

# Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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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

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

## VERITAS



## Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



## COMPASSION

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

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.
<b>READINGS</b>	Deuteronomy 30:10-14    Colossians 1:15-20 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

### PSALM: 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me.

As for me in my poverty and pain  
let your help, O God, lift me up.  
I will praise God's name with a song;  
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

For God will bring help to Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah  
and men shall dwell there in possession.  
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;  
those who love his name shall dwell there.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

### PLANNED GIVING

All envelopes remaining in the foyer last weekend have either been hand delivered or mailed. Please contact the office 6248 5925 if you have any questions about the envelopes. Receipts will be mailed this coming week.

### CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

'Questions linked to the care and preservation of the environment today need to give due consideration to the energy problem. ... The stockpiling of natural resources, which in many cases are found in the poor countries themselves, gives rise to exploitation and frequent conflicts between and within nations. These conflicts are often fought on the soil of those same countries, with a heavy toll of death, destruction and further decay. The international community has an urgent duty to find institutional means of regulating the exploitation of non-renewable resources, involving poor countries in the process, in order to plan together for the future.'

*Excerpt from Caritas in Veritate*

The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?'

The good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him.'



### SPECIAL INTENTIONS AT MASS

'As we gather together at Sunday Mass we share the joys and anguish of our fellow Mass goers by bringing the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people in our lives. These special intentions are part of the fabric of our lives as we gather together as God's family. We cannot, however, let these special intentions that we bring to Sunday Mass overtake the focus of the Sunday Mass. In the Mass, we are called together, with a priest presiding and acting in the person of Christ, to celebrate the memorial of the Mass, the Eucharistic Sacrifice.'

*From the Catholic Enquiry Centre*



### GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the gospel we see Jesus challenged by a scholar who asks how to obtain eternal life. Jesus says 'love your neighbour as yourself,' when he is asked, 'who is my neighbour?' Jesus tells the well-loved story of the Good Samaritan, who stopped to help a Levite who had been left for dead.

Jesus said that it was a Samaritan who took the time to tend the man's wounds. Since there was deep hostility between Jews and Samaritans, the words "Samaritan" and "neighbour" were generally not used together. It also would have been shocking for Jesus to say that it was the priests and Levites who rescued the man left to die by the side of the road, as this would have made these religious people "unclean". While the priests and Levites passed by the wounded man, the despised Samaritan was "moved with compassion" and treated the wounded man with mercy. Jesus told the legal scholar, and tells us as well, to go and do likewise to the "neighbour" we meet along the way, to protect and defend others' rights, to heal others. Some of us are still available to be called to a specific work or ministry. This is a great week to ask for openness. Every one of us can find a great meaning and deeper peace in placing what we do in the pattern of our response to God's call to us, through Jesus. When we do our work, we can thank the Lord for this work; ask to do it faithfully, lovingly, compassionately and justly. Some of us are struggling to find work that offers us dignity and a living wage. We can ask the Lord to send us to be his servants, with our gifts, and trust in his fidelity.

As we move through the week, growing in our relationship with the Lord all week, as we make this more conscious background moments of insight, recognition and connection, we can give thanks and trust that if we scatter his seed, with trust and with abandon, we don't have to worry. The Lord has his guarantee of abundance.

### JESUS REFUSES BOUNDARIES

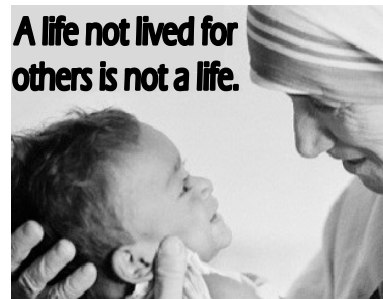
'The story of the Good Samaritan illustrates the contrast between two different conceptions of the moral life. The first is seen in the behaviour of the priest and the Levite. When they come across the man left beaten by robbers they both pass by on the other side of the road, fearing that he might already be dead. Both wanted to be obedient to the Jewish law, in this case the purity law which restricted contact with a corpse. But out of fear of violating an obligation imposed by the law, they failed to put into practice the heart of the law.'

