

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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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

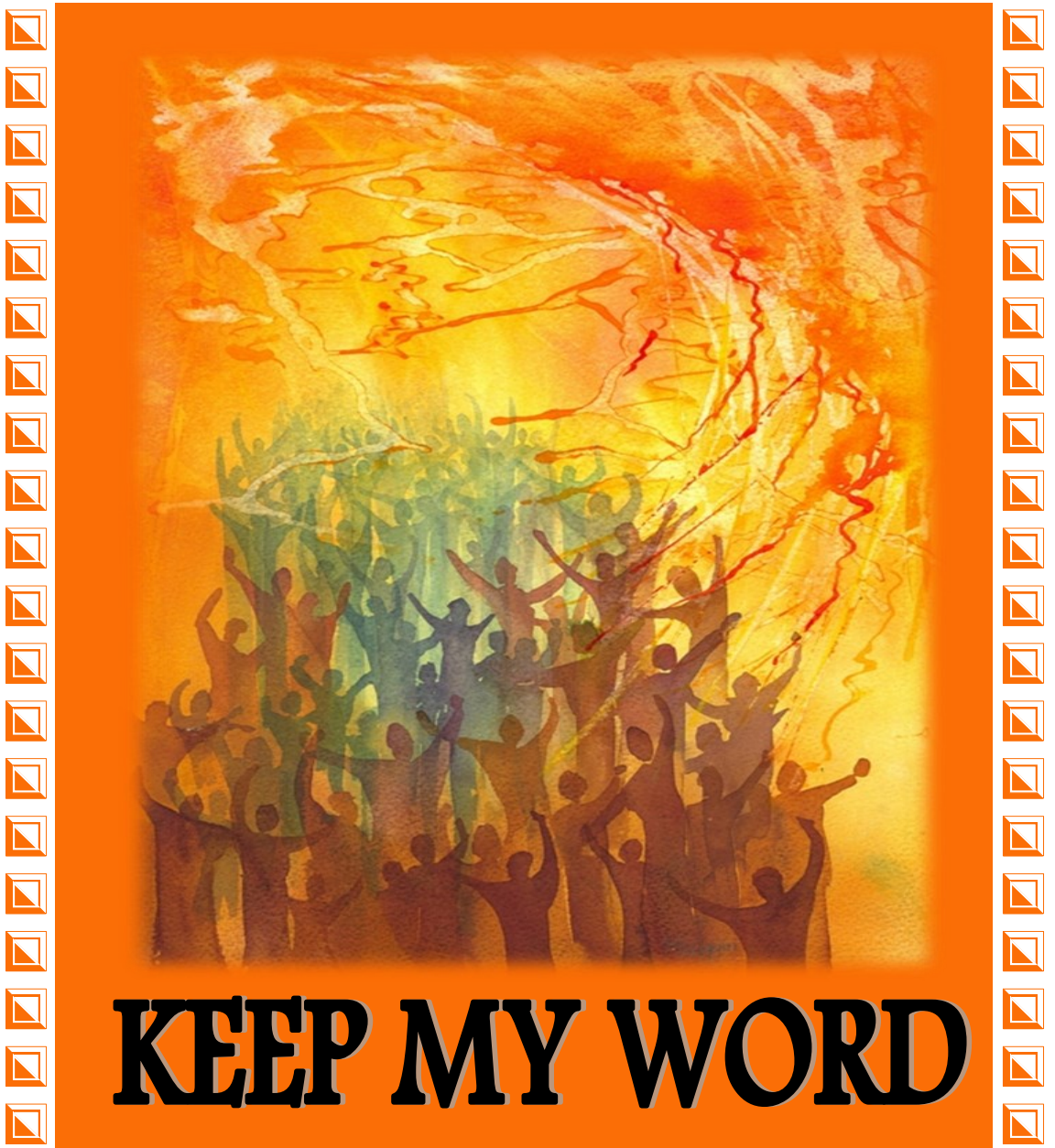
*Reconciliation*

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

*ACU Chapel Signadou*

Wednesday at Midday

# Pentecost



## KEEP MY WORD



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

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

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.
<b>READINGS</b>	Acts 2:1-11    Romans 8:8-17 Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

**PSALM: 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34**

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord.

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**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.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

St Vincent de Paul Society will hold its annual Winter Appeal as a leaving collection on the weekend of 15-16 June. Winter is a very difficult time for those struggling in our community and your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

**ART & ENVIRONMENT**

Help is urgently needed to arrange flowers in the Church once a month. If you would like to help please call Ruth - 6241 2541

**COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND**

We need volunteer who are willing to take Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. It is essential to have a car. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

**PLANNED GIVING**

Parishioners who contribute to Planned Giving by weekly envelopes, Direct Debit, Credit Card, or EFT are reminded that 2018/19 contributions close on 30 June. Contributions received on our bank statement after that date will be recorded in 2019/20. Envelopes of 2019/20 will be available from the 22/23 June.

