

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

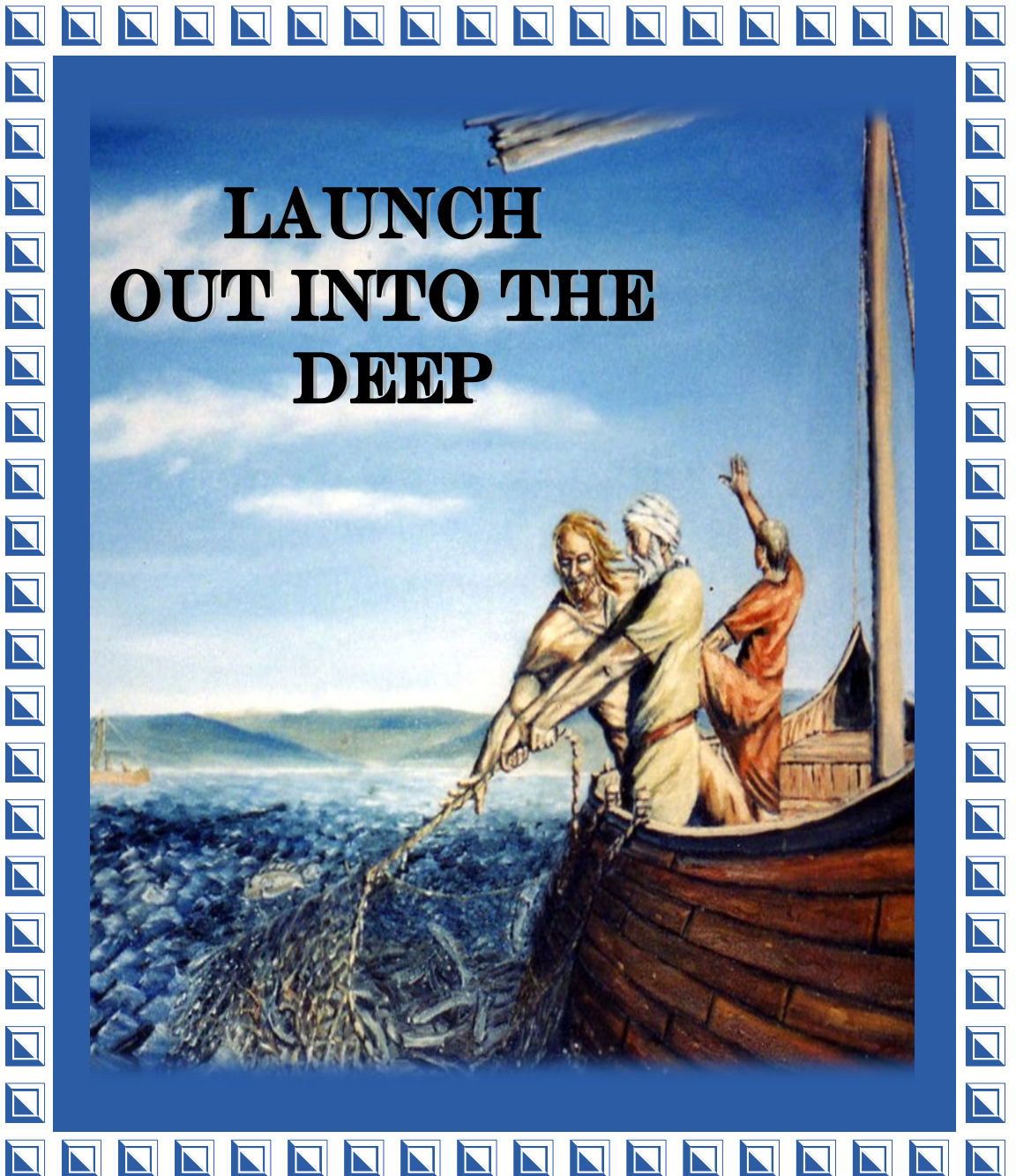
Pray the Rosary
Wed & Fri before 5.30pm Mass
Saturday after 9am Mass
and First Saturday each month
3.30pm

Reconciliation
Saturday 12pm—12.30pm
and 4pm—4.30pm

ACU Chapel Signadou
Wednesday at Midday

**If you are in Urgent need of
a Priest Call - 6248 8253**

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



A warm welcome is extended to guests & parishioners celebrating our Eucharist today.

ENTRANCE	O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.
READINGS	Isaiah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

CONNECTIONS | Dick Folger

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 our nation 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?



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 137:1-5, 7-8

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises,
Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises,
Lord.

