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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

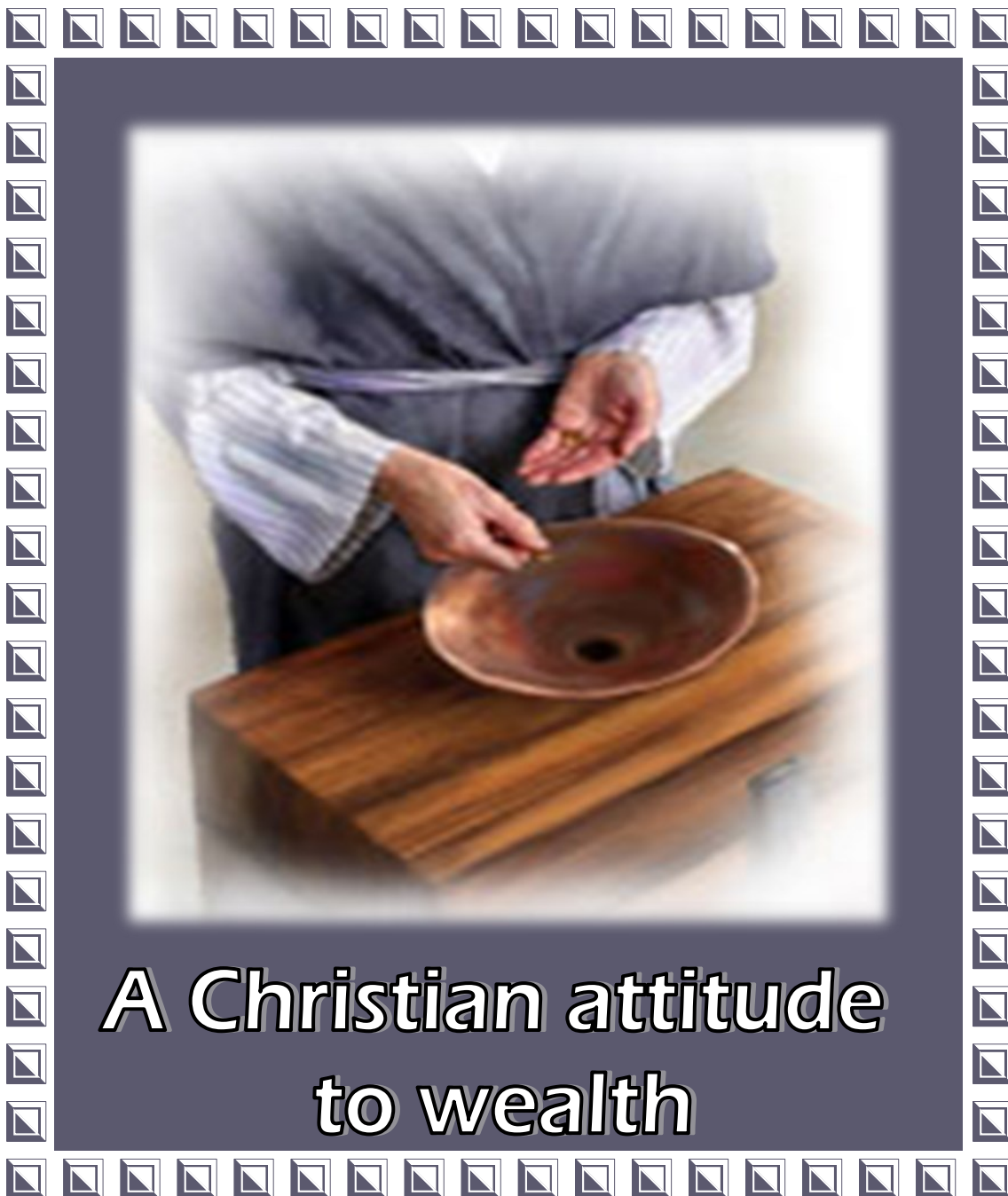
Pray the Rosary

Wed & Fri before 5.30pm Mass
Saturday after 9am Mass
and First Saturday each month
3.30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



A Christian attitude to wealth

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	Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.
READINGS	1 Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9:24-28 Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

PSALM: 145:7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

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.

