

Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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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
Thursday at Midday

Most Holy Body & Blood



**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	He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.
READINGS	Genesis 14:18-20 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

PSALM: 109:1-4

You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord's revelation to my Master:
'Sit on my right:
I will put your foes beneath your feet.'

The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I begot you.
The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
'You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

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in the line of Melchizedek.

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 has
been prepared. Please pick your copy up from the
foyer when leaving today. If you would like an elec-
tronic copy please email watson@cg.org.au or phone
the office 62485925.
If you are unable to fulfil your commitment for your
allocated day please find a replacement.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 24th June at 7.15pm in the Parish Centre.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving / Weekly Envelopes

Envelopes for the 2019/20 financial year are
now available in the Foyer. Please **PICK UP**
your new envelopes before you leave the
Church. **DO NOT** use the new envelopes
until the weekend of 6/7 July. Envelopes
left from 2018/19 should be destroyed.
If you contribute by Credit Card, Direct
Debit or EFT you do **NOT** need envelopes.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate our young parishioners
who are receiving their Eucharistic Lord
for the first time this weekend. We pray
that they will always welcome Jesus into
their hearts as their strong, true and
gentle friend. We might pray the
children's prayer for them and with them.



Jesus in the Eucharist, I believe in You,
You have promised me yourself,
and Your word is true .
Son of God I long for You
come to me and stay.
Be the bread that helps me grow
more like you each day.



PLENARY COUNCIL THEMES

Plenary Council Themes - During Pentecost, the Plenary Council
launched the six National Themes for Discernment. The National Dis-
cernment invites people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is
calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that
is:

- Missionary and Evangelising
- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble, Healing and Merciful
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
- Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform.

Plenary Council facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins said many topics relate to
one or more of the National Themes for Discernment and this next
stage of preparation - "Listening and Discernment" - is a time of
prayerful consideration of the "big" questions that have been raised by
the faithful. Over the next six weeks we will see the weekly themes un-
fold on the re-launched Plenary Council website
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au. Or visit the Plenary Council
[YouTube Channel](#).

What's next after the launch? At the end of that six-week series, the
National Centre for Pastoral Research will publish the national report
on the Listening and Dialogue stage of preparation for the Council.
Also Local discernment opportunities will be arranged once the Plenary
Council Executive release the resources. In the meantime, please look
to the Plenary Council website for updates.

REFUGEE WEEK 16-23 JUNE

Refuge Week focuses on sharing food and stories from around the world.
When we welcome friends, visitors or strangers with food and entertain-
ment we are offering hospitality. This theme of hospitality is taken up in the
readings for this Sunday's feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi). Luke's account of the multiplication of the loaves and fish-
es centres around the themes of hospitality and welcome. The Gospel read-
ing demonstrates that God is never niggardly in hospitality; on the contrary,
overflowing abundance is its sign and mark. In our prayers this week pray
for all those who hunger - that their longing be satisfied.
As we prepare to receive God's abundant hospitality, let us pray that we in
turn, are as generous in offering our hospitality.

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 Loughton, 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, Letty Thomson
In Memory	

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

Many people today, especially younger people, say they believe in God and are on a spiritual quest, but they do not need an organized religion to help them. Sunday's Mass will make the question especially poignant. To put things in the worst light, why would you Catholics go each week to be handed a flat wafer called a "host" and perhaps a small sip of wine? It seems like a lot of trouble, and would appear to have very little to do with the spiritual quest. As Catholics, we answer that the host is no longer "bread" but has undergone a "transubstantiation." To put that in simpler terms, even though the host has an appearance of a piece of bread, its substance has been transformed from that of bread to that of Christ's body. The same goes for the wine. Non-church believers might reply, aren't God and spirituality something interior, something private? Wouldn't the point be that we should help each other? Why can't we do it without all the paraphernalia, without all this 'body and blood' business? Let's attempt an answer. Christian Catholic beliefs are a direct result of what we believe about Jesus.

- (1) He is a speaking out of God's love. He and the Father are one, as the scriptures attest.
 - (2) He died on the cross in a showdown between goodness and the forces of selfishness and greed.
 - (3) Evil won. But at his depths, Christ was deeper than evil. He was made of something stronger than either life or death. This something endured even though he was dead and buried. What was it? Love, the kind founded on the life of Jesus. He was the direct expression of God-love. Jesus emerged from the tomb because he was rooted in God-love.
 - (4) Then he ascended into heaven, as we saw. It looked like he left us behind. But he sent the Holy Spirit into the hearts of those who believe so that he would still be present to us. Pentecost was the full expression of this fact.
- Fine so far, as our churchless brothers and sisters might agree: But this Holy Spirit of God dwells deep in the wordless depths of a person. You have proved our point. We do not need ceremonies and ritual. Are they right? Not quite. Look at it this way. When you are hungry and you want, say, a hamburger, does thinking about a burger do the job? Since your hunger is internal, why does it need an answer in the material world.? Nonsense. We human beings do have spiritual insides and they are very important, but we have an outside too. We are not built to just stay within ourselves but in addition to let our spirits walk, play, and even suffer in the material world. The Holy Spirit's presence at the depths of our being makes us desire to find Jesus with our eyes, ears, nose, tongue and hands. And that is why we go to Church. In order to find the answer to our spiritual quest, in the real, fleshly presence of Christ. At Mass, a ritual, we find *presence* given to our senses in Communion. It comes from the exterior, and it fulfils our interior, spiritual and physical yearning. Are you hungry for Christ? Come and eat. You are what you eat, you know.

