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VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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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 Lent

WHO IS WITHOUT SIN



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

ENTRANCE	Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
COMMUNION	Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.
READINGS	Isaiah 43:16-21 Philipians 3:8-14 Gospel: John 8:1-11

SOMETHING NEW

God's miracle of helping their ancestors cross the Red Sea made a lasting impression on the people of Israel. It was annually reinforced by the celebration of Passover. They recalled it even during their exile in Babylon. Isaiah teaches them that now they will have an even greater event to recall—something new. God will deliver them from their new bondage and restore them to their former nation.

The Church sees something more. God reveals to his people a totally new experience—the passionate love demonstrated in the Crucifixion and Resurrection. We marvel at the fact that the Creator of the entire universe personally comes to rescue those who are but specks of dust compared to God!

<http://4catholiceducators.com/lonsdale.htm>

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 125

A NEW DEED

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

*Fifth Sunday of Lent.
Fr. Aelred Connelly OP
preaches on our new freedom in Christ.*

I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith.

He is still running the race of faith, amidst the trials and tribulations of life here and now. He no longer sees himself as already saved by the law, nor in a position to judge others by it to their condemnation. This is a new freedom discovered in Jesus. He has come to free us from the condemnation of the law, but more importantly to free us from our sins.

The woman taken in adultery in today's Gospel stands condemned: 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery and Moses has ordered us in the law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?'

His answer, on reflection, is: 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' The supreme irony is that he is the one who is truly without sin, but will take the sins of the whole world, past, present and future, on his own back in his passion and death. Through him we are reconciled to God and to each other.

'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you? Neither do I condemn you. Go away, and do not sin any more.' Perhaps he has in mind his own mother. In her we see the victory over sin and death for us. Yet she could have faced the condemnation of the law, but for Joseph's wanting to put her away quietly, until the manner of her conceiving was made known to him.

Mary's 'Yes' of faith made open for us the way to salvation. This freedom won for us in Jesus is not to be squandered. Even now he is making all things new for us in the Church and in the world through the Holy Spirit.

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

IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

It is important that you contact the office by email, phone or in writing if you would like to book a Mass Intention, Memorial Mass, Baptism, and use of the Parish Centre a minimum two weeks notice is required. For Wedding bookings six months notice is required.

If you DO NOT book through the Office we cannot guarantee your request .

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 9am** of that week.

JESUS WROTE ON THE GROUND

The law of the Old Testament decreed that adultery was a crime punishable by death. It applied only to the woman involved. Her husband had the right to denounce her and plead for her execution. Normally this was done by stoning: rocks thrown at the victim until she was battered to death. The aggrieved husband had the right and duty of throwing the first rock.

A crowd of religious leaders bring a prostitute to Jesus. They are trying to trap him. He must either approve of the death sentence or continue his avowed policy of mercy.

Faced with this dilemma, Jesus simply crouches down and scribbles on the ground. When the leaders persist, Jesus begins writing on the ground. There is a change of verbs in Greek, which implies that Jesus is printing law in the second instance. We can have little doubt that the accusers see themselves described. Finally, our Lord arises and suggests that the innocent party begin the execution. There is none except Christ, and he will not.

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LAYERS FOR LENT

We no longer need donations for the Layers for Lent. Thank you to all parishioners who have donated clothes and blankets to assist St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol.

Your donations have exceeded all expectations and the University are grateful for your generosity.



It always seems impossible until it's done. Nelson Mandela

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
Una Bell, Edith Jensen, Philip Bailey, Patricia Zorzi,
Maureen Blood, 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, Jamie Judd
Mimma Giampietro, Zelma McManus, Frank Zobec,
Catherine Feehan, Jacques Michel, Pamela Sandy,
Mineka Tuckwell, Ryan Fawke, Fr Bernie Maxwell

Our deceased

Fr Kevin Crock CSsR, Derrick Yee, Bruce McKinnon,
Ken Rolls, Robert McCormack, Dolores O'Riordan,
Margery Ehnhuus

In Memory

Felipe Miragaya

BAPTISM

Kairo Iki Toelangi Charles Allen

Chace Alfredo Colovatti

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.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Salma sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Salma was 18, pregnant, in pain and fearful for her own and her unborn child's life, when she featured in Project Compassion 2013. She lives with her husband, Masud, in rural Bangladesh, where maternal and infant mortality rates are tragically high. Thankfully, Salma was helped through her pregnancies by a Caritas-trained midwife called Pronoti. The Safe Motherhood program has now reduced the area's maternal and infant mortality by almost 70 percent. Now 24, Salma watches her two children play happily. "We're poor, so it's easy to get discouraged about the future. However, if we have hope, we have the courage to try and do things that seem difficult or impossible at the time" Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 to provide and help lift communities out of poverty and give them hope to protect our common home.



PLEASE RETURN SHARE ENVELOPES AND BOXES BY NEXT WEEKEND

60th ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS



To Neville & Yvonne
Finnigan (nee Armstrong)
on their 60th
Wedding Anniversary
They were married on the
4th April 1959
at St Mary's Church
in Young
by Monsignor
Alphonsus Deegan.
Thank you for your
example of commitment
to God, to each other,
and to our Parish Community.

On your diamond anniversary, we send you all our love for this very special day. Sixty years of giving happiness, love and loyalty to each other must not go unmarked. We wish you many more years of love and good health together.

Your lives reflect the light of God's love.
Praying for all God's blessings as you celebrate
60 years together.

