

# 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

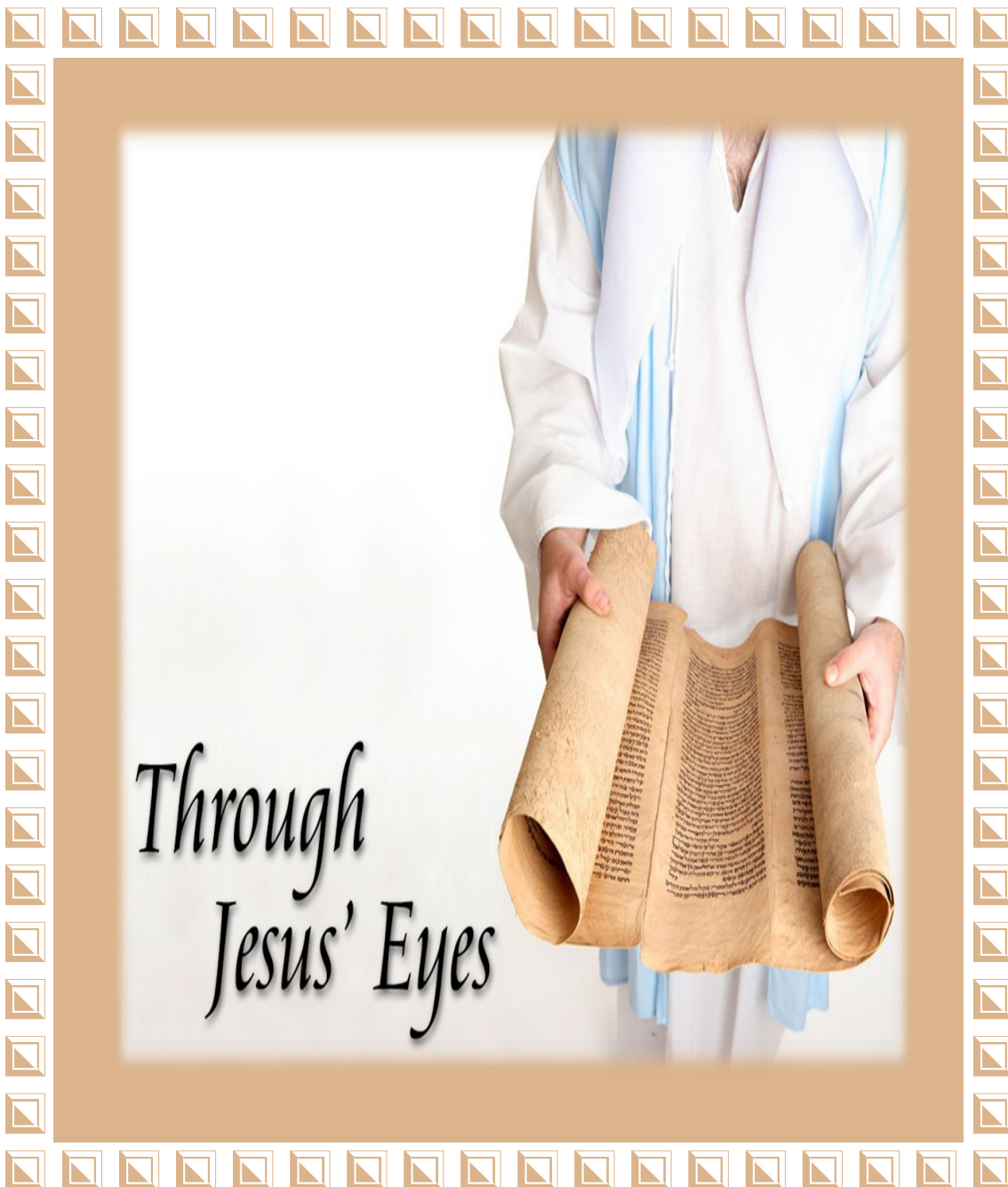
**Pray the Rosary**

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

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm

## Third Sunday of 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	O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia
COMMUNION	Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.
READINGS	Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27 Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

### PSALM: 18:8-10. 15

**Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
my rescuer, my rock!

**Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

### 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.

**When life shuts a  
door... Open it again.  
It's a door. That's  
how they work.**

*Welcome to Our  
Parish Family!*

Sunday welcome Andrew Turrise  
into the Catholic Church  
& our Parish Community at the 10am Mass.