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

Imagine what it must have been like on the shore of the Lake of Gennesaret that day. "Put out into deep water," Jesus tells them, "and lower your nets for a catch." Simon, of course, counters: "We have worked all night and have caught nothing but at your command I will lower the nets." The nets are lowered and they catch "a great number of fish". And the history from that day at Lake Gennesaret forward is one filled with drama and doubt, excitement and fear, enthusiasm and exhaustion, miracles and misunderstanding, acceptance and rejection, life and death and life again. Simon and those first apostles Luke tells us, did "put out into the deep," an act of great faith: without knowing the path before them, "they left everything and followed him." "Put out into the deep water." Jesus was not making a recommendation here; he was giving a command. Jesus did not stay on the shore and simply send Simon and the other fishermen out alone. He got into the boat. And when the nets began to tear and the catch was beyond their expectations, when the going got rough, he was right there inside the boat to tell them "Do not be afraid."

Excerpt from a homily by Very Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.

DRIVE FAST

Years ago the British agnostic Thomas Huxley had to leave early one morning to go from one speaking assignment to another, so he got into a horse-drawn taxi to go from his hotel to the train station. He assumed that the hotel doorman had told the driver of the carriage that they were to go to the train station. So when he got in, he simply said to the driver, "Drive fast." Off they went. After a short while, Huxley, who was somewhat familiar with the area, realized that they were actually going in the opposite direction from the train station. He yelled to the driver, "Do you know where you're going?" Without looking back, the driver replied, "No, sir, but I'm driving very fast." Obviously, it doesn't do much good to go fast if you're not going in the right direction! Yet, many people, even Christians, are like that. Their lives are busy, they are going full bore, but they haven't stopped to evaluate where they ought to be going. Before we know it, life has whizzed by, but we haven't spent it focused on the right purpose. As Christians, we all would agree that if we want to spend our lives properly, we must be in line with God's purpose. <https://bible.org>

SEND ME

'For many of us, the call to participate in this ongoing process of transmitting our religious tradition will probably be far less dramatic than was the call of Isaiah, as recounted in the first reading. Still, we have responded as generously as he did, even though we may not realize it. 'We have declared: Here I am; send me—to teach or preach, to write or publish the good news. Send me to shape the minds and hearts of our children through the values that I have received. Send me to express God's beauty through music, art or poetry, to demonstrate God's justice through the way I conduct business, to impart God's compassion on those in desperate need of comfort. Send me to announce to the world, by the way I live my life, that the tradition that was handed down is indeed alive in me.' *Excerpt Sr Dianne Bergant*

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, Joe Schimizzi, 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, Zelma McManus, Catherine Feehan, Jacques Michel, Pamela Sandy
Our deceased	Heather Pook, Rosa Ciuffetelli, Terry Manual, Vera Mustapic
In Memory	Caterina & Domenico Barbaro

BAPTISM

Archer Constantine Jagomoa-Leota

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



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

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.

Change of Date : Classes will begin on **Sunday 3 March 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.

PLENARY COUNCIL

We are setting up small listening and dialogue groups that discuss 'What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?' If you are interested in joining such a group, please put your name and contact details on the form in the foyer, by Tuesday, 11 February 2019. Please indicate if you are willing to act as a facilitator for the group. Leaflet in the foyer.

SPEAKING COURSE

If you are interested in attending the Speaking Awesome Words Lector Ministry Training course please call 6248 5925 or email watson@cg.org.au Numbers are required to book a session for Holy Rosary Church.

The Old Testament - 'Christians venerate the Old Testament as the true word of God. All of the books of the Old Testament are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value. They bear witness to the divine pedagogy of God's saving love. They are written, above all, to prepare for the coming of Christ the Saviour of the universe.' (Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

CALLED TO HOLINESS

Fifth Sunday of the Year.

Fr David Sanders OP considers

where we can find God and where he finds us.

We often pigeon-hole people. We are certain we know them and we fix their identity. We treat them more like things than people. Then suddenly we see in them a new dimension, a surprising depth, a different person.

And if we do this to people we do it even more to God. We may treat him as an impersonal deity, an abstract entity, something that can be manipulated by our religious formulas. But the God of the Bible whom we worship is a personal God who cannot be pinned down or easily defined. God is other, mysterious, different - that is what makes him holy. But where do we encounter this holy God?

Isaiah tells us that he encountered this holy God in the temple, he saw him through the smoke of incense in the midst of the liturgy.

He had a vision of the all-holy God seated upon his heavenly throne and surrounded by the worshipping seraphs. And this is how many people see the holiness of God: in a sacred place, served by priests, and cut off from the outside world. And many want to keep it that way. Holiness should be kept safe in its own sacred world and not be allowed to interfere with the secular.

But when we come to Luke's Gospel today, the Holy One of God has come out of church and is there in the workplace. Jesus is teaching from a fisherman's boat and then commanding Simon to put out into the deep and to begin fishing again. In fact we encounter the holy God when he comes to where we are actually living our lives - to the priestly Isaiah, it is in the temple and to Simon the fisherman, it is among his nets.

