

Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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	The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	Amen, I say to you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.
READINGS	Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14. 18 Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

**DOMINICAN MISSIONS
APPEAL**

The Dominican Fathers Mission Appeal will be held this Weekend. Please give generously to support the Missions. Envelopes are available in the pews for your donations.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS
CARDS & CALENDARS**
are available after all Masses.
Cards \$8.00 Calendars \$10.00

Beauty is not in the face;
beauty is a light in the heart.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 15:5. 8-11

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.
And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.
You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.
Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

**The Parish Christmas Dinner will be held on
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 ap-
preciated if you fill in the form in the foyer.**



TEACHING US CHARITY

We are indeed in a "time unsurpassed in distress." A fifth of the world's population lives in absolute poverty. About three billion people lack adequate nutrition. Every three days, more people die from malnutrition and disease than from the bombing of Hiroshima. Every year more people die from preventable hunger than died in the Holocaust. One out of every four human beings has no access to safe drinking water. There are somewhere between one billion and two billion unemployed adults in the world. The poorer countries have 60 percent of the world's students and 12 percent of the world's total education budget. More than half of the world's adult population cannot read or write. More than half of the countries of the world have used violence against their own citizens in the form of torture, brutality, and summary executions. About 4 million people died in wars in the 18th century; about 8 million people died in wars in the 19th century; about 100 million people ... died in wars ... in the 20th century. One day we "will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory," (Mark 13:26) to bring vindication, to right all the wrongs done by human beings to each other. The present situation of the world, from the point of view of development, offers a rather negative impression ... In today's world, including the world of economics, the prevailing picture is one destined to lead us more quickly towards death rather than one of concern for true development which would lead all towards a 'more human' life.
Gerald Darring <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

HOLY SPIRIT

The end of the world has happened. The news is good. It is Good News. 'The historical sacrifice of Calvary is the ending not just of an age but of all the ages. The Exaltation of Christ and God's self-giving of God's own Spirit marks the gathering in, the recapitulation of all times and all space. The weight of Glory hangs over our age like the Seal over the sealing wax and we look for the signs of the in-stressing of the kingdom 'on earth as it is in heaven'. 'The Holy Spirit flows over the threshold of the Age as a beginning of what is already and is yet still to be. It is Christ's glory which is our strength and his glory is his Cross. The sacrifice of Calvary cannot be repeated because it is not terminated. It throbs through every molecule of the cosmos and stands at the heart of the Trinity.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr John Farrell OP

THE PRINCIPAL OF ASSOCIATION

'The basis of human society is the family. It is for this reason that family stability should always be protected and promoted. Human dignity is protected, growth fostered and the common good promoted through individuals associating in families and in other social institutions.'

From Hearing God's Call Session

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	Helen (Jelica) Zobec, Gregory Butler, Adriano Focarile, Jose Luis Prates,

WHEN THE MAN COMES AROUND

Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year.

Fr Leon Pereira OP is looking forward to the end of the world.
In one of his last songs, the great prophet Johnny Cash saw the end of the world as something that catches all human beings off guard. In his song, 'When the Man comes around' (the 'Man' here being Jesus), he says, *Hear the trumpets, hear the piper. One hundred million angels singing; Multitudes are marching to a big kettledrum. Voices calling and voices crying, Some are born and some are dying. It's Alpha and Omega's kingdom come.*

What should surprise us is that Johnny Cash, who has a greater wisdom here than many, sees that the end of the world is not a bad thing at all, but a very good thing.

About eighty years ago, an American author called Myles Connolly (who later became a Hollywood screenwriter) wrote a novel called *Mr Blue*. In it, the eponymous protagonist Mr Blue, begins to tell a story about someone he calls 'Prisoner 2757311'. The story is set a thousand years in the future, in the kingdom of the anti-Christ, which is a dark, malevolent, inhuman dictatorship in a bleak, industrial landscape.