Please ensure you collect your envelopes on or before the new financial year. No envelopes will be posted due to the high cost. If you do not wish to contribute for the new financial year please let the office know as soon as possible.

**SEQUENCE**

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.  
Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure  
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow  
Thou in toil art comfort sweet  
Pleasant coolness in the heat  
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:  
If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay  
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew  
On our dryness pour thy dew  
Wash the stains of guilt away:  
Bend the stubborn heart and will  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill  
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:  
Give us comfort when we die  
Give us life with thee on high  
Give us joys that never end.



**AS A BODY IS ONE**

The central point in Paul's teaching is the notion that all of Jesus' followers are united. This is more than a symbolic unity—that we are together in a common faith. Paul believes that there is a real physical and mental link between us. He uses the human body as an illustration of this basic thought. Your body is a combination of many individual components: hands, feet, eyes, bones, etc. Today, we might compare it with a computer that has a monitor, keyboard, central processor, modem—all linked together by wires (or even wireless). Each part is harmonized by our brain, or more specifically, by our soul. When the soul leaves the body, the individual parts no longer act in harmony. The Holy Spirit is the connecting link in our faith-body. He (or She) harmonizes our individual gifts for the benefit of the whole community.

*Fr. Richard Lonsdale*



## THE SPIRIT'S WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Pentecost Sunday.

Fr Denis Minns OP preaches  
on the sending of the Holy Spirit.

Two sounds are mentioned by St Luke in the Acts of the Apostles in connection with the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The first was a sound from heaven 'like the rush of a violent wind'. The second was the sound of the disciples of Jesus, after they had been filled with the Spirit, 'speaking in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.' Of the two sounds, it was the second, it seems, that was the louder. The first sound filled the room, but the second filled the city: it was at the sound of the disciples speaking in foreign languages that the multitude came together, drawn from all those from every nation under heaven who were living in Jerusalem.

What amazed the multitude was not that these fishermen from Galilee were speaking in strange tongues; for then, as now, it was not uncommon to encounter people babbling nonsense under the auspices of religion. What surprised them was that everyone was able to understand what was being said, that it made sense: 'we heard them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

Luke's account of the coming of the Holy Spirit squares with what, in St John's Gospel, Jesus said would happen: 'The Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.'

One of the functions of the Holy Spirit, then, is to communicate the Word of God to us, and St Luke shows the Spirit doing this in two ways: enabling some to speak the mighty works of God, and enabling others to understand those spoken words. So there is no comfort here for those of us who might wish for less chatter in the Church, whether from its leaders or from others. St Luke expects that the Church of God will be a noisy place; in a sense, he expects it to be full of windbags: for the Word of the Lord is active, and the Spirit blows where it wills. Our task is to hear this not as just irritating noise, but as possibly the Word of God, and ask ourselves what it might be that the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Nevertheless, the Spirit is also called the Comforter, and communicating the Word of God is not its only function. In St John's far less dramatic account of the sending of the Holy Spirit, Jesus breathes on the disciples and says, 'Receive the Holy Spirit, for those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven, for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Words uttered under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit are not simply bearers of information, they have power to bring things about. Jesus was once told that no one can forgive sins, but God alone. Nevertheless, Jesus claimed that he did have the power to forgive sins, and, with the gift of the Holy Spirit, he has given that power to his disciples.

In a Church filled with the Spirit of God, therefore, we must expect that prominent amongst the words the Spirit brings to utterance will be words seeking and giving forgiveness. In the other Gospels we learn that unless we forgive others we will not be forgiven ourselves. In St John we hear the much more alarming claim that if we do not forgive others then they will not be forgiven.

Perhaps the point of this is not that we should be puffed up with a sense of our own self-importance in being able to hold others in their sins, but that we should be mindful of what it is we do if, being able to forgive others, we do not forgive them: we frustrate the purpose for which the Spirit was given to us, we attempt to prevent the Spirit from blowing where it will. Might not that be a sin against the Holy Spirit, a sin which does not have forgiveness?

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

"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

Marcel Proust

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  
Una Bell, Luke Mahon, Anne O'Neill

Our deceased

Fr Jordan Perry OP, Dianne Kennedy, Paul Maher,  
Lofty Tottenham, John Collet, Evelyn Bland,  
Letty Thomson

## GOSPEL SUMMARY

Because they still did not understand all that Jesus had told them, the disciples were huddled together, frightened, in a room. The doors locked, notwithstanding, Jesus entered the room and greeted the disciples with a sign of peace. Some have interpreted this sign of peace as more than the 'all be well with you,' variety but more of the 'shalom' type which entails a perfect harmony with God. In any case, the disciples received the Holy Spirit and came to understand the peace Jesus intended. The authority and power to forgive sins was also given to the Church at that time.