SAVE THE DATE



PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER
Saturday 1st December
after the 5pm Mass

We invite you to join us for our
Parish Christmas Dinner.

Please bring a dish to share - families
with surnames commencing with:

A - L : Salads

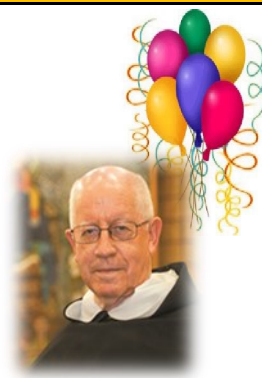
M - Z : Sweets

Chicken will be provided - BYO drinks.
For setting up and catering purposes it
would be appreciated if you fill in the
form in the foyer.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Fr Kieran
on Friday 16th Nov.
God bless you in a special way
today for the love and
concern with which you
minister to all those
entrusted to your care.
May your life be filled with
God's good gifts, abundant
joy and heaven's peace.
Happy Birthday!



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Have Your Say on Holy Rosary Parish Renewal

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 301.1.1, 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.

MELBOURNE CUP

Fun and winners at the Melbourne Cup Luncheon.

Thank you to Jacquie & Joe Cortese, Liz & Jim Smith, Ruth & Hugh Zochling, Wendy Wade & Maureen Robinson for their hard work and a wonderful lunch.



INEQUALITY

The Gospel passage for this Sunday in full is a two-parter. In Act I we see a religious and political system that is run by a few wealthy and powerful individuals in the culture. These are the entrepreneurs of the religious establishment, who "as a pretext" to fleecing the poor and the vulnerable "recite lengthy prayers" in show of their religious commitments and to paint the financial exchange as "of God."

Prior to witnessing the widow's offering, Jesus had been teaching his disciples about some systems of social inequity, of imbalance in the religious, political, and social structures of his day. This is not simply to contrast the wealthy with the poor, those who have a "surplus of wealth" from which they offer their gifts at the Temple versus those who have only their subsistence from which to draw. No, Jesus is painting a much starker picture that is, in effect, more about the wealthy scribes than it is about the poor, destitute widow. Most absurdly, what Jesus observed in his day remains true today – those with the least continue to give more, by percentage of their resources, than the wealthy!

Jesus is *not* endorsing this behaviour, but blatantly naming it for what it is and challenging *us* to see the structures that allow this to continue. What can we *do* to make society and the our faith communities more equitable? Why do we let this continue to happen such that the poor give until it hurts and the wealthy seem to so often benefit from this self-defeat of the impoverished? Hopefully this Sunday we don't miss the point of the widow's mite, but instead follow Jesus's line of thinking and make a difference in our world.

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, Paul Neddrie, Helen Miller,
Maria Martiniello, Elizabeth Webster,
Mimma Giampietro, Joe Schimizzi, Zelma
McManus, Charlotte Woolner

Our deceased

Terry Perrott, Barry Hogan, Marisa Perre,
Vittorio Bianchini, Antonio Cuadra

In Memory

Gregory Butler, Adriano Focarile,
Jose Luis Prates,

COMMUNITY GARDEN

ACU Engagement and Facilities are working together to create a community vegetable garden on campus, with produce being donated to organisations who support local Canberrans experiencing financial hardship.



If you happen to have any old pots, old gardening tools, seedlings or any other gardening matter that you would care to donate we would be most appreciative. We also welcome involvement from the community. If you would like to be involved with the garden please contact Nicola Tait, Community Engagement Officer, Nicola.tait@acu.edu.au, 6209 1386 (available Wednesday & Fridays).

DOMINICAN MISSIONS APPEAL

The Dominican Fathers Mission Appeal will be on the 17/18 November. Please give generously to support the Missions. Envelopes WILL BE available in the pews for your donations.



