

Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday
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
and 4pm–4.30pm

ACU Chapel Signadou

Wednesday at Midday

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.
READINGS	Acts 14:21-27 Revelation 21:1-5 Gospel: John 13:31-35

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 144:8-13

I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age.

I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

CANCER MORNING TEA

Our Parish will once again be holding a morning tea to raise money for Cancer Research on **Thursday 23rd May** at 10.30am in the Parish Centre. Entry is by donation and all money raised will go to the ACT Cancer Council for Cancer Research.

Everyone is welcome - young and old.
Please come and support this parish function and have some fun.

HE HAS OPENED THE DOOR



Saint Paul left an enduring mark on the Church. Until his ministry began, the followers of Jesus were seen to be no more than one of the many aspects of the Jewish religion. In fact, the first believers maintained dual worship.

They were united by their faith in Jesus, but they continued the customs of the older religion. Paul saw Christianity as something completely new. It is a religion in its own right. He did this when he baptised former pagans and did not insist that they continue Old Testament customs. Some Christian groups seem to be more grounded in the Old Testament and its harsh laws. Christianity must be seen as something totally new, based upon the New Testament law of love.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

In this week's Gospel readings, we hear Jesus give his disciples one last commandment: 'love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.' What does it mean to love someone as Jesus did? Many writers and theologians have thought about this question over the centuries, and many saints have sought to follow in Christ's footsteps. One of those who both wrote about Christ's way, and lived it, was Jean Vanier, the founder of L'Arche who died last week aged 90. Vanier showed us how when we love people, particularly those who are disabled and on the margins of society, we can see them not as burdens, but as gifts. 'Every child, every person needs to know that they are a source of joy; every child, every person, needs to be celebrated. Only when all of our weaknesses are accepted as part of our humanity can our negative, broken self-images be transformed', he wrote.

As we remember Christ's commandment to his disciples this Sunday, may we pray and give thanks for Jean Vanier, who showed us how love can transform our way of living in the world.



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THE CALL OF JESUS IS DEMANDING

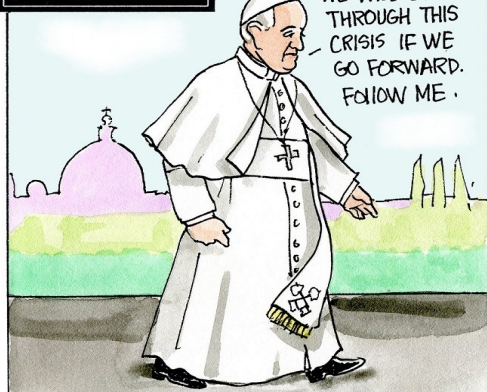
'No doubt like most of us Judas was a complex mixture of motivations with his inherent goodness competing with the attraction of sin and easy solutions.

'By contrast, the call of Jesus is demanding; it drags us often kicking and screaming far beyond our self-constructed comfort zones, and we see this in the very example of Jesus' life. After Judas leaves the room, Jesus goes on to exhort his followers to a very different kind of discipleship – the way of love. And as the yardstick for how far they should go, he gives the example of his own life. "I give you a new commandment: love one another: just as I have loved you, you also must love one another."

'This is the way of service to others, self-sacrifice and self-giving. The letting go of the selfish ego to embrace God and neighbour is the way of true freedom and transfiguration.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr David Barrins OP

Francis



NCRonline.org/cartoons

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:	Elizabeth Cronin, Mary Bui, Greg O'Neill Fr Ellis Clifford, Mary Martin, Edith Jensen, Philip Bailey, 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, Maria Martiniello, Elizabeth Webster, Frank Zobec, Mimma Giampietro, Zelma McManus, Catherine Feehan, Pamela Sandy, Ryan Fawke
Our deceased	John Green, Dianne Kennedy, Lofty Tottenham, John Collet
In memory	Maria (Marietta) Oliva Schimizzi

BAPTISM

Sebastian Gino Giampaolo

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.



PARISH NOTICES

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Donations to the Good Friday Holy Places appeal were \$1,450.00 and Project Compassion (to date) are just under \$9,000.00. Thank you to all who contributed. The Parish needs to send all Project Compassion donations to Caritas by 31 May so if you have not yet returned your donation please do so by Friday 24 May.

