

Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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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
and 4pm—4.30pm

ACU Chapel Signadou
Wednesdays at Midday

Fourth 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	Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia
COMMUNION	Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.
READINGS	Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13 Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Parishioners
Last Sunday at the 10am Mass I and the parishioners
had the delight of receiving Andrew Turris into the
Church. Andrew was accompanied by his relatives
and friends. The reception was enjoyed by all.
Well done Andy! Fr Kieran



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 70:1-6, 15, 17

I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
in your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me.

Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked.

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my help.

My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still.

I will sing of your salvation.

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.

URGENT

We are in urgent need of Acolytes/Servers for the 5pm
Sunday evening Mass. At present one of the 10am
volunteer acolytes is helping the Fathers on the Altar.
Please remember that volunteers are essential in the
running of the weekend liturgies.

*As members of the Body of Christ through our Baptism;
with our different gifts and talents,
we are called upon to pray and work together
So as to bring forth God's kingdom,
Proclaiming the Gospel in witness, service and community.*

GOSPEL SUMMARY

Jesus went to Nazareth and taught in the temple. At first the people
were amazed at his knowledge but then it occurred to them, he was
one of them - a carpenter in their own village! They became very an-
gry with Jesus and planned to throw him bodily from a nearby moun-
tain top. Jesus simply walked through them and left. Some scholars
say that the crowd's reaction and Jesus escaping them to continue
his teaching and preaching is a foreshadowing of Jesus' death and
resurrection and the mission of the Church to continue spreading the
Good News.

How many times do we react to what appears to be the situation? A
few times of being wrong slows us, especially parents, down and
teaches us that 'things are not always as they seem.' It takes time
and often forces us to 'eat humble pie' (or at least laugh at our-
selves), but very often, by the time we 'get the story' we recognize
that we have come to the wrong conclusion, that the evidence is mis-
leading. Parents need to show their children that they trust and have
faith in them. If our first impression turns out to be correct, then we
can take necessary disciplinary steps, but at least children recognize
their parents' faith in them as our first response.

When the people of Nazareth had no faith in Jesus, Jesus could not
work any miracles. He had to leave the area and go where people
believed in him. Share together places in your own lives, either indi-
vidually or as a family where weak faith prevents Jesus from working
in your lives. What steps can you take to allow Jesus to enter? What
can you do to help one another develop a stronger faith?

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Blackfriars School of Religion (Blackfriars SoR) is held at the
Holy Rosary Watson Church each Sunday morning from 9.00am -
9.45am during school terms.

Classes will begin on **Sunday 24 February 2019**

Children from Kindergarten to Year 6 who attend non Catholic
schools are invited to attend.

Teenagers who wish to celebrate the Sacraments are also
welcome. The Celebration of Sacraments:

Year 3 - First Reconciliation

Year 4 - First Eucharist

Year 6 - Confirmation

For more information or if you are interested in assisting children
to grow their love of God, please contact the Parish Office.

BEFORE I FORMED YOU

Some people regard birth as a completely chance event. Those who
plan parenthood and denial of it might say, "This child is our little
'accident'." Through Jeremiah, God teaches that human birth is part
of God's plan. God lives beyond space and time in a perpetual state
of NOW. God knows all people and sees us as part of an intricate
design for salvation. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you..."
is a reminder that God is in charge. He loves and wants each one of
us.

Fr R. Lonsdale <http://www.4catholiceducators.com/lonsdale>

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,
Jacques Michel

Our deceased

Heather Pook, Dr James McCarthy, Terry Manual,
Roas Ciufetelli, Vera Mustapic

In Memory

Caterina & Domenico Barbaro, Les Ahkin

INCONVENIENT TRUTH

Most of us don't like change. It is as Al Gore put it in his book title, *An Inconvenient Truth*. We don't like global warming and the impending changes that will threaten us. Some call it a hoax and don't believe it will ever happen. Despite some countries pulling out of the Paris Agreement, most nations of the world are doing what they can to slow rising sea levels and temperatures. Change is coming.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is the change that is coming, and the townsfolk of Nazareth didn't like it. Imagine Jesus, the son of Joe the carpenter, making the outrageous claim that he is the fulfilment of our sacred Scriptures. Do you believe it?

[Dick Folger Celebration Publications](#)

INCLUDING YOUTH

The examples of the widow in Zarepath and Naaman the Syrian infuriated the crowd because Jesus pointed out that *they* – lowly, often-despised, Gentiles – received favor. Social status all by itself is one of our more dangerous false gods, particularly if success in achieving it gives us a superiority complex.

You might remind youth that many *America's Got Talent* successes were bullied and considered inferior for much of their early life. Christians – and the crowd – must remember there is nothing wrong with wanting to belong, depending on who you want to belong to.