'Their conduct can be contrasted with the behaviour of the Samaritan traveller who, moved with pity at the sight of a fellow human being in need, acts with spontaneity and resourcefulness.'

'Jesus refuses to answer this question in terms of identifying boundaries which separate neighbour from non-neighbour, whether these boundaries are defined by faith, national identity or special election by God. Now my neighbour is the first person I encounter who constitutes a claim on my love. At the same time it is in the person in need that I encounter Jesus Christ who identifies himself, in particular, with the lowly and the suffering.'

*Excerpt from a homily by Fr Thomas Skeats OP*

**A life not lived for  
others is not a life.**





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 Lughton, 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, Fr Joe McGeehan, Charlotte Woolner
Our deceased	Brian O'Keefe, Judith Stewart Deidre Carmody (Colette Mackay's mother)
In Memory	Joesph Hop Huy Vu

## GOSPEL SUMMARY

Jesus was tested by a lawyer who wanted to prove that he was a good person. Assuming that he knew the answer, he asked Jesus what one must do to have eternal life. Jesus coaxed from the man what was the greatest commandment: To love our neighbour as we love ourselves. But the man asked Jesus to define neighbour. Jesus explained who our neighbours are by telling the story we know as the 'Good Samaritan'. In a land where Samaritans were despised, a man traveling on a road fell into the hands of robbers who beat and robbed him. Two people who would have been expected to stop, a Levite and a priest, actually passed the man by leaving him for dead. A Samaritan, however, stopped and tended to him, took him to a safe place and paid for his care. The point of Jesus' story was not so much who the neighbour was but how the lawyer should have responded as a neighbour.

### Reflection for Families

Most parents will see at least one occasion in their child's life where the child is rejected in some way. Like the Samaritan who faced much rejection from his Jewish neighbours, we can still teach our children to act compassionately even if this was not their own experience. Often the primary way we teach our children is by our own example. What do we do when someone offends us? How do our children see us react? Sometimes all we have to do is think about the last time our children rode in the car with us to be just a little embarrassed by how we react to another person's mistakes.

## THE IMAGE OF GOD

Try to imagine meeting an alien being who is pure energy; who has no physical form; who is pure intellect; and who is immortal. How would you be able to relate to such a being? How would you communicate? How would you be able to love such a being? This is not science fiction. It is a description of the problems we have in dealing with God. Of course, God is not an alien. God is an infinitely loving creator. But we are so unlike God that we might as well be aliens ourselves.

God solved the problem by appearing on earth in the person of Jesus. We can relate to God because we can relate to God's human form. Paul tells us that Jesus is the "image of the invisible God." In other words, the qualities of love and mercy and humility that we see in Christ are a perfect reflection of the same qualities in God. Jesus is God made visible. [A commentary by Fr Richard Lonsdale](#)

If you lack the courage to start, you have already finished.

## THE FULLNESS OF THE LAW

Fifteenth Sunday of the Year.

Fr Thomas Skeats OP preaches  
on the parable of the Good Samaritan.

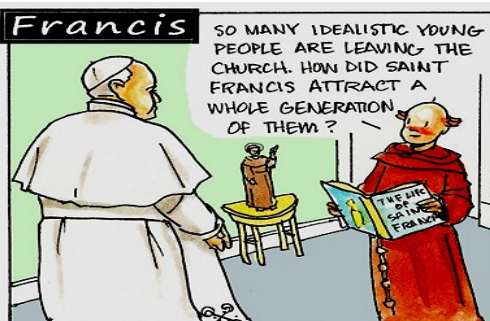
Older manuals of moral theology are sometimes criticised for presenting the Christian moral life primarily in terms of obedience to a set of commandments or a code of prescriptions and prohibitions. A more traditional understanding of Christian morality, while not wanting to deny the value of laws or commandments for our moral development, sees this emphasis on obedience as only a preliminary, albeit necessary, stage on the Christian journey towards freedom. Love, rather than mere obedience to an external code, is at the heart of the Christian journey. When Jesus is questioned by a lawyer about what must be done to inherit eternal life, he first directs the lawyer to what is written in the law while, at the same time, confirming that the whole of the law is contained in the double commandment to love God and to love neighbour. By approving this close connection of two separate biblical commands Jesus gives love of neighbour (Lev 19:18) the same significance as love of God (Deut 6:5). Without love of neighbour, made concrete in the keeping of the commandments, genuine love for God is not possible.