John Foley, SJ

PAY ATTENTION TO CHILDREN AND GRANDPARENTS

“We must pay special attention to this: the children and the grandparents. Children and young people are the future, they are the strength, those who take us forward. They are the ones in which we place our hope. Grandparents are the memory of a family, they are the ones who gave us the faith, transmitted to us the faith.” Pope Francis

HUMAN WORDS BECOME GOD'S WORD

The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).
Fr Herbert McCabe OP preaches on
what were almost the words of Jesus:

'Where two or three are gathered together in the name of friendship, there is food and drink in the midst of them.'

The Eucharist is about the way we are with each other, about our unity. This is obvious from its shape, a ritual meal, an eating and drinking together, to say we share one life.

Now it is not just an ordinary ritual meal, but a *sacramental* ritual meal, because it expresses the mystery of our unity. It is plain that the Eucharist is not a meal any more than baptism is taking a shower. It ought not to look like an occasion when hungry people come to eat and drink. It is a token meal, when something is *said*. The bread and wine are there for symbolism, not nourishment, though of course they wouldn't have their symbolism if they weren't food and drink. A purely ritual meal in which all share a token portion of bread and wine is purely symbolic, a piece of language, a word. It is not because the Eucharist is a sacrament that bread and wine become signs: they are already signs in a perfectly ordinary way. To see the Eucharist as a sacrament is to see it as symbolic not just of our human friendship or of the human mystery within it, but of the unfathomable mystery within and beyond it, of community in the Spirit of God.

We cannot express this unity in the Spirit in the same signs with which we symbolise *human* friendship; they have to be transformed into a new language. We can attempt to express the depth of human relationships in human words, but they cannot adequately express our relationship in the Spirit. Only God can speak of God: to express this unity we need not just human speech but God's speech. That is what it is for the Eucharist to be a sacrament: what on the face of it are human words deepen into God's Word, which speaks the unfathomable mystery of his love in which we share.

The Eucharist is also the sacrament of the human *body* of Christ. The Word by which God's love is made present amongst us is not in the first place words, but a human being of flesh and blood, not an idea about God, but the enacted life-story of Jesus of Nazareth. When we say God's Word expresses our unity in the Spirit in the Eucharist, we mean that language used for our love for each other is no longer just human words of bread and wine, but the divine Word-made-flesh, the real body and blood of Christ. This is the difference between Catholic teaching and the idea that bread and wine are human symbols expressing what Christ does for us. Catholics say that this cannot be expressed except in *God's* language; it can only be spoken by God's speaking *his Word*, the bodily reality of Jesus. It is not just that our language is now used to speak of Christ, but Christ himself, the Word, is now our language: our words, symbolic bread and wine, have become Christ, the flesh and blood of God's Word.

So while to one without faith we seem to be dealing simply in human symbols, we know that that is only to look at appearances. In reality it is the body and blood of God's Word, his whole humanity, that is the sign of our unity in the Spirit. When we eat his body and drink his blood, we speak and hear God's Word telling of our divine friendship, just as when we share human food we speak a human word of human friendship.

Finally, the Eucharist is the sacrament of a body broken and bloodshed. Jesus' life-story was completed in his execution. His obedience to his mission to be truly human meant that we, the world, killed him. Because of the disunited world we have made, the Word takes flesh that is tortured and killed. The divine language and sacrament of our unity is Christ's body broken and bloodshed.

This feast of friendship celebrates the cross. This friendship the world will hate and it belongs to those in solidarity with the victims of the world, and expects only suffering and death. The sacrament of love is also sacrament of death - Christ's death through which we come to a new life in the love which is the Holy Spirit, in which we shall live for eternity. 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

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/>

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 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

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/>

30 June - PRO—LIFE TALK

All welcome to hear SENATOR AMANDA STOKER, speak on current pro-life issues - particularly the push for Euthanasia. Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Curtin. 2 pm, SUNDAY 30 JUNE.

Further information: 02 62812365 ACT Right to Life Association Inc

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. For further information, info@chosenconference.org.au or call us at 0491 002 081.

#MERICI60 CONCERT

As part of Merici College's 60th Anniversary celebrations, a very special concert and fundraiser will be held on Friday 9 August and Saturday 10 August in the College Auditorium, Wise Street Braddon. The concert starts at 7.00pm (arrival and seating at 6.30pm) on both nights. Walk down memory lane as each decade is revisited through dance, music, drama performances, Alumni reflections and current students highlighting life at Merici College. Tickets and refreshment packages available at www.trybooking.com/BCWAY. All funds raised will be used to improve indoor and outdoor learning spaces for students.

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 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.

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ROSTER		29 / 30 June	
SATURDAY 5.00 pm			
Acolyte / Server	M. Tran		
Readers	A. Blakey	M. Cox	
Presentation of Gifts	Blakey Family		
EMOE	A. Moore		
SUNDAY 8.00am			
Acolyte / Server	M. Falk		
Readers	E. Smith	J. Smith	
Presentation of Gifts	Flynn Family		
EMOE	N. Clarke		
SUNDAY 10.00am			
Acolyte / Server	L. Kim		
Readers	R. Ciaccia	I. Ciaccia	
Presentation of Gifts	Ciaccia Family		
EMOE	E. Musolino	M. Musolino	
SUNDAY 5.00pm			
Acolyte / Server	D. Gomez		
Readers	M. Proctor		
Presentation of Gifts	T. Malone	V. Van der Sanden	
EMOE	Volunteer		
COUNTERS	I. Buckley	J. Smith	