But notice in both cases the ordinary, familiar world is broken open. The sacred boundaries cannot confine the transcendent presence of the holy God in the temple ritual for as the angelic hosts assert 'His glory fills the whole earth'. Isaiah is seized by this new fascinating presence he had not expected to encounter.

And Simon no doubt had paid his regular visits to the Temple in Jerusalem and had been awestruck by the sacred atmosphere there. Now he was back in a world where he was in control. He knew at least when it was a good time to catch fish. But he had been fascinated by the words of this teacher, Jesus of Nazareth, as he preached to the crowds from Simon's own boat. And, like Mary before him, he consented to what seemed the impossible. He obeyed the word to put out into the deep and fish when his own senses told him to expect nothing. The huge catch of fish, almost bursting the nets, which followed was for him a sign of the presence of the holy God in Jesus. 'Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man'

But the call of the holy God does not conform to what we expect. The sinner is not banished, just purged for action. Unworthiness cannot be used as an excuse to keep to safe old ways. Isaiah is not allowed to stay in the temple and Peter cannot remain on the shore. They are both sent out into the sinful world. God calls us not to just savour his holiness in the safety of the familiar but he sends us out into the deep, into the unknown, to make his glory manifest to a hostile world. Isaiah is sent to preach justice to an unrepentant Israel and Simon is sent to preach the Gospel to a society where many felt lost and set apart from the holiness of God.

God calls the prophets and apostles in dramatic ways but he also calls each of one of us. He breaks open our familiar defences and transcends our limited expectations. We cannot plead our sinfulness as an excuse not to obey his word. He invites us to put out into the deep wherever we are. And he goes on calling us even when we think we are safe. Only by responding to his call and encountering his holy presence we will finally discover the true identity for which he created us.

Fr David Sanders OP <http://english.op.org/torch>

VOLUNTEER ESL TEACHERS NEEDED

For MGL pre-novices in preparation for IELTS. Please contact Fr Chris Eaton: ceatonmgl@gmail.com or 0410 935 621

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 3rd March 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. Contact the Office.

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.

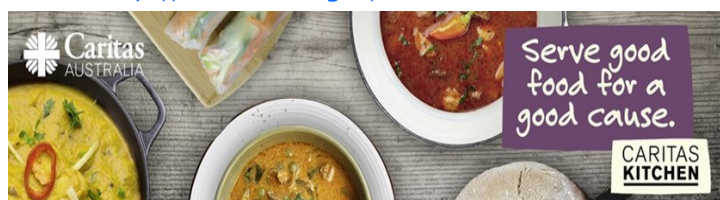
COELIACS Parishioners who are coeliac (intolerant to Gluten) If you wish to receive a gluten free host at Mass you should advise the Celebrant or Acolyte prior to Mass.

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/>

CARITAS KITCHEN

JOIN US to raise awareness & funds for Project Compassion With Special guest speaker: Mugambi Paul Mwenda Paul is a passionate advocate for both disability and human rights. Thursday 7March 2019 at 6:30pm St. Christopher's Pastoral Centre 55 Franklin Street, Forrest REGISTER via email to: Lulu Mitshabu— lulum@caritas.org.au or phone 0437295327 or DONATE online <https://lent.caritas.org.au/canberracaritaskitchen>



"Be content with what you have.
Rejoice in the way things are.
When you realise there is nothing lacking,
the whole world belongs to you."

EVENTS

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

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

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

CALVARY HOSPITAL - If you are looking something worthwhile to do in your spare time, joining Calvary Hospital Auxiliary may be for you. We urgently need the input of new members - men and women, tertiary students, part- or full-time workers, newly retired persons, all denominations - to assist in the Auxiliary's fund raising activities. We hold events such as the Book Fair on 20&21 March, Easter raffle, plant stalls, cake stalls and more. All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for our Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. To explain the Auxiliary's work we are holding a membership drive on Thursday 21 February, 10-4pm, in the foyer, Calvary Public Hospital, Hayden Drive, Bruce. Please come along for further information, or ring Daphne Ashley on 0407835846.

ROSTERS 16 / 17 February 2019

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Presentation of Gifts	Higgins Family	
EMOE	T. O'Neill	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	K. Linard	
Readers	M. Falk	C. Widdowson
Presentation of Gifts	M. Falk	
EMOE	N. Clarke	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Q. Vu	
Readers	M. Fitzgerald	K. McCluskey
Presentation of Gifts	Webb Family	
EMOE	E. Musolino	M. Mastrolembo

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer	
Readers	M. Tuckwell	M. Nguyen
Presentation of Gifts	Hall-O'Brien Family	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
Counters	R. Walpole	J. Smith