[Jim Auer Celebration Publications](#)



A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a couple blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday...I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle. "You're kidding me, right? You don't even know the way to the Post Office!"

REJECTED LOVE?

Fourth Sunday of the Year.

Fr David Rocks OP shows how the story of Jesus' rejection by his own people mirrors our own tendency to reject him.

And just as it was starting to go so well! He had returned among them in triumph – a local hero. They marvelled at the wonderful things he said among them. He was one of their own, he grew up among them and they knew his background. He shared their ups and downs, laughed with them; he was involved in the different aspects of their lives. Now he spoke with eloquence and graciousness. They could be rightly proud, a people who had raised such a man.

He told them that the words of hope they treasured in the Scripture were being fulfilled in their hearing. What beautiful, golden words. God was indeed very close to this people, in fact, they could touch him. That wonderful feeling – faith and hope being fulfilled in love. They were truly blessed to experience the blessing of God upon them. This is a treasure to be cherished.

But what happens when the blessing of God doesn't quite fit in with our own plans? At least, not in the way we'd like. We want to have a close relationship with God. We want to feel his blessing – of course we do! But all very much on our own terms.

This Gospel is like a microcosm of the whole story. As the Prologue to the Gospel of John says: "He came unto his own, and they that were his own received him not." (John 1:11). In a very small way, the townsfolk in the Gospel represent the whole of human history – rejecting God at the moment when his plan for us leads us in a direction we'd rather not travel.

He was one of their own, and they were more than happy to go along with him for a time. How often this happens in the life of Jesus – that people follow him and then go off in a different direction when things don't suit. We come to him in the hope that he will fulfil our needs and realise our dreams. We're not sure if we have much time for him if he doesn't. But then, it's hard for us to recognise what our real needs are. It seems almost impossible for us to rejoice completely in God's love. Perhaps this is because we always want to keep something back for ourselves, to retain some control over our lives rather than suffering the indignity of 'surrender' to something else. Yet nothing we might cling to will serve us better than the complete freedom that God's love offers us.

There is always a temptation for us to think we are superior to others. This danger is very present when we feel blessed by God. When Jesus spoke of blessings for foreigners and pagans in the presence of his own townsfolk, they turned on him and rejected him. Perhaps we might be tempted to feel superior to the townsfolk in the Gospel, or to others in our own time, because we are so close to God ourselves. When we feel that we possess God, things are beginning to go wrong. We can never possess God, rather he possesses us and that gives us our true dignity. The freedom he gives us to embrace his love so entirely also allows us to reject his love entirely. We can only truly dwell in his blessing if we embrace it with every fibre of our being. Sometimes we so violently rupture our relationship with God that he seems so very distant that his love is entirely beyond our reach. Yet he recalls us constantly to return to the mystery of his saving love for us. Sometimes when our faith is weak, when our hope seems futile – sometimes it is then that we really experience his love as he gently calls us. God's blessing appears in the most unlikely of places. His ways are not our ways.

[Fr David Rocks OP](#) <http://english.op.org/torch>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Parish Conference of St Vincent de Paul will again be running the St Vinnies Appeal stand at this year's Canberra Show on the weekend of 22-24 February. Vinnies is seeking volunteers to man the stand in 2 hour shifts from Friday through to Sunday. Vinnies could really do with your help. For further information, please contact Tony Malone. He can be reached via email at tonymalone@grapevine.com.au or via phone on 0431 542 531

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. New Year starts on 24th 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

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

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.

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

8-10 February - BE OPENED

The Community of the Risen Lord invites you to a life transforming retreat of healing, adoration and the Word conducted by Lalith Perera, Archbishop Prowse and Fr Ken Baker. Friday 8th Feb 7pm-9pm Amaroo, Saturday 9th Feb 10am-5pm St Brigid's, Sunday 10th Feb 10.30am-5.30pm St Brigid's. Entrance free, Crèche available. Information 0412 310 364 / 0448 510 237 crl.canberra@gmail.com

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

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

Catechist Training Days (10.00am to 1.00pm) 18 February - Haydon Hall (6.30pm - 8.30pm with dinner) Contact matt.ransom@cg.org.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend - relationship enrichment for married couples **26th - 28th April** at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Bookings online at www.wvme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

THE OPENING SCHOOL MASS

WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 8TH FEBRUARY AT 10AM.

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND AND PRAY FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS AS THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

ROSTERS 9 / 10 February 2019

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

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

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson
Presentation of Gifts	Flynn Family	
EMOE	E. Smith	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	J. Northcote	E. Northcote
Presentation of Gifts	Musolino Family	
EMOE	A. Northcote	S. Tanzer

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer	
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	J. Curnow
Presentation of Gifts	K. Turrise	
EMOE	C. Makay	V. Van der Sanden
Counters	G. Gleeson	I. Buckley