Reflection for Families - Children often come to parents frightened about one thing or another. It is a parent's job to calm their fears and generally parents do a pretty good job. But sometimes, a parent's doubts or concerns are the same as their children's. When this happens, parents are not always sure how to answer them and after reading today's Gospel we may think that our faith is not strong enough. But doubt does not necessarily mean a lack of faith. Sometimes the best thing parents can do is tell their children they wonder about the same things their children do and then together think about how our faith helps us answer the concern. Generally, these conversations revolve around a serious illness or death in the family and what happens when we die. It's not 'lack of faith' that causes us to not know. It is a 'lack of knowledge,' because it's true, none of us knows exactly.

## PROCLAIMING FAITH

Once again we are reliving Easter night with Jesus and the disciples. He breathes on them, communicating the gift of the Holy Spirit. They gladly receive Jesus' Spirit and his ministry of forgiving sins. At Pentecost the Spirit will send them forth as living signs that Jesus has overcome sin and death.

Peace and forgiveness are gifts from Jesus in the Holy Spirit. Do you need to be a more peaceful and forgiving person?

Forgiveness is not "forgiving and forgetting." It does not deny that a wrong or a hurt took place. When we hurt someone, the bridge between us falls down. Our bond with that person is broken.

When we forgive someone, or are forgiven, we allow the Holy Spirit to rebuild the bridge between us, even stronger than before.

Because we are limited and human, we may not feel this all at once. But forgiveness is part of God's love. When we forgive, we bring God's love into our lives and into the lives of those who have hurt us. We can cross the bridge to meet again. We may still remember being hurt, but we can recall it with thanksgiving. We can thank God for the new and stronger bridge.

Are there any broken bridges in your life? What might be a first step to the Spirit's gift of rebuilding and repair?

How could you ask the Holy Spirit for help?

## LITURGICAL ROSTER

The Liturgical Roster for June to December 2019 will be prepared shortly. Please give consideration to contributing to our Sunday Liturgies.

Preparing the roster is very time-consuming and it is exasperating when the office is notified after the roster has been circulated and in place. If you do not want to continue please contact the office as soon as possible.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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, Where: Campus Ministry, Signadou Building 302. Contact: [Nicola.Tait@acu.edu.au](mailto: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 flyer on exit tables for more information.

# EVENTS

## 26 June - OUR CHURCH OF OUR MUSEUM

Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn will host a public forum commencing at 7.30pm when Fr **Frank Brennan** SJ AO will address the topic: "Our Church or Our Museum? - contributing to a confident, humble, listening, and questioning Church".

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/concerned-catholics-public-forum-our-church-or-our-museum/>

## 1 June - Say YES to refugees

General Meeting 1pm -2.30pm BBQ at midday. Come along to this General Meeting and contribute to the discussion about the next steps for the refugee campaign. Corroboree Park Meeting Room, Ainslie.

## 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](mailto:campbell@cg.org.au). Bookings Close Friday 14 June 2019

## 23 June - CAFÉ WOODWORKS BUNGENDORE

Amicus meet at 12 NOON for LUNCH at table booked in the name of AMICUS followed by a walk around town RSVP Contact Patricia 0412 351 548

## 4th - 7th July - CHOSEN CONFERENCE

The Chosen Conference is a national conference for youth and young adults between 18 - 30 years old, organized by Jesus Youth, an International Catholic Association. From the 4th - 7th July at Sacred Heart Girl's College Melbourne for 4 power-packed days. For registrations please visit [www.chosenconference.org.au](http://www.chosenconference.org.au). For further information, [info@chosenconference.org.au](mailto:info@chosenconference.org.au) or call us at 0491 002 081.

ROSTER		15 / 16 June	
<b>SATURDAY 5.00 pm</b>			
Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson		
Readers	K. Markcrow		D. Hinds
Presentation of Gifts	Tran Family		
EMOE	C. Lewis		
<b>SUNDAY 8.00am</b>			
Acolyte / Server	J. Smith		
Readers	M. Falk		C. Widdowson
Presentation of Gifts	M. Falk		
EMOE	E. Smith		
<b>SUNDAY 10.00am</b>			
Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer		
Readers	C. Rheinberger		J. Schwinghamer
Presentation of Gifts	Musolino Family		
EMOE	R. Zochling		J. Munro
<b>SUNDAY 5.00pm</b>			
Acolyte / Server	L. Kim		P. Tran
Readers	M. Tuckwell		
Presentation of Gifts	K. Turrise		
EMOE	C. de Luca		T. de Luca
<b>COUNTERS</b>	<b>R. Walpole</b>		<b>J. Smith</b>

"The unthankful heart discovers no mercies; but the thankful heart will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings."

Henry Ward Beecher