ADVENT/CHRITMAS MUSIC

Thinking of Christmas, not the shopping and cooking and over-eating, but the truly beautiful, spiritually renewing, very low calorie part of Christmas – the music.

Practices for Advent and Christmas music will begin on Monday 12th November, at 7.30 pm, in the church. Only six practices in all. New voices and new instrumentalists most welcome. Come and share with us the joy of singing. Contact Maureen on 61617100 if you would like further information.

LITURGICAL ROSTER

The Liturgical Roster for January to June 2019 will be prepared at the end of November. Please give consideration to contributing to our Sunday Liturgies.

If you **do not** want to continue please contact the office before 26th November. Preparing the roster is very time consuming and exasperating when the office is notified after the roster has been circulated and in place.

ARMISTICE DAY

Armistice Day is commemorated every Year on 11 November to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I. This took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. The Armistice initially expired after a period of 36 days. A formal peace agreement was only reached when the Treaty of Versailles was signed the following year.



SITTING IN JUDGMENT

*Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year.
Fr Fergus Kerr OP shows us two ways
to see the story of the widow's mite.*

As he concludes his teaching in the Temple, Jesus sits down opposite the treasury – the thirteen large trumpet-shaped receptacles in the Court of the Women, nine for the receipt of what was due (payment for wood, incense, pigeons and so on), four for voluntary donations. When he is recorded as sitting down it is usually either to teach or to pass judgment (often the same thing). Watching rich people putting in their contributions, he draws the disciples' attention to the woman whose mourning dress presumably reveals her status: 'Truly I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury, for they all contributed out of their abundance but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living' (12:43-44).

The question is: Was Jesus commending the widow and recommending his followers to imitate her generosity – or was he passing judgment on the Temple, for its power to exploit her innocence?

In his judgment the Temple was certainly doomed. As Jesus leaves for the last time, a disciple cries out: 'Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!' – to which he angrily replies: 'Are you looking at these grand buildings? There will not be left one stone upon another, that will not be thrown down' (13:1-2). Then, seated again, 'on the Mount of Olives opposite the Temple', this time clearly in the judgment seat, Jesus delivers the lengthy address to the inner circle of the disciples, telling them about the signs of the coming end of the world, which leads, as St Mark tells us the story, into the Passion and the symbolic destruction of the Holy of Holies (chapters 14-16).

In donating her 'whole living' to the Temple, the widow is often seen as summing up the story so far and foreshadowing what is to come. Her act of total self-improvement is taken as both exemplifying the kind of radical abandonment to God that Jesus calls for, and also anticipating, figuratively, his own coming self-sacrifice. The widow's mite was equal to about one sixty-fourth of a day's wage for a poorly paid laborer. She gives her little, which is her all. And, since it is all she has, its value in Jesus's eyes infinitely exceeds what the affluent worshippers put into the treasury. That's one way of taking the episode. It focuses on the figure of the widow. What about the Temple and its holy men, however? Remembering the context, is the poor widow to be seen as heroically and even absurdly generous – or is she, rather, the ultimate innocent victim of a predatory system? Jesus concludes his teaching in the Temple by proclaiming that the scribes would 'receive the greater condemnation' – not only on account of their jockeying for privileges and faking lengthy devotions, but also because they 'devour widows' houses' (12:40). They are condemned precisely for exploiting widows financially? Are we really to assume that Jesus could go on immediately to praise the poor widow for rendering herself destitute in order to help to fund these corrupt men and this doomed institution? By placing himself opposite the treasury as he leaves for the last time doesn't Jesus focus on the Temple, not as the holy of holies, the sanctuary for the divine presence, partly indeed dependent on the charity of the worshippers, but solely as the great financial enterprise, which it also was, the principal industry in the city, and as prone to corruption as even great religious institutions have always been? Like Ezekiel or Amos isn't Jesus raging against an institution that was so corrupt that, instead of protecting the most vulnerable, like the widow, it could deceive the likes of the widow into voluntarily supporting the very system that devoured their living?

