

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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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**

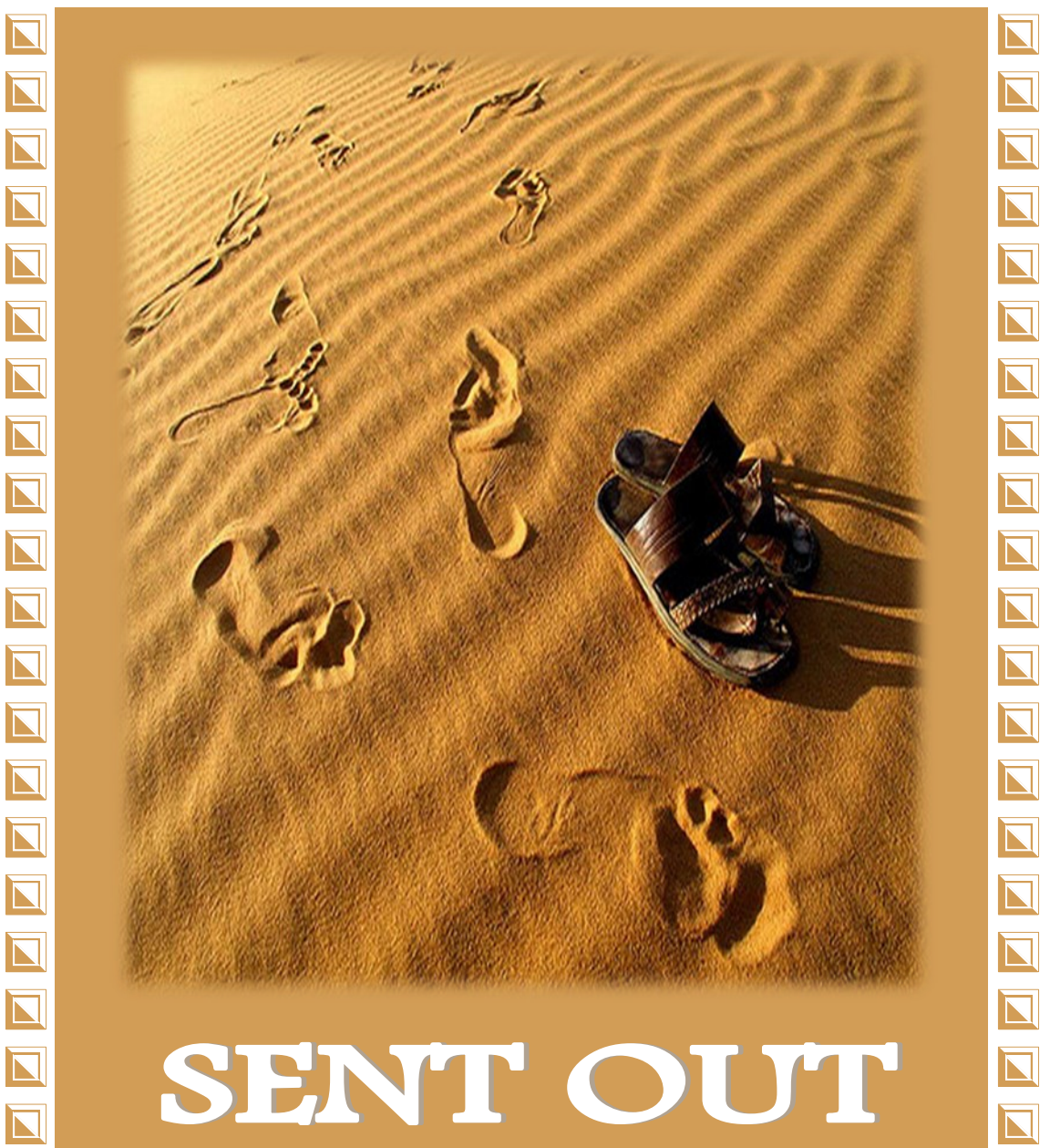
Saturday 12pm—12.30pm

and 4pm—4.30pm

**ACU Chapel Signadou**

Thursday at Midday

## Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



# SENT OUT



**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>	Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.
<b>READINGS</b>	Isaiah 66:10-14 Galatians 6:14-18 Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

### PSALM: 65:1-7, 16, 20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

'Before you all the earth shall bow:  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men.

