

# Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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## VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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*Office Hours*

Monday, Tuesday,  
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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

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

# Most Holy Trinity



## SPIRIT OF TRUTH

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

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.
<b>READINGS</b>	Proverbs 8:22-31 Romans 5:1-5 Gospel: John 16:12-15

### PSALM: 8:4-9

O Lord, our God,  
how wonderful your name in all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind,  
mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god;  
with glory and honour you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hand,  
put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle,  
yes, even the savage beasts,  
birds of the air, and fish  
that make their way through the waters.

O Lord, our God,  
how wonderful your name in all 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### FIRST COMMUNION

On 22/23 June the Feast of Corpus Christi, we celebrate the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper. Our parish will be celebrating the First Reception of the Eucharist for our young parishioners. The Vigil Mass (5pm on 22 June) and the Sunday Mass (10am on 23 June) will both be 'First Communion Masses!' You are welcome to attend or may choose to attend another Mass. Let us remember these children and their families as we pray that Our Eucharistic Lord may always be a very important part of their lives.



### 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.

### CONGRATULATIONS



Colette Mackay has been awarded an OAM for service to the community of the ACT. She has quietly volunteered thousands of hours to support a range of organisations to raise funds or to make our community a more vibrant and thoughtful one. Some of the organisations include Canberra Cancerians, Bosom Buddies and Friends of the National Arboretum. We are lucky to have Colette as a Eucharistic Minister in our parish. Colette was a member of the Parish Council. We are grateful for Colette's contribution to our parish life and offer our heartfelt congratulations on this significant award.

### GOSPEL SUMMARY

While the term 'trinity' is more the result of early Christian communities than it is scripture, today's Gospel helps us see the interconnectedness of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This Gospel reveals Jesus' words at the Last Supper. The disciples could not understand the meaning of Jesus' words because they had not yet witnessed the resurrection. But Jesus explained that everything he had taught them and the witness he bore was from the Father. He assured them that he and the Spirit were one and that the Spirit spoke only what had been told by the Father through Jesus. The Spirit would remain with the community until Jesus returned in glory. The connection of 'trinity' is seen in the relationships of our families. Often the Holy Trinity is referred to as love, truth and peace. God the Father loves us. Through his Son, Jesus, God's love is revealed. The peace of the Holy Spirit remains with us as a guide in our faith. Our families are also built on these three values: love, truth and peace. Consider your own family to see where these qualities are noticeable. We've all seen through a clover leaf how one item can have three parts. It's a way that visually helps describe the concept of the Trinity. Look for ways that the Trinity can be seen in you own family. Where is love exemplified? How is the truth made known? What brings about peace? Light three candles and pray together thanking God for being present through the Holy Trinity and for the gifts of love, truth, and peace in your family.

<b>In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:</b>	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
<b>Our deceased</b>	Fr Jordan Perry OP, Paul Maher, Evelyn Bland, Letty Thomson
<b>In Memory</b>	Angelo D'Ambrosio

## BAPTISM

*Zaylie May Baumer,  
Oscar Francis Robson*

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

St Vincent de Paul Society will hold its annual Winter Appeal as a leaving collection this weekend.

Winter is a very difficult time for those struggling in our community and your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

## TAIZÉ PRAYER

Thank you to Holy Cross Anglican Church for hosting the Ecumenical Taizé Prayer for Christian Unity last Sunday evening. It was a very prayerful and moving evening. Rev Tim Watson with his wonderful voice lead the choir as cantor to the lovely Taizé singing.



Fr Josh Scott, Rev Chris Lockley - St Margaret's Uniting Church, Pastor Ken Perrin - Ainslie Church of Christ, Fr Emil Milat, Fr Kieran, Rev Tim Watson - Holy Cross Anglican Church



Combined choir of the churches.



## THE WISDOM OF GOD

Ancient Greek philosophers taught that true wisdom could be reached by unaided human mind power. To the people of the Old Testament, this was nonsense. They believed that the only real wisdom lay in the will of God. Human beings could only understand this wisdom by contemplating God's actions in history. Eventually they came to respect God's wisdom so much that they personified as a beautiful woman. Early Christians realized that this personification perfectly matched the qualities of the Holy Spirit, as revealed by Jesus. They treasured the Wisdom books of the Old Testament for this reason. [Fr. Richard Lonsdale](#)

## TO PRAISE, TO BLESS AND TO PREACH

*Trinity Sunday.*

*fr Benedict Jonak OP explains how*

*the Trinity is a call to love one another in freedom.*

The Holy Trinity is at the heart of the Gospel. This is the Good News that was revealed to us. For even though there might be some people who on their own, that is not knowing the revealed truth, would be able to come to conclusion that there is God (as Aquinas asserts), we needed the divine revelation to teach us that the One God is the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. This truth of the faith is not discoverable by human reason. It is therefore not by chance that we hold this feast a week after Pentecost, on which day the fullness of the Spirit of God was given to the apostles thus enabling them to praise God, to bless him and to preach what was revealed to them.

