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VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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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

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



FOLLOW ME



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	All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.
READINGS	1 Kings 19:16, 19-21 Galatians 5:1, 13-18 Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

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 no longer wish to contribute please place the boxes in the box provided.
If you contribute by Credit Card, Direct Debit or EFT you do NOT need envelopes.

PSALM: 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

You are my inheritance, O Lord.
Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.
And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.
You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.
You are my inheritance, O Lord.

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

THANK YOU to the Flower Ladies for the wonderful arrangements in the Church during the Easter season.
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 electronic copy please email watson@cg.org.au or phone the office 62485925.
Please if you are unable to fulfil your commitment for your allocated day please call and find a replacement.

CONGRATULATIONS

To all the young children who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time last weekend. Hopefully, it is the beginning of a life-long relationship with their Lord. **THANK YOU** To all who helped in the preparation of the children, their teachers, parents and other family members. Thank you especially to our catechists from our Parish School of Religion, who generously give of their time each Sunday in nurturing the faith development of the children in our Parish.

WELCOME

Welcome to our students, parents and teachers from our Parish School who will be joining us in the Celebration of the Eucharist at the 10am Family Mass. Please join us after Mass for a sausage sizzle and refreshments - a chance to meet, greet and catch up.



GOSPEL SUMMARY

Jesus began his return and final journey to Jerusalem in today's Gospel. He first had to go through Samaria where he was most unwelcome because he was traveling to Jerusalem's temple where the Samaritans would not go. The irony of this inhospitality is that Jesus would not be welcomed in the temple either! Referring to an earlier action by Elijah, James and John wanted to call down fire on these unkind Samaritans. Jesus scolded them for their thinking and they went on. As they traveled they met three would-be disciples. The first wanted to follow Jesus wherever he went but was reminded that he would have no place to call his own. The second one wanted to bury his father, while the third wanted to say good-bye to family members. Jesus cautioned those who wanted to follow that anyone who intended to go forward but looked backwards would not be able to be part of the Kingdom of God.

Reflection for Families - Discipleship is all about commitment and few people understand commitment better than parents. We may give up on a number of things in our lives including hobbies, jobs and even some long-standing relationships; but one thing we rarely give up on is our children. It may very well be because of our commitment to our children that we make other changes in our lives, so we really do know something about commitment. When we think of our commitment to our children, we don't really think of sacrifice. We really aren't giving up something because we have to parent them; we don't do some of the things we used to do because we want to parent them. That is what following Jesus is like. We follow Jesus because we want to not because we have to.

FR KIERAN

Fr Kieran will be on leave from Monday 1st July until Wednesday 26th July. Fr Rafael will be acting Parish Priest with Fr Mannes Tellis.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to send a huge thank you to parishioners of Holy Rosary for their great generosity in the recent Winter Appeal. The Parish Conference raised just under \$9400 - a huge amount and perhaps the most the Conference has ever raised in one appeal. This is due to the incredible generosity of our parishioners. This money will greatly assist the Society's work with the poor and marginalised in the Canberra region.

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, Anne O'Neill Catherine Feehan, Pamela Sandy, Ryan Fawke Una Bell, Luke Mahon
Our deceased	Brian O'Keefe
In Memory	Julia Cronin, Guiseppina Petriella, Joseph Hop Huy Vu

BAPTISM

Lauren Vataavuk

Eloise Grace Woodbridge

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.



A CONTINUING MINISTRY

Jesus' other statements to his would-be disciples warrant some clarification. To the man who requested that he first bury his father before following Jesus, the response, "Let the dead bury their dead" seems harsh. However, George M. Lamsa (*Idioms in the Bible Explained*, Harper and Row Publishers, San Francisco: 1985) has shed some much needed light on the matter. "Let me bury my father" is more properly understood as an indication that the man's father was not dead or even sick but elderly; therefore, his son was asking to delay his participation in Jesus' ministry until such time as his father *did* pass from this world. But the demands of discipleship are more important than convenient. To that end, Jesus invited the man to come away to proclaim the kingdom. In Aramaic, the word for dead is *metta*; the word for town is *matta*. Lamsa suggests that in many of the mutilated manuscripts the small Aramaic character which determines the difference between these two words may have been lost or destroyed. Therefore, this saying of Jesus is more reasonably rendered as "Let the town bury their dead."

Jesus' saying about the plough indicated that those who would share his ministry must make it their top priority, over every other concern. If someone were to keep looking back at what he had left behind (family, friends, etc.) or even at the work he/she had already accomplished, he/she would not be fit for the singlehearted dedication required of a disciple. Unattached and undeterred, Jesus set the example; today his sayings challenge us to follow him with similar determination.

Excerpt - Patricia Datchuck Sánchez - Celebration Publication

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Towards the end of the 1992 movie *Sister Act*, the nightclub singer disguised as a nun, Sister Mary Clarence (Whoopi Goldberg), leads a choir in a joyous rendition of 'I will follow him'. It's fun and motivational. There's something about song in general that sweeps you up and makes you want to go dancing into the street. While the song is playing there is no river too deep or mountain too high, but the point of this week's readings is that once the singing is over it can be hard to follow Jesus.