He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might.

Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul.  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

### 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 volunteers 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.

### INCLUDING YOUTH

Parents and other authority figures have perennially delivered this message to youth: 'It's dangerous out there! The word is full of bad people and bad ideas that can ruin your lives.' Youth have perennially replied, 'It's not dangerous out there - it's fun and exciting.'

Jesus seems to make an observation even more extreme: 'Behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves.' Even lambs trained in Tae Kwan Do don't stand a chance against wolves. While protectiveness can certainly be overdone, its need is not based on groundless fantasy. Faith has to be strong to withstand the wolves of amorality and hedonism.

Jim Auer - Celebration Publication

### PLANNED GIVING / WEEKLY ENVELOPES

You should be using the 2019/2020 Envelopes from this weekend. If you have not already picked up your envelopes they are in the foyer. DO NOT use the OLD set of Envelopes. 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.

### LITURGICAL ROSTER

The NEW roster has now commenced. Please pick your copy up from the foyer. If you would like an electronic copy please email [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au) or phone the office 62485925. If you are unable to fulfil your commitment please find a replacement. The telephone number for Margaret Proctor is incorrect please contact the office for the correct number.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday falls this year on Sunday 7 July and is a significant celebration in our Church's calendar. Whilst providing us with an opportunity to acknowledge our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters, the celebration also signifies that we are united as one in God's love and care.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics number over 130,000 and are a growing demographic in our Church today. We must continue to reach out and provide opportunities where we may be enriched and nourished by their deep spirituality, culture and love for Jesus Christ, by opening the doors to our hearts and our homes.

In the Gospel of the day Jesus says "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Just as Jesus did, we must meet people where they are and walk alongside our First Nation's peoples on their journey to reconciliation and justice.

As Catholics we can set an example for the rest of Australia to follow by coming together as equals and friends in our Schools, Parishes and Organisations in the name of Jesus Christ and in the spirit of mutual respect and unity as one people.

### PUSHING OUT THE BOUNDARIES

'In today's Gospel there is a sense of movement, of pushing out the boundaries of those to whom the good news of Jesus has been preached, a strong sense of mission. Don't carry any luggage, and don't stop to gossip on the road. Concentrate on the essential, the preaching of the good news, so that as many people as possible have the chance to hear and accept it. 'You get much the same picture with St Paul. He often did not stay long in any one place. But it is clear that the preaching of the good news was one thing, and the building up and consolidating of the communities was another. He was concerned for both, but his overriding passion was for the preaching. 'The Church as a whole has this double task of mission and maintenance. But we can all ask ourselves whether our lives as Christians do reflect the emphasis that Jesus and Paul put on mission: the spreading of the Good News of the Kingdom in ways that make sense not just to ourselves but to those we live alongside, people whose culture and assumptions may well be very different from our own.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP

### CONNECTIONS

Today's Gospel is a prime directive for all Christians. Jesus sends us out. Our human responses vary greatly. Some 'in-your-face evangelists' station themselves on street corners with cardboard 'Jesus Saves' signs. Some, in pairs, go door-to-door to share invitations and literature; others email inspirational messages to friends, volunteer for good causes, write a cheque or silently wear a cross. There is comfort in the quote attributed to St Francis of Assisi: 'Preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary, use words.' God will surely be with us as he was when a miraculous ceasefire gave Mother Teresa time to lead a rescue of mentally disabled children trapped in a Beirut war zone.

Dick Folger - Celebration Publication

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:	Elizabeth Cronin, Mary Bui, Greg O'Neill, Luke Mahon Una Bell, 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, Anne O'Neill, Beth Delos Santos, Rosa Maria Santos, Paul Neddrie, Maria Martiniello, Elizabeth Webster, Frank Zobec, Mimma Giampietro, Zelma McManus, Catherine Feehan, Pamela Sandy, Ryan Fawke
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Our deceased	Brian O'Keefe, Judith Stewart Deidre Carmody (Colette Mackay's mother)
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In Memory	Domenico Musolino
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## BAPTISM

### *Erin & Ian Kwak*

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.