CHURCH DOORS: Some of the automatic closers on the Church doors have been replaced. Please do not pull the doors closed as it will interfere with the operation of the closers.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure statement for the period 1 January to 30 April are on the Foyer Notice Board.

GOSPEL SUMMARY

While Jesus was with his disciples at the Last Supper, he pointed toward his future glory following his death and resurrection where he would be reunited with his Father in heaven. He also gave the disciples a command: to love one another. But the disciples didn't have to figure out how to do this on their own. Jesus told them to love one another in the same way he had loved them.

Reflection for Families - Jesus wanted the disciples to love one another and all followers with a binding love. It is this same kind of love that binds families together. When other people turn their backs and walk away, it is symbolic of Jesus' love that families are bound by a love incomparable anywhere else in our own experience. We fail at times, but rarely in any other setting do we see anything close to the unconditional love God has for us, as we see in the love parents show their children.

THE MARK OF A DISCIPLE

Many people can be known by the uniforms they wear: Police, Nurses, Soldiers, Priests. This grants them instant recognition, protection and willingness to serve. Jesus teaches that all of his followers must wear a uniform that is just as visible. It is not made of cloth or brass. It is a uniform of love. We must be patient, merciful and tolerant, but not aggressive, opportunistic, or overbearing. People should be able to look at our concern for others and willingness to sacrifice ourselves and say "THAT MUST BE A CHRISTIAN, I CAN TELL." Other people can exercise all these qualities--and should--but our compassion has to be OUTSTANDING!

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

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SUNDAY 2nd June

Renewal of Marriage Vows - 11am St Christopher's Cathedral
Lunch & Marriage Expo - St Christopher's Pastoral Centre
12pm-1pm Marriage & Mission Forum - St Christopher's Pastoral Centre
1pm-3pm. Enquiries: lara.kirk@cg.org.au \$10 donation at the door. Register http://bit.ly/marriage_mission2019

A NEW COMMANDMENT

Fifth Week of Easter.

fr David Goodill OP

suggests how the relationship between Jesus Christ and the Father transforms our humanity.

At the beginning of today's Gospel we are told that Jesus speaks after Judas has departed. This is during the Lord's last supper with his disciples, during which Jesus tells his disciples that one of them will betray him. It is the one to whom he will give a morsel of bread who will betray him. How does Jesus know that Judas will betray him? In our scientific age when we think about predicting the future images of numbers being crunched by super-computers spring to mind. If we allow this image to rule how we envisage Jesus' predictive power then he becomes super-human, a man who looks like the rest of us, but who conceals super-powers under his human clothing.

The Jesus we encounter in Scripture is a man of exceptional intelligence and insight, but this does not entail that he is a super-man with special super hero powers. If we want to understand what is exceptional about Jesus we need to attend to his own words. In today's Gospel he tells his disciples that he is the Son of Man, and that in him God has been gloried. All human beings are related to God as creatures that are made in God's own image. In Jesus Christ, however, the whole of the human race is represented in our relationship to God. There is a unity between humanity and divinity in the person of Jesus Christ which is unique, and which allows us to call God 'Our Father'. This unity entails that in his humanity Jesus Christ dwells constantly in the presence of God, and it is this indwelling which enables Jesus to have insight into the future.

This insight should not be considered just to be like watching a film of the future. If you watch the last five minutes of a film you can make very little sense of what is going on, unless you already understand a great deal about the story and the characters. In order to have real insight into what is going to happen next in the film you need to see more than just a set of moving images. It is the wider context of the film which allows you to see what is coming next, and for most films this wider context is the world of human behaviour. What happens next involves how the characters react to the events which life throws at them. These events often are unexpected, but the reactions of the characters to these events are largely predictable. There are cases in which unexpected reactions occur, a timid character shows great courage in adversity or a cynical business man is found to have a heart, but these only make sense because they are exceptions to the normal reactions of such characters. In real life it is far harder to make sense of other people's reactions than it is in a film. Life is far more complicated than even the most sophisticated of films, and we are involved in a manner which makes it difficult to always keep things in perspective. The intimate union Jesus has with his Father means that he is able to see the truth of life in a way which no one else can. But far from removing him from involvement in life this union with the divine enables him to be more truly human than any other human being. He is the Son of Man, and can read the heart of all people. This is not the distant knowledge of a neutral observer, but the intimate knowledge of one who loves. There is nothing neutral about Jesus' knowledge of our hearts, and as he reads Judas' heart his own heart is breaking.