WHY I AM CATHOLIC: BECAUSE GOD OFFERS "RE-DOS"

As a high school teacher, I encounter misfortune all day long, including students who have given up on school because they think throwing in the towel is preferable to struggling. Just the other day a student told me "I don't care if I fail." Sometimes I don't know how to respond. This week, I found an answer. At a faculty meeting, our principal showed us a clip of a video of educational consultant Rick Wormeli called "Redos, Retakes and Do-overs." In the video, Wormeli talks about how failing students sit in a pit. In the past, teachers have documented their deficiencies in their gradebooks and stood outside those pits, looking down, wagging their fingers and telling students they'd better climb out.

Instead, Wormeli said, we need to climb into the pit with the student and say "I've been here before and I'm going to help you get out." We need to give students the opportunity to retake tests and redo projects and papers. We need, he said, to offer them hope.

This approach to teaching appeals to me on many levels, including spiritual. Can we not climb into one another's pits and show one another the way out? After all, God did this for us, by sending his only Son to live among us. He suffered, not because He had to, but because He loves us.

Remember when Christ encountered a corrupt tax collector, the man we now know as St. Matthew? He shocked the Pharisees by spending time with him.

While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do."

Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

In a meditation on the Gospel of Matthew, Father Alfonso writes: "Here is the mystery. Why does God even bother? Why not just pass me by, insult me, judge me now and get it over with? Why doesn't He just be God? The only answer I have to this is...because He loves, and love is crazy! It knows no limits, just like sin, but its effects are everlasting. "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. *His mercy endures forever!*"

That mercy applies to us all, including struggling students. As a teacher and as a human being, I am going to strive to climb into my neighbour's pit and be a presence.

And I am going to do my best to help them climb out.

Posted by Allison Salerno on April 2nd, 2011

POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis believes in bridges, not walls.

During an in-flight press conference on his return to Rome from his successful historic visit to Morocco, the Pope reiterated the need for bridges, not only in relation to Christian-Muslim relations, but also the plight of refugees and migrants.

He said those who build walls end up being prisoners of the walls they have built. 'On the other hand, those who build bridges go forward.'

The readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent also have a common thread of going forward, of not being held prisoner. In his homily notes, Fr Brendan Byrne SJ says that each in some way reveals the primary intent of God is to call them out of the various captivities in which they find themselves.

The Pope's prayer intention for April is for doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

These people are helping others who are 'imprisoned' by displacement, war, hunger and violence. We pray for all those who risk their safety and health in order to accompany people whose lives.

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A drop of love can bring an ocean of tears.

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.

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/>

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP



25th Anniversary National Pilgrimage. The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the 25th anniversary National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2 November 2019. Cost \$3,575 - \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp. For further information please email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or call Sr Therese Leydon rsj on 0417 683 123, or Sr Annie Bond rsj on 02 8912 4818

EASTER LITURGIES

We would really like the Easter Liturgies to be a whole of community project and ask you all to consider being involved in some way. You may have noticed in the foyer of the church that the rosters for volunteers are now out, I would like to draw your attention to some of the jobs. Please consider joining us, any age group we will find something for everyone to do.

EVENTS

13 APRIL - ST MARY'S BUNGENDORE FAIR

St Mary's Bungendore Autumn Fair will be on again from 9am-2pm. Stalls, raffles, delicious food, entertainment, farmers' market, Devonshire tea/coffee, Jumping Castle, trash & treasure

13 APRIL - AMICUS

Canberra Southern Cross Club Sightseeing Cruise 10.15am followed by lunch at Snapper on the Lake Rsvp Contact Patricia 0412 351 548

16 APRIL - CONCERNED CATHOLICS

Will host a public forum on Tuesday April 16 at 7.20pm. Robert Fitzgerald AM will address the topic: **"Governance for our Church - out of hope, not fear .**

VENUE: Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Blackall Street, Barton. Further details: www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org

17 April - ST THOMAS MORE FORUM

Anne Therese Gallagher AO, will address the issue: *'Confronting the Globalisation of Indifference: Catholic Leadership on Migration'*. Commencing at 7.30pm in the Holy Faith Hall, Campbell. Enquiries : Parish Office on 0416 823 447 or forum@stthomasmore.org.au

24-27 APRIL - NSTAGRACE

A great opportunity for all high school aged from 14-17 to encounter and experience the love of God through 4 days program at St Thomas the Apostle school, Kambah from 8am to 6pm. This includes workshops, music, games, testimonies and inspiring talks by preachers and priests organised by Jesus Youth.

Fee: \$130. Email: jesusyouthcanberra@gmail.com or call Roby Ray Joshua in [0433828266](tel:0433828266). Log on to Instagrace.com.au for registration

26-28 APRIL - MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

At the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Book online at www.wme.org.au or contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: 0490 774 419

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

PALM SUNDAY ROSTERS 14 / 15 April 2019

Saturday 6.00 pm Holy Rosary

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

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson
Gospel Narrator	Volunteer	
Gospel Others	M. Falk	
Presentation of Gifts	Flynn Family	
EMOE	E. Smith	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	J. Cooke	A. McCarthy
Gospel Narrator	M. Fitzgerald	
Gospel Others	J. Cooke	
Presentation of Gifts	Musolino Family	
EMOE	R. Zochling	J. Munro

Sunday 6.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	D. Gomez	
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	J. Curnow
Gospel Narrator	T. de Luca	
Gospel Others	Volunteer	
Presentation of Gifts	Hall-O'Brien Family	
EMOE	K. Sneddon	V. Van der Sanden
Counter	G. Gleeson	I. Buckley