## GOSPEL SUMMARY

Jesus sent out seventy-two disciples to spread the Good News and continue the work Jesus had begun. They had not yet experienced the Good News of the resurrection, but following Jesus, they proclaimed that the Kingdom of God was at hand and healed the sick. Jesus had them pack light taking only peace with them. Whatever town they entered and whatever home, they were to greet the people with peace, even if the people did not want to hear what they had to say. When the seventy-two returned, they were most pleased by the fact that they had power over evil forces. Jesus told them not to think so much about that as the fact that they had already been assured of salvation.

### Reflection for Families

There are many places in our lives where we, too, can be missionaries. Sometimes we find ourselves in situations where we work, in our neighborhoods, or with our children's friends where we can show God's love in a single gesture of caring or kindness. Simply accepting another person is a way of showing them that the Kingdom of God has begun.

## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

At the end of the financial year, work is very much in everyone's mind. This is the time when the hunt for old receipts is on and then, once found, there is the question of whether they can be used to offset tax. The tax income statement might make us consider why we work at what we do, and whether it's time to change jobs, retire or do something else entirely. Midwinter also seems a good time for such reflection on the nature of work. The readings this week ask us to undertake the work of Christ – to celebrate the grace of Christ's peace and become messengers of that peace to all around us. In the Gospel the Lord appoints missionaries, saying 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few'. The scripture readings challenge any easy assumption on the part of followers that they can be casual about living the values prevailing in the world around them. Christianity requires work and commitment.

It seems appropriate then that the International Day of Cooperatives is held this week. In his Parish Life blog, Andrew Hamilton says the cooperative ideal remains strong in the Catholic tradition. It gives priority to persons over profit, to cooperation over competition and to negotiation over conflict.

[www.australiancatholics.com.au](http://www.australiancatholics.com.au)

'Christian belief presents us with a vision of life that opens up vast possibilities for fulfilled living, and we are the instruments through whom this vision becomes known. Let our efforts not resemble those of the proverbial "dying duck in a thunderstorm!"'

Fr Noel Tobin,

## PEACE BE TO THIS HOUSE

*Fourteenth Sunday of the Year.*

*Fr David Sanders OP shows us*

*how Jesus Christ's mission is one of universal peace.*

In the Gospels Jesus is waging a war. It is a battle between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. The final prize of victory will be peace. At the beginning of his ministry he extends his rule by healing illness and exorcising evil spirits. But Jesus wants us to collaborate in his mission. First he calls the Twelve to share in his work and today he extends that call to seventy two disciples who symbolise the nations of the world. They are sent to prepare the towns Jesus intends to visit. Jesus has already sown the seeds of the Kingdom by his preaching and knows there is a rich harvest. But he needs workers to help him reap it before it spoils. There is an urgency about his battle. The disciple must begin the work *now*.

But he has a warning. These peace campaigners will face bitter hostility. They will be lambs amongst wolves. What protection will they be given? Can they buy arms? No. Jesus's strategy demands his disciples travel light – no money, no provisions, not even sandals. They will be defenceless because the peace they bring will depend on complete trust in God. In fact the disciples should have guessed Jesus would make this demand. Just before this call as they had entered Samaria on their way to Jerusalem, they had encountered hostility from its inhabitants. James and John, the Sons of Thunder, wanted to call down fire on them. But Jesus had rebuked them just as he would reject the offer of a sword at his arrest in Gethsemane.

He tells the disciples their first greeting on mission must be 'Peace be to this house'. So what is this peace which the disciples bring? It sounds so impractical and ineffective in a world which is ruled by the mighty empires of the world. How can it compete with the peace brought by Caesar, the *pax Romana*? This peace was achieved by pacification, the brutal use of ruthless military power. Caesar Augustus boasted that he had subjected the whole world to the imperium of the Roman people. Jesus knew, as Isaiah had before him, that his harvest of peace could only be reaped when they had hammered 'their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles'.

Jesus brought peace by other means. And this is what Paul boasts of in the second reading. The peace which Jesus brought came through the cross. For it was through the cross that he subverted the idolatrous claims of empire by submitting willingly to the full force of Rome's brutality. In his life of humble service and in his refusal to use violence, Jesus had offered an alternative vision of peace. God recognised the truth of it when he raised him from the dead at the Resurrection. This was the victory which brought peace, the peace which is at the heart of God's kingdom.