And so he tells his disciples that they must love one another as he has loved them. The truth of life which he reveals to them is the truth of the human heart, as we are loved and transformed with the love which he has received from his Father. In each of our lives there is the invitation of an unexpected event, something which shakes all of our expectations and makes us into a new creation. Our reactions are predictable but through the friendship of the Son of Man our predictable lives are given an extra-ordinary ending: the living of his new commandment of love.

<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 a Mass Intention, Memorial Mass, Baptism, or use of the Parish Centre a **minimum two weeks** notice 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 a loved one in the prayers for the sick, anniversary or death in the *Bulletin*, details must be with the Parish Office **NO** later than **Tuesday 9am** of that week.

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/>

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL— Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the various letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 14-day pilgrimage lead by Catholic Priests that features Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi & Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5990. The group departs on 1st October 2019. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + 4 day cruise with Lunch + All Breakfast + Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more. Inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300721561 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

EVENTS

20 – May "L'Arche Card/Mahjong Fundraising Day"

L'Arche will be holding a Card/Mahjong Fundraising Day from 10.00am-2.00pm, at the Canberra Bowling Club.

The cost of \$25 includes lunch, wine or juice, tea & coffee. To book a table of four, please call by 13th May - Mary on 6258 1739 or Di on 6241 2658

31 May - IMAGES OF DIVINE, ICONOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

From 31 May to 2 June "Images of The Divine" will be on exhibit at St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Haydon Hall, Manuka.

Free admission. 31 May from 5.00pm - 7.30pm; 1 June from 9.00am to 6.00pm; 2 June from 9.00am to 4.30pm.

Inquiries: Sue Orchison, 0421 028 331, sue.orchison@gmail.com

21 June—ST THOMAS MORE FORUM

Women's Leadership in the Future of the Church: Naming the Nameless. Friday 21 June 2019 | 7 for 7.30PM

Keynote Speaker: Dr Sr Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF

Director, Xavier Centre for Theological Formation—ACU

Dr Heaney's lecture will speak about women's leadership in the Church of the future and the need for creative, courageous and careful thought on this essential dimension of the Church's life.

Register here: <https://goo.gl/gwgv1U>

If you would prefer not to book online, please contact the Parish Office on 0416 823 447 or campbell@cg.org.au.

Bookings Close Friday 14 June 2019

YOUTH MINISTRY POSITION

Are you a young adult? Do you want to be employed on a year of formation and mission? We want to invite you to become a Youth Minister in 2019 across the Archdiocese. For more information, visit cgyouthministry.org.au/youthministers or contact youth@cg.org.au

CALVARY PUBLIC HOSPITAL AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

New members are urgently needed to assist with the Auxiliary's fund raising activities. The Auxiliary holds events such as book fairs, raffles, plant stalls, cake stalls and more. All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. To explain the Auxiliary's work a membership drive will be held on Thursday 30 May, 10-4pm, in the foyer, Calvary Public Hospital, Hayden Drive, Bruce. Please come along for further information, or ring Daphne Ashley on 0407835846.

ROSTERS 25 / 26 May 2019

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	K. Markrow	D. Hinds
Presentation of Gifts	Tran Family	
EMOE	A. Moore	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	K. Linard	
Readers	T. Klekner	Volunteer
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	M. Falk	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	M. Fitzgerald	K. McCluskey
Presentation of Gifts	Musolino Family	
EMOE	S. Tanzer	B. Affas

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim / P. Tran	
Readers	M. Proctor	
Presentation of Gifts	T. Malone	
EMOE	J. Curnow	K. Sneddon
Counters	W. Wade	J. Smith

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

A service jointly hosted by:

St Margaret's Uniting Church, Holy Rosary Church,
& Holy Cross Anglican Church
On Sunday 9th June at 6pm.



We can't always see where the road leads
But God promises there's something better up ahead
We just have to trust Him