The story of the Good Samaritan, which Jesus recounts in response to a question about who counts as a neighbour, illustrates the contrast between two different conceptions of the moral life. The first is seen in the behaviour of the priest and the Levite. When they come across the man left beaten by robbers they both pass by on the other side of the road, fearing that he might already be dead. Both the priest and the Levite wanted to be obedient to the Jewish law, in this case the purity law which restricted contact with a corpse. But out of fear of violating an obligation imposed by the law, sticking rigidly to the letter of the law, they failed to put into practice the heart of the law.

Their conduct can be contrasted with the behaviour of the Samaritan traveller who, moved with pity at the sight of a fellow human being in need, acts with spontaneity and resourcefulness. Bandaging the wounds of the man left stripped and beaten at the side of the road and taking him to a nearby inn to see that he is cared for as long as necessary, this virtuous Samaritan shows a far greater level of maturity in the exercise of his moral freedom. At the same time he answers in his actions the question put to Jesus by the lawyer about who counts as a neighbour. Jesus refuses to answer this question in terms of identifying boundaries which separate neighbour from non-neighbour, whether these boundaries are defined by faith, national identity or special election by God. Instead, the parable of the Good Samaritan, which only appears in the Gospel of Luke, is a concrete illustration of the universal dimension of God's plan of salvation and the extension of his grace to the whole world, a major theme for the evangelist Luke. Now my neighbour is the first person I encounter who constitutes a claim on my love. At the same time it is in the person in need that I encounter Jesus Christ who identifies himself, in particular, with the lowly and the suffering (Matthew 25:31-46).

In the act of loving our neighbour, we display the same love which God showed when in the person of Christ he came to the aid of a wounded and broken humanity. It is in our love for one another that we imitate and show our love for the God who is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love (Psalm 144).

Fr Thomas Skeats OP <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>



## 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 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/>

### 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

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel,  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July. 10.30am Solemn Mass at the Carmelite Monastery, 28 Mugga Way Red Hill. All welcome.

# EVENTS

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONSULTATION DAY

Catholic women of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn will meet 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)

## #MERICI60 CONCERT

As part of Merici College's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, a very special concert and fundraiser will be held on Friday 9 August and Saturday 10 August in the College Auditorium. The concert starts at 7.00pm (arrival and seating at 6.30pm) on both nights. 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.

**22 August - CALVARY HOSPITAL AUXILLARY** is holding a Book Fair on Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd August, 8am-4pm. There are fiction paperbacks, childrens books, cookbooks, biographies, books on crime, war, hobbies and more. All books under \$2, beanies \$5. All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. Come to Calvary Hospital Xavier Building foyer, cnr Haydon Drive & Belconnen Way, Bruce.

## 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 for the mix-up.

ROSTER		20 / 21 June
		Saturday 5pm
Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Presentation of Gifts	Higgins Family	
EMOE	A. Moore	
		Sunday 8am
Acolyte / Server	N. McGahey	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson
Presentation of Gifts	Flynn Family	
EMOE	J. Smith	
		Sunday 10am
Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	M. Fitzgerald	K. McCluskey
Presentation of Gifts	Musolino Family	
EMOE	H. Zobec	R. Marson
		Sunday 5pm
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