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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**

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Judging Others



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

ENTRANCE	The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, Says the Lord.
READINGS	Sirach 27:4-7 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Gospel: Luke 6:39-45



ASH WEDNESDAY

Join us to celebrate the beginning of Lent,
a time for penance, prayer, and fasting.
A day of abstinence from meat.

6.45am

10.00am - School Mass

6.00pm

NO 5.30pm Mass

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: P91:2-3. 13-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE TO PREPARE FOR EASTER

The Easter Season is a very special time in the Church year. The six weeks of Lent prepare us for it, Holy Week commemorates it, and the following Sundays celebrate it. The liturgies all have their own particular music, some of it so special we only hear it once a year.

The choir has begun preparations for the Easter season on Mondays at 7.30 pm in the church. Just one hour. You do not have to be a singer to come along and join in. Phone 61617100 if you would like to know more.

VATICAN SUMMIT

Delivering the homily at the final Mass of the Vatican Summit on the Protection of Minors in Rome on the weekend, Archbishop Coleridge said this mission demanded concrete action, not just words.

'We will do all we can to bring justice and healing to survivors of abuse; we will listen to them, believe them and walk with them; we will ensure that those who have abused are never again able to offend; we will call to account those who have concealed abuse; we will strengthen the processes of recruitment and formation of Church leaders; we will educate all our people in what safeguarding requires; we will do all in our power to make sure that the horrors of the past are not repeated and that the Church is a safe place for all; a loving mother especially for the young and the vulnerable; we will not act alone but will work with all concerned for the good of the young and the vulnerable; we will continue to deepen our own understanding of abuse and its effects, of why it has happened in the Church and what must be done to eradicate it.

'All of this will take time, but we do not have forever, and we dare not fail.' In his closing talk to the Summit, Pope Francis committed the church to do everything possible to **eradicate sexual abuse from within the church** and from society as a whole. And while the summit has ended, the work to ensure laws and concrete actions are in place is just beginning,' Fr Frederico Lombardi said.

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PLENARY MEETING

Thank you to the group meeting at present to consider the submission on behalf of the Parish to the Plenary Council. plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/



FAMILY MASS

At the 10am Family Mass last Sunday we welcomed the students, parents and teachers from our Parish School, to celebrate the Eucharist with us. The Mass was followed by a sausage sizzle and refreshments. Thank you to all who helped with the celebration special mention to our choir for the music and our sausage sizzlers.



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, 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, Ryan Fawke, Fr Maurice Keating
Our deceased	Anthony Baker, Saveria Maiuto
In Memory	Laurie O'Neill, James Patrick Bergin, Mildred Willey

BAPTISM

Eden Jade Quinn - Evans

Lukah John Williams

who will be baptised this weekend.
May their lives be filled with God's peace,
and their hearts with God's love...
on this Baptism day and always.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

As part of the Annual Doorknock Appeal, the Watson Vinnies Conference will hold leaving collections at masses this weekend, the 2nd and 3rd of March. This is the major collection for the operation of St Vincent de Paul in the ACT. Receipts will be available. As ever, Vinnies is very appreciative of the support of the Watson Parish for the activities of the Society.

LENTEN STUDIES



STUDY GROUP

As in former years, we are invited to journey together in faith and if possible to set some time aside to reflect on God's Word as nourishment on our pilgrimage. Lent begins on the 6th March with Ash Wednesday.

If you would like to be a part of a Parish Lenten Group, a group will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

READERS YOUR CHANCE FOR SPECIAL TRAINING

An opportunity to proclaim the Word of God to the to the liturgical assembly, proclaiming God's Word well requires specialised training, careful preparation and practice. 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.

PROJECT COMPASSION



Each year Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes and the community to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

...our role is to be that transforming love in the lives of those sisters and brothers of ours who are among the most marginalised and vulnerable people in our world.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Give Lent 100%". This year's Project Compassion showcases the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

As Pope Francis said,

"The future does have a name... and its name is hope."

WORDS FLOW FROM WHAT FILLS THE HEART

Eighth Sunday of the Year.

Fr Martin Ganeri OP preaches on the disharmony between who we are and what we say.

'A good man draws what is good from the goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Today's Gospel passage is one which is going to be difficult for us to accept. Difficult to accept because none of us is innocent when it comes to there being a gap between what we are and what we say. Difficult to accept also because we may be inclined to question whether the teaching is true - that we can only say good things if we are good ourselves. And there would not seem to be much chance that we are going to model our lives according to the pattern of this Gospel passage, if we neither like it nor think that it is right anyway.

