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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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

LISTEN TO MY VOICE



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	Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.
READINGS	Acts 15:1-2. 22-29 Revelation 21:10-14. 22-23 Gospel: John 14:23-29

We WELCOME Fr Mannes!

A wonderful dinner was had by all who attended the Parish dinner last Saturday to welcome Fr Mannes. A rowdy rendition of 'Happy Birthday' for Fr Rafael and chocolate cake to celebrate. It was lovely to see Fr Bernie come to share a meal with us. Thank you to all who helped make the night most enjoyable. Many hands make light work. Lastly thank you to all for the tasty and filling food. Yum!



PSALM: 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

O God, let all the nations praise you.

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

O God, let all the nations praise you.

THE WAYS OF GOD

'The days in which the Risen Lord has shown himself to his disciples, leading them to full faith in him, are coming to an end. 'Keeping the word' of the Saviour had a practical meaning for them: putting into practice what the teaching and example of Jesus asked of them. But, whatever age they live in, the disciples of the Risen Lord do not take up this task alone. The Father and the Son 'make their home' in them. Have we really taken to heart all that these words we have heard so often really mean? *But the* greatest gift of all is the Holy Spirit, the full expression of the love and joy that unites the Father and Son dwelling in us. The Spirit of Christ living in us will 'teach' us the ways of God, 'reminding' us of all that the Saviour has given to the world. No matter how unworthy we may feel, we are invited to enter into the love of the Father, Son and Spirit 'poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us' (Rom 5), inviting us to journey confidently towards the final Kingdom, where they will be our eternal joy.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. John Thornhill SM



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 Fr Jordan Perry OP, Luke Mahon
Our deceased	John Green, Dianne Kennedy, Lofty Tottenham, John Collet, Evelyn Bland, Paul Maher
In memory	Lily and Colin Ingram, Barbara Parker, Christopher Ford

BAPTISM

Noah Edwin Jones Dimmick

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.



RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

This Sunday marks National Sorry Day, when we remember and mark our country's troubled history with First Nations peoples. It is the start of National Reconciliation Week.

The theme of the week this year is, 'Grounded in truth - Walk together with courage'. The campaign this year calls for a comprehensive process of truth-telling about Australia's colonial history - understanding the past so that we can build a future together.

In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus tells his disciples, 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.'

There's a challenge there for Jesus' followers, to turn their love for Christ into action to keep Christ's message alive in the world.

Reconciliation Week is a reminder that if we are to keep Christ's word - if we are to make a home with God - then we need to reach out with love to our First Nations peoples. australiancatholics.com.au

GOSPEL SUMMARY

In this Gospel, Jesus prepared his disciples for his return to God. Jesus promised them that the Holy Spirit would live within them and provide strength and courage. The Spirit would always be available to help them as a counselor and advocate. Through the Spirit, they would recall the words and teachings of Jesus and even come to understand these things in a way that they could not before. In addition the disciples would receive peace from the Spirit. The peace of the Spirit would be a 'shalom' kind of peace which provided a special inner serenity.

Reflection for Families: This reading is especially helpful when parents have to explain death to their children. Jesus told his disciples that if they truly loved him, they would be happy that he was going to be with his Father. While the words are sometimes hard, even for us as we face a loss through death, our faith lets us know that Jesus and our loved ones are truly happy in a way we can't fully understand. Jesus offered the Spirit to the disciples because he knew the days ahead would be hard for them. It is that same Spirit that helps us and our families when we face hard days following a death. The greatest news in this reading is that Jesus will be back for us!

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, please let the office know.

If someone is in need of prayer or a visit at home, in hospital or by the Parish Priest - please, let us know.

Never look down on anybody, unless you are helping them up.

I WILL COME TO YOU

Sixth Sunday of Easter.

*fr John O'Connor op explains how Jesus Christ
Continues to be present in His Church.*

Living in a Dominican religious community I have to take my turn at cooking the evening meal. When I lived in a larger community, I would use tried and tested recipes. The same few recipes over and over again. But now that I am living in a smaller community, my turn to cook comes up more often. So I have found myself looking up recipe books for new ideas, something I have not done for a long time! Sometimes a recipe book will say something like, "Don't worry that the mixture does not look good at this stage. That is how it is meant to be. Just put it in the oven, and it will turn out fine." When faced with a culinary concoction that looks more like a lumpy puddle than something tasty to eat, this friendly advice is most reassuring!