### AUSTRALIA DAY

**The celebration of Australia Day on 26 January has always been marked by controversy. That was inevitable once it was decided to hold it on the day that the First Fleet arrived at Sydney Cove.**

This marked the beginning both of British settlement and of Indigenous dispossession.

So, on the face of it, not a suitable date for a celebration that unites Australians. It is rather a sign of division between winners and losers from the landing.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

But we are free to make of celebrations what we will, and perhaps precisely because the date of the holiday is so ambiguous, it may actually be very appropriate. Its awkwardness reminds us that there is unfinished business. It says that we are not a perfect people, that our prosperity is not equitably shared, that our good fortune is built on the unmerited aggrandisement of some and the undeserved dispossession of others, that our history carries much to be proud of and much to be ashamed of, and that our future must be built on reconciliation and not moving on from an unhealed past.

Australia Day reminds us that our nation is not exceptional, does not have a unique destiny, but is the result of what we human beings, at once precious and sinful, have built, of the quality of our relationships with one another and with our environment, and of the justice and the equity of the institutions we have shaped.

#### NATION BUILDING REQUIRES WORK

Australia Day is not an occasion to praise ourselves that we are different from other nations who are less wise, courageous and industrious than we are, but a time to note the differences between Australians, to recognise the ways in which power has triumphed over justice in relationships between us, to celebrate the moments of reconciliation, and to resolve to address wisely, courageously and industriously the consequences of dispossession in order to shape a nation we can be proud of. Australia Day, of course, is a day free from work, a time to put snags on the barbie and to rest. It is a time to be thankful for the relatively peaceful and prosperous society that we have. But it is also a time to remember the history of conflict that has advantaged some of us and disadvantaged others, and to respect the people on whose dispossession our prosperity rests.

#### TIME TO BE SERIOUS

The close association with the Day to remember the victims of the Holocaust (27 January) does highlight the serious side of Australia Day. Of course, it is not right to compare the events of the Holocaust and those of the settlement of Australia. But the mention of the Holocaust does remind us of the danger when any society marginalises and scorns a minority of its citizens. Such unresolved prejudice can have murderous consequences. Australia Day is a holiday from work. But it is not a holiday from history and its consequences. [Fr Andrew Hamilton www.australiancatholics.com.au](http://www.australiancatholics.com.au)



### CONNECTIONS

It is likely that Jesus sat near the Ark of the Covenant in the synagogue at Nazareth. He looked out at the familiar faces from his home town. They had always known him as the son of Joseph, the carpenter. As the Torah was carried back to the ark they chanted the Eighteen Blessings. The chazan handed Jesus the scroll from Isaiah. After reading it, Jesus said: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." More than 2,000 years later, this Gospel still challenges us. We might ask, "Is Jesus really that fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy?" Will we defend him today?

[Dick Folger CelebrationPublications.org](http://DickFolgerCelebrationPublications.org)



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, Catherine Feehan, Heather Pook, Jacques Michel
Our deceased	Fredrick Schwinghamer, Dr James McCarthy, Terry Manual, Vera Mustapic
In Memory	Mary Johnson, Pasquale & Rosaria Francesco, Teresina & Franca Cosentini

GOSPEL SUMMARY

The first part of today's Gospel introduces Luke's Gospel and Acts. Luke recalled for his readers that stories had been handed down by eye-witnesses and written down by others. He intended, however, to improve on the order of these earlier accounts. The lectionary moves us to another beginning and that is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He had traveled throughout Galilee teaching in the synagogue. This day, he was in his home town of Nazareth where he unrolled a scroll and proclaimed the words of Isaiah. The Spirit of the Lord will come upon one who will free captives, favor the poor, and give sight to the blind. After Jesus rolled up the scroll, he told his listeners that those words had been fulfilled in him.

REFELCTION

Children are really all the things listed in what Jesus read from Isaiah. They are poor because they really depend on parents for their every material need. They are not free because they are too young and inexperienced to live on their own. While they're not completely blind, much of what they do see has been shaped by their parent's vision. When we think of all parents do for their children, it becomes clearer all that Jesus is for us.