Yet we ought to approach this revealed truth with humility trying to understand it, as we were made by the Holy Trinity. Whatever else we might be doing in life, this is the one calling we all share: to know God, to love him and to share in the life of the Blessed Trinity. Even though it had been gradually revealed to us in time, we need to see the Trinity present and in action at every stage in the history of the world. We need to see the Trinity with the eyes of faith present at the creation of the universe, when God says in the book of Genesis: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." We need to see it present in the three strangers who come to Abraham's tent by the oak of Mamre and promise him great inheritance.

Everything that was, has been and will be is through the Holy Trinity and we are reminded of that everyday even as we make a sign of the cross at the beginning and end of our day, or at the beginning and end of our prayer which we always make to the Father, through the Son and in the Spirit. We try to do everything in the Name of the Trinity to mirror this reality.

And this for me lies at the heart of the mystery of the Trinity: it calls both for contemplation and for action. We are not simply asked to ponder with or without a measure of success the mystery of the Trinity. What is revealed to us gives us a trajectory for that action: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit exist from all eternity. They are one and equal as they share in one Godhead. The Father sends the Son, the Word, who becomes one with us in Incarnation, and they both send the Holy Spirit to us, thus enabling us already to be spiritually connected to the Trinity as the Spirit makes us members of the Body of Christ. But the picture does not finish here: just as the Word and the Spirit are sent, so are we. We are sent out into the world to be the salt of the earth and the yeast through which the whole of humanity will grow and respond to the calling that we all share.

Christ himself has prepared us for that mission when he says that everything that the Father has belongs to the Son and what the Son has belongs to the Father, and when he prays for us that our unity may also be mirrored in that perfect unity. We are to grow into that unity through the Spirit who will lead us to the fullness of truth. This is not a call for a forced or forceful egalitarianism but a call to love one another in freedom, as this the currency of the Trinitarian economy.

Perhaps, then, it is time for us to renew our mission once more: to praise, to bless and to preach, but also to share and to reach out to those in need. The Son takes everything from the Father not simply by 'right' but because the Father loves the Son and the Son loves the Father. Let us also recognise the same love in our lives and follow it until we rest in the unity of the Trinity.

<http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St Vincent de Paul Society is holding its annual Winter Appeal as a leaving collection at masses this weekend. If you require a receipt, pls donate to our volunteers in the foyer; there is an eftpos machine for those wishing to use their card. There are also envelopes in the pews for those unable to donate today. Winter is a very difficult time for those struggling in our community and your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

## 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

**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/>

**TRIVIA NIGHT**—Calvary Hospital Auxiliary, together with the Aboriginal Liaison Services Unit of the hospital, is celebrating NAIDOC Week from 7-14 July. As part of this celebration it is holding a Trivia Night on **Friday 12 July**, at 6.30pm for 7pm start, at the Canberra Labor Club Belconnen. MC for the function will be Fr Joshua Scott, Hospital Chaplain. Tickets are \$20 per head and can be purchased through [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) from Friday 14 June, with a limited number of tickets also available from the Auxiliary (Daphne Ashley ph 0407835846), the ALO office (Graeme Brown ph 62647099) or at the door. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of equipment for the public hospital and supporting Amaroo Public School with a Traditional Games Kit. Gather your friends and your mob and book a table for a night of friendship, fun and a good laugh!

# EVENTS

## 19 June — BELIEVE Guinness and God

There will be live music, drinks and dinner from 6:30pm, with the panel commencing from 7:30pm. We look forward to you being part of an evening of engaging discussion with other young adults on issues that matter. **When:** Wednesday, June 19 at 6:30pm–9:00pm

**Where:** King O'Malley's, 131 City Walk, Canberra City

**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

## 26 June - OUR CHURCH OR 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/>

## 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.

**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.

ROSTER	22 / 23 June	
<b>SATURDAY 5.00 pm</b>		
Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Presentation of Gifts	Higgins Family	
EMOE	K. Murphy	
<b>SUNDAY 8.00am</b>		
Acolyte / Server	K. Linard	
Readers	T. Klekner	Volunteer
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	E. Smith	
<b>SUNDAY 10.00am</b>		
Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	A. O'Donnell	L. Fardell
Presentation of Gifts	Family	
EMOE	S. Tanzer	B. Affas
<b>SUNDAY 5.00pm</b>		
Acolyte / Server	S. Sedgwick	
Readers	T. Malone	V. Van der Sanden
Presentation of Gifts	Hall-O'Brien Family	
EMOE	J. Curnow	K. Sneddon
<b>COUNTERS</b>	<b>W. Wade</b>	<b>J. Smith</b>



**TRINITY** 'Love of God is poured into our hearts, so we are called to pour out the love of the Spirit into the hearts of all whom we meet'.