St Patrick's Cooma office 0400 597 930

1 November - St Francis Xavier College

We will formally farewell our Principal Angus Tulley. All staff, students, parents and alumni of St Francis Xavier College, Florey are invited to farewell Mr. Angus Tulley, who finished as Principal of the College this year. We will honour him on Thursday 1 November at the College from 5pm - 7pm. This is a cocktail reception for those who want to wish him well. To assist with catering purposes please rsvp to school.office@sfx.act.edu.au.

When you're down by the sea and an eel bites your knee
that's a moray!

ROSTERS 27 / 28 October 2018

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	R Paul	
Readers	P English	E. Smith
Presentation of Gifts	Vanderzil Family	
EMOE	T. O'Neill	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	M. Falk	
Readers	B. Bandle	C. Bandle
Presentation of Gifts	Bandle Family	
EMOE	E. M. Falk	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	L.. Kim	
Readers	J. Cooke	H. Pham
Presentation of Gifts	Vu Family	
EMOE	E. Musolino	M. Mastrolembro

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer		
Readers	M. Proctor	V. Van der Sanden	
Presentation of Gifts	Malone Family		
EMOE	K. Sneddon	C. Mackay	
Counters	T. Ryan	R. Walpole	J. Smith