PAUSE THE GOSPEL

Why does the church pause here, and finish the story next weekend? Because today this Scripture is fulfilled in *our* hearing. We pause at the best part of the story. Because it is too easy with a familiar story to jump to the conclusion, and miss an unmistakable *call to action*. Because we are the body of Christ. The second reading confirms this: We are the body of Christ which is comprised of many unique parts. Think a minute: The Spirit of God is upon *you* and *me*. Why? Because God anointed each of us at our baptisms. And the Spirit rushed upon us when we were anointed during the sacrament of confirmation. Do I believe I have a role to serve that no one else can do? We each have a mission. Do you know what yours is? As we gather for Eucharist today, can I wait eagerly for each Gospel sentence, as attentive as the assembly that gathered around Ezra or Jesus? When I leave Mass today, how will this "Spirit of God be upon me or upon you?" How will it be evident where you go and in people you meet? To whom will you bring glad tidings — news that God loves each one of us? Today — we can proclaim, heal, free the oppressed and forgive. As the psalm today says: Re-joice! Be refreshed. Enlightened. And just.

Extract Loretta Pehanich CelebrationPublications.org

QUOTE

Wisdom is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited, but imagination circles around the world.



MERCY AND MISSION

*Third Sunday of the Year.*  
*Fr John Farrell OP explains how we are called to works of mercy and mission through our encounter with Jesus Christ.*

Today we begin our Sunday readings from the gospel of Saint Luke which will continue throughout this liturgical year. Here, as the gospel opens, Luke deliberately brings forward an episode which Matthew and Mark have as occurring later in Jesus' public ministry. In this way the story hits us with great force. It is the public and explicit Manifesto of the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Christ. Jesus sets out his programme with Spirit and with power. The setting is his own home synagogue which he would have known from his childhood, a familiar place. The drama is played out: Jesus stands up to read, the official hands over of the large scroll of the prophet Isaiah, Jesus unrolls the scroll at his chosen place, he proclaims the prophecy. Handing back the sacred text there is silence and anticipation. "All eyes in the synagogue are fixed on him." He sits, (to teach) and then come the resounding words of the Christ which we hear this morning in our own churches and congregations: "Today this text is being fulfilled even as you hear it".

We Christians, who hear this read amongst us this Sunday, we have also been sent, by Jesus. We have also been anointed by his Holy Spirit. This prophecy of power and service is being fulfilled even now as we hear it today and as he, the same one, is present in our assemblies and in our mass. His mission is the same one into which we were "Christened": baptised and anointed in the one Holy Spirit.

St Paul explains this in the second reading today – about Christian people in all their diversity and complementarity forming the Body of Christ. Any and every Christian community, parish, congregation or meeting is called to be the living embodying of the presence, salvation and mission of Jesus the Christ in that particular place and at that particular time.

Our first reading today is an account of the re-establishment of the Commonwealth of Israel after the devastation of the Exile in Babylon. Ezra the priest "learned in the Torah" and Nehemiah the Civil Administrator lead the People of God to promise to follow the Law of God as the Book of the Law is read out.

Christianity is not a religion of the book (as is often said), but of a person, the living person of Jesus who calls all to become part of the ongoing embodying of his life in each generation and in every place. Christianity is centred around the living and crucified Lord who comes to us in word and in sacrament and also in the poor, the imprisoned, the hungry and the naked, the broken hearted and the lost.

We have all become familiar with the idea of the Christian liturgy as made up of word and sacrament but it is really made up of three parts: word, sacrament and the ongoing Christian life of works of mercy which are to flow out of our worship and lead us back to it. Pope Benedict in his encyclical on Charity taught that Christianity can no more give up works of mercy than it can give up the sacraments or the Scriptures. None of the three are optional. In this "Year of Mercy" it is refreshing to remind ourselves of the essential structuring character in the Christian life of works of charity and mercy along with our devotion to the Scriptures and the sacraments.

Furthermore this outreach of mercy which is intrinsic to Christianity is truly ecumenical. In this we can work together fully. Whether we are considering the various Protestant churches of our own country or the suffering Christians of the Middle East and Africa: we were all baptised in the one Spirit and all given the same Spirit to drink. The one Lord and Christ has sent us and anointed us, as a Spirit-filled People embodying, his presence, "to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour".

Fr John Farrell OP <http://english.op.org/torch>

When you make a commitment you build hope.  
When you keep it your build trust.

## HOLY ROSARY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**SCHOOL OF RELIGION / CATECHISTS** - 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. Now in recess until February 2019.