Our ability to speak is a powerful and dangerous tool. It allows us to communicate with each other in ways that are often creative and subtle. We have only to think of the beauty of fine literature and the penetrating brilliance of the writings of great thinkers down the ages. It is language that allows us to express what we intuit and what we feel. It is also language that can enable us to come to realise some truth or feel some emotion as we follow through an argument or read a moving story. On the other hand, we know all too well how we use language to manipulate others to our own ends and often to their harm. We can use language purely to destroy or undermine. And in this darker side to our gift of speech we can place the power of language to conceal, as we lie and flatter. Our language allows us, moreover, to reprove and criticise the actions of others, even though we ourselves are as guilty as they, or even to encourage and advise them to do things that we do not do ourselves.

This negative side of our language, in which what we say is often far removed from what we are or do, makes us feel uncomfortable with a Gospel that tells us that we should look for and remedy the faults in our own lives before we set about the imperfections of others. But we might also add in justification that our words can have a good effect on others, even if we ourselves remain frail sinners. When language is so powerful a tool, is it not evident that such can be the case?

The Gospel, however, is more profound than this. It aims not merely to reprove us for our hypocrisy or to deny that we should speak for the good of others, even if we ourselves are not good. Rather it sets out a vision of the integrity between what we are and what we say, which is not merely for the good of others, but also for our own good. It tells us that we should cultivate goodness in ourselves - that we should be concerned for our own spiritual and moral welfare, if we are to be certain of helping others and if we are to realise our own full potential.

This is good for others, not just because our good advice to others can but fail to convince when they see its absence in our own lives, but also because we cannot be sure to get that advice right if we do not have the pattern of our own lives to guide us. It is this that the Gospel seeks to convey in its vivid pictures of the absurdity of the blind leading the blind, of one man struggling to prise the splinter out of his brother's eye, while the plank in his own eye obscures his vision. We owe it to others to make sure that our advice is effective, and it is most sure of being effective when we have struggled ourselves with putting it into practice.

But it is also good for ourselves, because a harmony between all the elements of our lives brings us closer to the harmony that exists within the Godhead and raises us further into the dignity which God intends for us. Disharmony between who we are and what we say may lead to limited goods, but harmony holds out the promise of the supreme good that is God Himself.

Fr Martin Ganeri OP <http://english.op.org/torch>

When you make a commitment you build hope.
When you keep it you 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. New Year starts on 3rd March 2019.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on **Thursday** evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - 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 friends and newcomers 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/>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COMPEER PROGRAM

St Vincent de Paul Society is currently looking for enthusiastic and passionate volunteers to take part in our Compeer program. Compeer matches people with a mental health diagnosis with a "friend" who is a caring and compassionate volunteer, to circumvent social isolation for people with mental health issues. The program promotes social inclusion and the reduction of stigma through friendship, based on the simple premise that "friendship is powerful medicine". It also aims to improve the quality of life and self-esteem of people living with a mental health diagnosis. This low-time volunteer commitment is the perfect opportunity for anyone who is enthusiastic about meeting new people and giving back to our community. No previous experience is required as all volunteer will receive specialised training and support.

Attributes: - A Working with Vulnerable People card is required to undertake this volunteering opportunity. Spend 4 hours (minimum) per month in social/recreational activities for a 12 month period. To be supportive, respectful and have empathy for people living with a mental health challenges.

Please contact compeer@svdp-cg.org.au for information.

EVENTS

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 7 March 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>

13 March - ANOINTING MASS - ST BRIGID'S CHURCH DICKSON Wednesday 13th March at 9.30am. All welcome.

14 March - PLANT STALL

Calvary Public Hospital Auxiliary is holding its popular plant stall on Thursday 14 March - 7.30am - 4pm, Jamison Shopping Centre. A wide variety of plants available at bargain prices! All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. Further information from Jan on 0437 790 980.

12 - 14 April - Taize 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).

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 - We urgently need the input of new members for the Calvary Hospital Auxiliary - 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. Further information ring Daphne Ashley on 0407835846.

MERICI COLLEGE ENROLLING NOW CAMPAIGN

A wonderful opportunity for prospective families to see the College in action, meet our students and attend the Principal's address, Yr 7 and Yr 11 Information Evenings, Careers Expo and lots more. Please visit www.merici.college for all dates and information.

DARAMALAN COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Thursday 28 March. Information sessions for Year 7, 2020 will be held at 4.45pm and 7.00pm and for Year 11, 2020 at 6.00pm. School tours available from 5.00-6.30pm. Year 7, 2020 enrolments are open from 6 - 24 May. For more information contact enrolments@daramalan.act.edu.au

ROSTERS 9 / 10 March 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	J. Wade	
Readers	C. Rheinberger	J. Schwinghamer
Presentation of Gifts	Musolino Family	
EMOE	B. Affas	S. Tanzer

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer	
Readers	M. Brothosodo	J. Curnow
Presentation of Gifts	K. Turrise	
EMOE	V. Vander Sanden	C. Mackay
Counters	G. Gleeson	I. Buckley