In short: doesn't the power of the Temple have to be broken? 'When he gave a loud cry and breathed his last', in the end, 'the curtain of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom' (15:37-38). Forty years would pass before it was actually razed to the ground but judgment had already been passed on the Temple. One lesson for us, alas, is that there are institutions in our own day which repeat this same pattern of deceiving innocent and generous people into willingly supporting them – long after the pretensions of such organizations should have been torn in two.

<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 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 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 this link is <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/>

PETITION - There is an opportunity to sign a petition for two Australians who told the truth about the Australian spying on the Timorese government in 2004 and facing two year's jail as a result. The petition is asking the Attorney-General that the case be dismissed. It is found at <https://justimor.org/>

24 November - MILITARY CHAPLAINS FUNDRAISING DINNER
Invitation to all parishioners to attend the dinner at the Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Curtin. The dinner is hosted by the Knights of the Southern Cross and people are asked to arrive at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Guest speaker is Monsignor John Woods. The cost is \$50.00 per person for a 2-course hot meal and dessert. Donations will be sought at the dinner for the training of Catholic Military Chaplains and there will be lucky door prizes. A maximum of 75 tickets. Contact: Bob Perkins (6247 2977) to reserve tickets. The dinner is BYO but juice and soft drinks will be provided. Book by e-mailing neo@ksca.org.au "

EVENTS

18 November— MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS AND PRIESTS

Join Archbishop Christopher Prowse in praying for deceased Bishops and Priests in the Archdiocese. 11am Sunday Mass, St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka

15-18 November - "CANBERRA WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND" :

Women of the Archdiocese are invited to an invigorating and fun weekend to be held at Greenhills Conference Centre, Cotter Road, Canberra from 6pm Thursday to 4pm Sunday. Meet other women and reflect on your faith and where God is in your life, with Fr Bernie Patterson as the Spiritual Director. Enquiries and registration: Lorraine Barker lorraine-barker@grapevine.com.au or 0437 329 371.

16-18 November - "WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER"

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Book online www.wwme.org.au
Contact: Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

19 November - L'ARCHE CARD/MAHJONG DAY

Canberra Bowling Club, Hobart Avenue, Forrest from 10 am - 2 pm.
Cost \$25, which includes lunch, wine, juice, tea & coffee.
Proceeds of this social event go to L'Arche Genesaret, a community of people with and without intellectual disability.
To book a table of four, please call by 12th November Mary on 6258 1739 or Di on 6241 2658.

21 November - MEMORIAL MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED BY

SUICIDE - St Joseph's Church O'Connor at 7.00pm - 8:30pm. Loss from suicide gives rise to a unique type of grief and spiritual anxiety. To include your loved one's name in the liturgy and /or a photograph before the Altar, please contact Catherine Paice at Cathe-rine.m.paice@gmail.com or 0415 154 784

23 November - ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OF ALEX OSBORNE

7.00pm at St. Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka. All welcome!

25 November - ANNUAL CATECHIST MASSES

For Catechists, friends and relatives. BYO shared meal or morning tea 4 December @ 6.300m. St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood.

28/29 November - CALVARY HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS STALL

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary Inc is holding its annual Christmas stall from 8.00am - 4.00pm in the Lewisham Building foyer, Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce. A huge range of gifts and homemade goodies will be available for purchase. All proceeds will be used to provide medical equipment and items for patient comfort. Enquiries: Mary Cruikshank 62544084."

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS

are available after all Masses.
Cards \$8.00 Calendars \$10.00

ROSTERS 17 / 18 November 2018

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	A. Blakey	M. Cox
Presentation of Gifts	Blakey Family	
EMOE	C. Lewis	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	N. Clark	G. Thompson
Presentation of Gifts	Flynn Family	
EMOE	E. Smith	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer	
Readers	M. Fitzgerald	K. McCluskey
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	A. Moore	K. Murphy

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

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