One day, the last known Christian is captured and executed, and Prisoner 2757311, who is secretly a priest, goes to the top of a skyscraper and celebrates Mass one last time. His treason is discovered, and planes are sent to bomb the building he is in. But as the secret police close in on him, and a bomb heads directly at him, he reaches the words of consecration. He takes the bread and says, '*This is my body...*' and then *There was a moment of awful silence. Then, a burst of light beside which day itself is dusk. Then, a trumpet peal, a single trumpet peal that shook the universe... The earth burst asunder... And through this unspeakably luminous new day, through the vault of the sky ribbed with lightning came Christ... It was the end of the world!*

The story that Mr Blue tells is a fantasy, but it is a fantasy which holds a great truth. It is one way to imagine the end of the world, and it is a way that captures the essence of every single Mass we celebrate.

At the consecration during Mass, Christ is truly present body, blood, soul and divinity, under the appearances of bread and wine. But if - for example - the appearances themselves should change to the natural and glorified form of Christ, it *would* be the end of the world. This is exactly what we pray for at every Mass. 'Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life, *Lord Jesus come in glory!*' or 'When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death Lord Jesus, *until you come in glory!*' At every Mass we are always praying that Christ will come again.

Every Mass we celebrate is one Mass less before the end of the world, but more than that, every Mass is praying that Jesus will come again and end the world and end the Mass. We say that we eat this bread and drink this cup until he comes in glory, and when he does come in glory, then we will no longer need this bread and this cup. We will no longer need the Eucharist because the same Jesus we now receive sacramentally at Mass we will then see directly face-to-face. As the second reading tells us, 'Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.' In heaven we will be completely forgiven, thoroughly made holy. The one single sacrifice of Christ on Calvary will have completely sanctified us, and we will not need the Mass then.

The end of the world is therefore a good thing, and it is something that we Christians pray for and look forward to, not because we are fed up with this world, but because we love this world even as God loves it, and we long for it to be made whole and perfect, which God in his love for us will accomplish at the blast of the last trumpet. Until then, we pray, *Come Lord Jesus!*

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

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 Wednesdays & Fridays).



BAPTISM

Natalie Pecotic

who will be baptised this weekend.
May her life filled with God's peace,
and her heart with God's love...
on this Baptism day and always.



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 it is exasperating when the office is notified after the roster has been circulated and in place.

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. Next meeting - **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.

Sometimes the questions are complicated
and the answers are simple.

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 "

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 Catherine.paice@gmail.com or 0415 154 784

25 November - ANNUAL CATECHIST MASSES
For Catechists, friends and relatives. BYO shared meal or morning tea 4 December @ 6.30pm. St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood.

25 November - AMICCUS
Amicus, a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering for 2018 at Snapper on the Lake Yarralumla meeting at 6.00pm for dinner. To join us please call Patricia 0412 351 548.

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: 62544084.

29 November - PUBLIC WORKSHOP
Concerned Catholics is hosting a public Workshop at the Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Barton ACT from 7.30pm. This will be an opportunity for Catholics to contribute to the 2020 Plenary Council. Six topics will be addressed by the workshop and these be available on the Concerned Catholics website well in advance. Contact: Mark Metherell 0417603697. Overnight billeting available for rural participants rod@rodpage.com

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPER DONATIONS

A box is now in the back of the church for your hamper donations. Hamper List: Biscuits (fins for seniors are very popular), shortbreads & savoury biscuits also. Puddings this includes plum puddings, jellies, fruit or pudding mixes. Jams, Pickles, Tomato Sauce, Vegemite, Pasta, Rice. Some tinned Food eg. beetroot, peas, beans, corn, baked beans, spaghetti, salmon & ham. Cake mixes eg. cup cakes, muffins pancakes etc. Tea & Coffee, Packets of Cereal, Lollies. Gift vouchers for teenagers would be appreciated. Small gifts for older persons.

We are no longer permitted to include nuts or nut products. For health and safety reasons we CANNOT accept food stuffs that are out of date.

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

ROSTERS 24 / 25 November 2018

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary		
Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	P. English	E. Smith
Presentation of Gifts	Tran 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	J. Smith	
Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary		
Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	J. Northcote	E. Northcote
Presentation of Gifts	School	
EMOE	A. Northcote	C. Rheinberger
Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary		
Acolyte / Server	Volunteer	
Readers	M. Nguyen	T. Malone
Presentation of Gifts	Malone Family	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
Counters	W. Wade	J. Smith