The Resurrection was the confirmation of Jesus' call to mission, not just because he had been raised from the dead but because his claim to be a universal saviour was vindicated. The risen Lord sent out his disciples to preach to all nations. He had already given them a mission strategy. In fact in the Acts of Apostles we see how the disciples put this strategy into practice. There is an urgency as Peter and Paul preach, heal, exorcise and claim that the kingdom of God is very near. They offer the peace of Christ, not by coercion but as a free gift. When it is refused we see how Paul and Barnabus obey Christ's command for at Antioch we are told 'they shook the dust from their feet in judgement against them.'

Mission is still an essential part of the Christian gospel. Jesus calls us to work in his harvest. There is just the same urgency. The details of the strategy may be updated but the need to offer Christ's peace in a world ruled by modern and idolatrous forms of *Pax Romana* is just as great. We believe that in the Resurrection Satan did indeed fall from heaven and as we await for Christ to fully establish his rule, he still tells us to travel light, trust alone in God and in his name say to those we greet "Peace be to this house".

<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. 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 Jacque 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/>

### ACU CAMPUS MINISTRY - DONATIONS FOR DIGNITY

**Access to proper hygiene is key to enhancing sense of self and better health. ACU Engagement and Campus Ministry are collecting new or unused personal hygiene products for our community's most vulnerable members.**

**Collection for July 1-31. Donations can be left in the foyer. Items donated will be given to Companion House who support adults and children who have sought safety in Australia from persecution, torture and war related trauma. Items required Soap / Hand Sanitiser / Moisturiser / Body Wash / Shower Gel / Shampoo / Conditioner / Brushes / Combs / Toothbrushes / Toothpaste / Razors / Sunscreen / Female Sanitary Items / Deodorant / Perfume / Lip Balm**

I alone can not change the world. But I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.

Mother Teresa

# EVENTS

## #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](http://www.trybooking.com/BCWAY). All funds raised will be used to improve indoor and outdoor learning spaces for students.

## 27-30 September "Lift the Veil Retreat"

At St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park. Led by Fr John Armstrong. Cost \$345. Contact (02) 46300233 or [www.towersretreat.org.au](http://www.towersretreat.org.au)

## 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. Catering is complementary although donations towards costs will be gratefully received. contact [andrea.dean@catholic.org.au](mailto:andrea.dean@catholic.org.au)

## Position Vacant - Plenary Council Discernment and Writing Group Chairs and Members

The Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council is seeking people who are willing to be key partners and leaders in the process of discernment as the Church in Australia continues preparing for the Plenary Council in October 2020. This is a unique opportunity for visionary and open-hearted, faith-filled people who are committed to the faith, life and ministries of the Catholic Church in Australia and the mission of God.

Enquiries Ms Olivia Lee 02 9919 7822 or [olivia.lee@catholic.org.au](mailto:olivia.lee@catholic.org.au)  
Applications to be submitted via email to Ms Jane Bashiruddin [oadvisor@catholic.org.au](mailto:oadvisor@catholic.org.au)

**PLEASE NOTE** - For parishioners volunteering for the 5pm Mass Sunday evenings Margaret Protector's telephone number is **incorrect**. **Please contact the Parish office to update your roster.** Apologies to Margaret and Ruth for the mix-up.

ROSTER		13 / 14 June	
<b>Saturday 5pm</b>			
Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson		
Readers	M. Pentony	J. De Riva O'Phelan	
Presentation of Gifts	Higgins Family		
EMOE	A. Moore		
<b>Sunday 8am</b>			
Acolyte / Server	N. McGahey		
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson	
Presentation of Gifts	Flynn Family		
EMOE	J. Smith		
<b>Sunday 10am</b>			
Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley		
Readers	M. Fitzgerald	K. McCluskey	
Presentation of Gifts	Musolino Family		
EMOE	H. Zobec	R. Marson	
<b>Sunday 5pm</b>			
Acolyte / Server	S. Sedgwick		
Readers	M. Tuckwell		
Presentation of Gifts	K. Turrise		
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca	
<b>COUNTERS</b>	G. Gleeson	I. Buckley	