In some ways, Jesus in the Gospel reading for this Sunday is not wholly dissimilar to the reassuring cookbook writer. Part of what Jesus is doing in the final discourses to his disciples at the Last Supper is alerting them to the fact that soon things won't look good, but, in spite of appearances, that is how it is meant to be and things will turn out fine because it is part of God's plan. As Jesus says: "And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place, you may believe."

Jesus is soon to be taken away from them, arrested, and crucified. When this happens, it will seem that things have gone disastrously wrong. It will seem that Jesus has been defeated and that he is just one more false prophet.

Hopefully, when these horrendous events take place, somewhere at the back of the disciples' minds will be some memory of Jesus's words. Hopefully, even in the midst of doubt and terror, Jesus's words will provide some reassurance and his disciples won't lose faith. This is how it is meant to be. It will turn out fine because it is part of God's plan. But even after the Resurrection there is still another shock to come. After the great joy of seeing the Lord again, risen from the dead, they will need to say goodbye to him again. The Son must ascend to the Father.

It is hardly surprising that the disciples would regard Jesus going away from them, even if he is going to the Father, with a certain sadness. Jesus presumably realises how they will experience his going from them, so he says to them that if they love him, then they would rejoice because he is going to the Father. But they should also rejoice because, as Jesus says: "I go away, and I will come to you." But what does Jesus mean by this? Jesus clearly seems to be referring to his death and his resurrection, going from them and coming back to them when he is risen. But I think Jesus is also referring to the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus goes to the Father so that the Father will send the Spirit in Jesus's name, and that the Risen Lord will be with us in the presence of the Holy Spirit. Jesus ascends to the Father, but he does not abandon us.

I think it is fair to say that many Christians think that if Jesus were physically with us today in the flesh, then our Christian lives would be better than they are. It is a very understandable thought. Certainly, it would be wonderful to be able to hear Christ's words and to witness his great works for ourselves. But the Gospels encourage us to question this line of thought and to see the good in our current situation. And we should not forget that many who heard Jesus's words and who witnessed his great works did not follow him once the novelty wore off or it became inconvenient.

But there is another reason. Jesus's death and resurrection and his Ascension into the Father's glory bring us into a new stage of humanity's relationship with God. This is the stage in which we have the Church and in which we have been given the Spirit, our Counsellor, our Helper, our Advocate.

There is nothing second class about this; and there need be nothing second class about our Christian lives today. Admittedly, we have not witnessed Jesus's preaching and great works when he was physically with us, but we have the gift of the Spirit, who guides us, who makes the Risen Lord present in our hearts.

How do we know this? Because Jesus is Risen, and he has given us words of reassurance. He must go to the Father, so that the Father will send the Spirit in his name. This is how it is meant to be. Things will turn out fine because it is part of God's plan.

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 & newcomers are 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/>

WRAP WITH LOVE

Are you a knitter, crocheter, or interested in learning? Join our Wrap with Love craft group. Every Friday from 7 June to 26 July, at Campus Ministry, Signadou Building 302. Contact: Nicola.Tait@acu.edu.au or 6209 1386
Wrap with Love provide warm wraps to people in over 75 countries. To help you can knit/crochet squares in your own time, or if anyone has spare wool/needles etc they'd care to donate that would be much appreciated. Please see note exit tables for more information.

EVENTS

29 May - WOMENS TWILIGHT RETREAT

Living Your Real Life to the Full will be held at Haydon Hall (Cathedral) on Wednesday 29th May. Dinner Included Cost \$15.00 at door.

Enquires Cathy Madsen 0422 117 210.

Register: <https://bit.ly/TwilightRetreat>

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.

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. 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, Bruce. Please come along for further information, or ring Daphne Ashley on 0407835846.

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.



ROSTER		1 / 2 June	
		Saturday 5.00 pm	
Acolyte / Server	M. Tran		
Readers	A. Blakey	M. Cox	
Presentation of Gifts	Blakey Family		
EMOE	K. Murphy		
		Sunday 8.00am	
Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand		
Readers	B. Bandle	C. Bandle	
Presentation of Gifts	Bandle Family		
EMOE	J. Smith		
		Sunday 10.00am	
Acolyte / Server	Q. Vu		
Readers	J. Cooke	A. McCarthy	
Presentation of Gifts	Vu Family		
EMOE	E. Musolino	M. Mastrolemba	
		Sunday 5.00pm	
Acolyte / Server	S. Sedgwick		
Readers	T. Malone	V. Van der Sanden	
Presentation of Gifts	B. Dobrowska		
EMOE	M. Proctor		
Counters	F. Higgins	N. Higgins	I. Buckley