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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

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

It's **YOUR** CHOICE

MARY
OR
MARTHA

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	See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.
READINGS	Genesis 18:1-10 Colossians 1:24-28 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 14:2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;

he who acts with justice

and speaks the truth from his heart;

he who does not slander with his tongue.

He who does no wrong to his brother,

who casts no slur on his neighbour,

who holds the godless in disdain,

but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge come what may;

who takes no interest on a loan

and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SHORT INSIGHT INTO THE GOSPEL

First reading - This story was meant to remind Jews of the greatness of their ancestor Abraham. He could sense that his visitors were extraordinary, and he could afford to entertain them lavishly. He lacked only one thing, and his visitors promise that to him within a year.

Second reading - Church elders at Colossae asked Saint Paul to help them settle some disputes. So here Paul sets out his credentials. His authority comes strictly from his imitation of Christ and his insight into God's eternal plan.

Gospel—Jesus breaks two of his culture's rules in this famous short passage. He teaches a woman and he lets her prefer learning to housekeeping.

<http://www.lectorprep.org>

PLANNED GIVING

Receipts have been mailed out. If you have not received your receipt please contact the office 6248 5925 or email watson@cg.org.au.

MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE

Corpus Christi Parish Gowrie invites you to join them on the St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage to Eden on Saturday 10 August. Coach will depart Holy Family Church, Gowrie at 7.30am and return around 6pm. If you, are interested, please contact the Parish Office by 26 July 6291 6688 / tuggeranongsouth@cg.org.au

FEAST OF ST DOMINIC

Our Parish will celebrate the Feast of St Dominic with a Special Mass at 10am followed by a Morning Tea after the Mass.

We would love to see you there to celebrate our Parish Patron Saint - St Dominic.

All are welcome to join us in the celebration.

Please bring a plate to share.

DOMINICAN FATHERS SICKNESS & RETIREMENT APPEAL

The Appeal for the Dominican Fathers Sickness & Retirement Fund will be held on 3/4 August. Envelopes will be provided for your contribution. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



WHICH VIEW

OK. There's a 99.9% chance that this is how you're going to hear this gospel preached about at Sunday Mass: Mary has chosen the better part because she sits at the feet of Jesus and listens. Martha is too busy about all the wrong things. She ought to be more like Mary. Blah blah blah. But then how would the three of them eat? No one ever stops to think about that.

Jesus is not slamming Martha for doing housework. Quite the opposite. This story is one of the Bible's zillions of "hospitality tales." Jesus goes to see his friends Mary and Martha precisely because he knows that they will welcome him with a home-cooked meal, offer to let him take a bath, give him a place to rest. He deeply appreciates what Martha is doing.

The work that teenagers and women do is often not appreciated in our society. Why else would a male basketball player be paid millions of dollars (not so in women's basketball!), while a child-care worker (usually a young or elderly woman) is paid next to nothing? Why are some employers exempt from paying teenagers the minimum wage if it's "only" a summer job? Or allowed to schedule you just below the minimum number of hours that might offer you some benefits? What concerns Jesus is that Martha is "anxious and worried about many things." For a while in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus has been telling his followers (that's us) not to be anxious, not to worry, not to be afraid. He's been sending them (us) out to make peace. Yep, it's going to be tough. Yep, they (we) might even get hurt.

But don't worry. Don't be afraid. Do what is right and God will be with you. Listen for God's voice, no matter what you are doing. Listen for God precisely in what you are doing.

Jesus wants you to have confidence in his call to you to be a Peace-builder. He wouldn't have called you to this if he didn't believe that you can do it.

(So, sorry: You can't tell your parents that you can't clean your room because Jesus doesn't approve of housework!)

www.peacebuildersinitiative.org

LISTENING

'There are many opportunities during the liturgy for us to listen with great reverence. We listen to the word of God as proclaimed through the readings from Scripture. We listen as the priest or deacon delivers a homily, which brings to life the message of the readings of the day. We listen in the quietness of our own hearts to the personal response to which we are called in our own lives.'

From the Catholic Enquiry Centre

TOFU RECIPES

A well-dressed man approached a woman at a health food store and in a clipped British accent asked her exactly what she did with the tofu in her basket. She said she normally puts it in the refrigerator, looks at it for several weeks and then throws it away. The man replied, "That's exactly what my wife does with it. I was hoping you had a better recipe."

It always seems impossible until it's done. Nelson Mandela

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 Neddrrie, 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, Clare Murphy, Greta Edwards, Ligaya Suansing, Deidre Carmody, Ben Morris

BAPTISM

Mikayla & Casey Ryall

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.



HOSPITALITY

Hosting a party can be exhausting. There's an inherent paradox in that while friends and family attend the party because they wish you joy, being a host means work. You spend considerable effort ensuring the venue is clean, tidy and decorated for the party, you worry there won't be enough food or drink, and when guests arrive you flit from group to group, enjoying everyone's company, but working to ensure no one feels left out or guests' needs go unmet.

Acknowledging the work that goes into being hospitable means that most have sympathy for Martha in Luke's gospel of two sisters who react so differently to Jesus' presence in their home. Martha is busy preparing for her guests, while Mary sits at Jesus' feet to listen. Martha wants her sister to help, but Jesus defends Mary. Often our interpretations miss the main point.