**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 information - Letty 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, if someone is in need of prayer or a visit at home, in hospital or by the Parish Priest - please let the office 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](mailto: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/>

### Job Vacancy: Financial Services Officer

The Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, based in Forrest, ACT, is looking for a Finance Officer with an eye for detail. The role is an important one in the administrative headquarters (Chancery) of the Archdiocese. The right candidate will be motivated by a challenge, be resilient, super organised and determined to help wherever they can in order to cover the myriad of tasks in this position. For more information: [www.cgatholic.org.au/job-vacancies](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/job-vacancies).

### Special offer from the Catholic Bookshop

'GRACE: On the Journey to Go' by Michael Casey, a Monk of Tarrawarra Abbey in Australia. Grace is found in surprising places says Michael Casey, in discontinuity, in desire and even in temptation. Receive a copy of his new book at the special price of \$18.95 (RRP \$24.95) a limit of two per customer. Find the Bookshop or contact 02 6239 9888.

# EVENTS

**Share Accommodation Watson** (\$275 p/w including utilities) Lovely bright room in fully furnished townhouse to share with one other (F) in Watson. Walking distance to Watson shops, Farmers Markets, Australian Catholic University and on bus route/easy cycle to Dickson and Civic. NBN wi fi and utilities included. Suit ACU student. Contact Sam: 0402 077 012

**WANTED — Weekly Board** - country female Nursing student to attend CSU Watson. Mon- Friday, well mannered and responsible. please phone Sharon at St Patrick's Cooma 02 6452 6169

### 2 February — KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The KSC extend an invitation to all Catholic men to attend their first meeting for 2019 in the Parish Centre, Transfiguration Parish North Woden, Strangways Street, Curtin ACT from 11.00am – 1.00pm. The branch will be meeting at Curtin every 2 months in 2019. Come along and share a cuppa!

### 16 February - St Valentine's Mass

The Parish of St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah invite you to celebrate the Love, Romance and Joy of Christian Marriage with a St Valentine's celebration Mass on Saturday 16th February at 6pm. Mass will include a Renewal of Marriage Promises for married couples, and a Special Blessing for engaged couples. EVERYONE is welcome. Any enquiries to Elizabeth 6231 9219 or Trish 6231 8468

### 2 March - National Day of Prayer & Fasting

Join together with Christian leaders and Churches of all denominations in your region to pray and celebrate the National Day of Prayer & Fasting from 10 AM – 4 PM Saturday 2 March . 2 Chronicles 7:14  
Pray for a National Awakening for Australia and pray for millions to find Jesus Christ. Take part in the 40 Day Prayer Relay. Initiate a Bible Reading marathon and take part in a live prayer webcast on the day. Register now: [www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au)

**12 – 14 April - Taizé Retreat:** "Finding life and joy in today's world: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, Sydney. Facilitated by Fr John Armstrong and Annemarie Nicol. All welcome Cost: \$300.00 Private facilities, fully catered Friday dinner to Sunday lunch. Bookings: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre (02 8795 3400) More information: Annemarie (0421 492 554). The retreat is organised by an ecumenical group and everyone is welcome. The group meets regularly for prayer using songs from Taizé every second Sunday of the month at Weston Creek Uniting church at 5.30pm.

### 7–18 June - TEN DAY RENEWAL IN THE YEAR OF LUKE

Join Dr Elizabeth Dowling RSM, an Australian biblical scholar, as she leads participants in an exploration of mercy, compassion and release in the Gospel of Luke at St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong. Bookings: 02 6380 5222 or [info@stclement.com.au](mailto:info@stclement.com.au)

**Catechist Training Days** (10.00am to 1.00pm) 18 February – Haydon Hall (6.30pm – 8.30pm with dinner) Contact [matt.ransom@cg.org.au](mailto:matt.ransom@cg.org.au)

### ROSTERS 2 / 3 February 2019

#### Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	K. Markcrow	D. Hinds
Presentation of Gifts	Tran Family	
EMOE	K. Murphy	

#### Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

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

#### Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer	
Readers	I. Ciaccia	R. Ciaccia
Presentation of Gifts	Ciaccia Family	
EMOE	R. Zochling	J. Munro

#### Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	M. Proctor	
Presentation of Gifts	Dobrowolska Cheyne Family	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
Counters	F. Higgins	J. Buckley