In the Scripture reflection we meditate on the fact that being Jesus' disciple involves total commitment and support. Jesus gives three demanding responses to three people in turn who would be his companions on the journey. 'Those who would seek to rescue [the world] for life and for love must share both Jesus' passion and the hardships it entails.' Following Jesus is not easy, but there is joy in hard work and commitment. It's not always dancing in the streets, but there's lightness of being.

*For all who hesitate to follow Jesus,
may they find the freedom to answer his call!*

QUESTIONABLE FOLLOWING OF JESUS!

Thirteenth Sunday of the Year.

fr Peter Clarke OP challenges us to reflect upon what we expect in following Jesus Christ.

Jesus resolutely turned His face towards Jerusalem. With grim determination He journeyed towards His destiny which He knew would be far from congenial. This was in loving obedience to what His Heavenly Father required of Him...the horrific death by crucifixion. With unsurpassable divine love Jesus lay down His human life for the redemption of mankind.

While preoccupied with such weighty thoughts Jesus was interrupted by the two most head-strong of His disciples, James and John. They were angry because the Samaritans would not receive them as they were preparing for Jesus to pass through their village on His way to Jerusalem. To us it's incredible they should ask Jesus if He wanted them to call down fire from heaven to burn them up! Jesus simply turned to them and rebuked them. In so doing Jesus said two things drawn from His own experience. 'In carrying out the will of God don't expect always to be welcomed and rewarded.' And, 'Keep your cool when you're resented and rejected.' Today He's speaking this to all of us, His Missionary Disciples. Time and again Jesus Himself was rejected in spite of His godly words and kindly deeds. Some simply walked away from Him, others slandered Him and yet others took up stones to pelt at Him. Jesus did not retaliate. This applies to each of us who are in any way promoting the Kingdom of God. How many of today's loving parents have met strong resistance when they have attempted to direct and correct their children? I myself, a priest working in parishes, have met with vehement opposition and resentment over some of the decisions I have made and the sermons I have preached. What about you? Surely your best efforts have not always been acclaimed?

Many of us, perhaps all of us, have had the fiery, destructive impulses of James and John. We're still likely to have them. In such times a rebuke from Jesus will always be deserved. Most of us throughout our lives will need to learn from Him how to keep our cool.

As the shuffling crowd moved along with Jesus towards Jerusalem people would approach Him to have a word with Him. St. Luke tells us of two who wanted to be closely associated with Him. He didn't discourage them but He did caution them. To one enthusiast He let it be known that He had nowhere of His own to lay His head. Doing God's work alongside Jesus would not entitle him to a comfortable, flashy, well-appointed, life-style. Then there was another such volunteer, and another whom Jesus invited. They were of the same disposition - eager to join Jesus when it was convenient to them, but not at that very moment. Most of us, I presume, would agree that at least one of them was entitled first to attend to the burial of his father, and the other, at least to take leave of his family.

Surely Jesus, a reasonable person, would see their point. And so He did. He Himself continuously felt the sharpness of their point...the urgency, the absolute priority, of fulfilling the will of His Father - over against His own feelings and inclinations, not least His sensitivity towards the one He loved more than anyone else on earth - His mother. He did not have to be told the anguish He was causing her as the opposition to Him increased day by day. She would have seen Him as flirting with danger; as it were, nailing Himself to the cross. Jesus Himself suffered mightily because of this, having no choice but to subject her to this.

The Gospel Reading given to us by the Church today challenges you and me: In our following of Jesus do we really expect to meet with approval and even fame? Should we be rewarded with, are we entitled to, all the amenities and comforts of life in compensation for giving ourselves to Jesus and to His Church? Are we willing to do what Jesus expects of us, if and when it is inconvenient (heart-breaking) to ourselves?

I must say, 'My own sermon has made me feel very uncomfortable!'

<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**

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

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 www.chosenconference.org.au. For 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 Brad-don. 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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONSULTATION DAY

This is an invitation to be part of a two year process of consultation with the Catholic women of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn on **20 July from 10 am to 3 pm at Daramalan College, Dickson.**

The Archdiocesan Women's Forum is open to all Catholic women of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. The venue is fully accessible. Billets can be arranged and a subsidy towards petrol costs is available for rural attendees. Catering is complementary although donations towards costs will be gratefully received.

If you are interested in attending but need assistance with transport, child minding or have any needs as regards accessibility, please contact andrea.dean@catholic.org.au before 6 July.

ROSTER		July 6 / 7	
		SATURDAY 5.00 pm	
Acolyte / Server	R. Paul		
Readers	P. English	T. Dennis	
Presentation of Gifts	U. Ford		
EMOE	C. Lewis		
		SUNDAY 8.00am	
Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand		
Readers	B. Bandle	C. Bandle	
Presentation of Gifts	Bandle Family		
EMOE	E. Smith		
		SUNDAY 10.00am	
Acolyte / Server	Q. Vu		
Readers	J. Northcote	E. Northcote	
Presentation of Gifts	Vu Family		
EMOE	A. Northcote	S. Tanzer	
		SUNDAY 5.00pm	
Acolyte / Server	P. Tran		
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	J. Curnow	
Presentation of Gifts	B. Dobrowolska		
EMOE	M. Proctor	K. Sneddon	
COUNTERS	F. Higgins	N. Higgins	I. Buckley