"As so often, the Gospel's focus is upon the abundance of God's gift and the barriers that human beings put up against receiving it." This week the readings and prayers may lead us to open our hearts to Christ, our welcome guest. In our reflections may we welcome God's Word and ponder it.

We pray for all those who struggle to find focus in their lives. As we go about our daily tasks this week, let us be mindful of opportunities to be truly hospitable. editor@australiancatholics.com.au

THEOLOGICAL COURSE ACU

Faith, Hope and Love: Theological Virtues for Today
29 July & 5, 12 & 19 August - 6pm - 8pm - 300.G.25 Building
300, Blackfriars Building, ACU

Register - We are delighted to announce that registration to attend the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy Short Courses for Semester 2, are now open. Our short courses in theology offer you the opportunity to explore Christian faith and world religions without committing to a full degree. If you're teaching religious education or working in a Catholic school, you'll gain hours towards your professional development accreditation.

Speakers - Dr Ian Elmer, ACU, Dr Damien Casey, Dr Jo Laffin, Rev. Prof Tony Kelly, ACU

Topics - The Biblical Foundations of the theological virtues - Faith, hope and love as theological virtue - Faith, hope and love in church history - Faith, hope and love for Christians today

Fees - \$100 - attendance, including a Certificate of Participation - \$50 - attendance only - Current ACU staff and students free

Accreditation - This course is approved for 8 hours towards maintaining accreditation to teach religious education in Catholic schools (Canberra and Goulburn). For more information, please email: shortcourse.ftp@acu.edu.au

UNDER MY ROOF

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year.

*Fr Brendan Slevin OP finds the story
of Mary and Martha deeply ambiguous.*

Only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Today's passage from Luke's Gospel is one of those passages that has been twisted in all sorts of directions depending where one would like it to lead. I don't think it's an easy passage to come to grips with. Nor do I think we should be so quick to place our own interpretation onto it. I do think it is ambiguous and perhaps it is that very ambiguity we should focus on.

Well, there we go, one paragraph in and already the urge to put my own reading onto the text has overwhelmed me.

One of the difficulties of the passage is the lack of information. It's as if we were looking in through the keyhole and getting a partial picture of what is going on. Jesus is travelling with his disciples, he arrives at a village and is in the house of Martha. Her sister Mary sits, as a disciple, at the feet of Jesus leaving Martha to do all the work. This is all we have to work on. We could suggest that it is likely Martha is so busy because the disciples are also there along with others, but although this is plausible we are not told that this is the case. We are given a partial view, yet we look for a definitive answer.

Shall we say that Mary has chosen the good because she is there contemplating the words that come forth from mouth of the Lord? Or shall we say that Martha is the wise woman who wants the Lord to help her teach her sister that the practicalities of life must be met as well? Is Martha being rebuked by Jesus for trying to do too many trivial things? Or is Martha rebuking Jesus for indulging Mary?

Remember that Martha and Mary are sisters, they are not fighting over Jesus; rather they complement each other. In themselves they are partial images of a faith waiting to be realised by the death and resurrection of the Lord; individually they seek to welcome but it is only together that they achieve it.

I said at the beginning that I thought there was a deliberate ambiguity in this text. Perhaps it reflects an ambiguity in our own lives - the apparent ambiguity inherent in living the life of faith. Not all of us have the conviction of the centurion and yet we share in the one faith. Not all of us have the patience for contemplation and yet that is where we come to know ourselves as filled with the Spirit. Not all of us find it easy to complete the everyday tasks of providing for ourselves and our family, yet that is where our faith lives.

What if this encounter with the Lord is not about these two women but rather about our own conflicting ideas of encountering the Lord? If we are to follow Christ we must allow him into our lives, under our roof, and allow his word to make us whole. Only then will the Martha and Mary in each of us find their single voice and expression.

In the revised English translation of the Roman Missal we find these words before communion:

*Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away
the sins of the world.*

*Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

<http://english.op.org/torch>

YOUNG WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT

A retreat day for young women on Saturday 10 August, 10am-3.30pm. Discover how to deepen your relationship to Jesus in your everyday life. Discerning where God is leading Me in the Here and Now. Venue: Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. RSVP 5 August to Sr M Luke Junemann 0439 537 843 or srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au

CALLED TO HOLINESS

Called to Holiness Weekend Retreat for men starts Saturday 10 August at 9am, finishes Sunday 11 August at 3pm. All inclusive weekend \$165.00. Where: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa. RSVP 26 26 July. Enquiries Jim Jankiewicz 0432 487 927 - email mensbranch@schoenstatt.org.au

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

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 at Siam Twist Hackett at 10.30 am. We look forward to seeing our friends & welcome newcomers.

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/>

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

Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.

Harriet Tubman

EVENTS

20 July - 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. The venue is fully accessible. Donations towards costs will be gratefully received. contact andrea.dean@catholic.org.au

31 July - CELEBRATION OF MASS — JESUIT COMMUNITY

Fr Brian F McCoy SJ, Provincial of the Australian Jesuits, and Fr Frank Brennan SJ, Superior of the Canberra community extend an invitation to a celebration of Mass for the Feast of St Ignatius Loyola at **5.30pm** at St Christopher's Cathedral. The Jesuits will be marking the conclusion of 51 years presence of the Jesuits in the national capital. After mass, the congregation is invited to a reception in the Pastoral Centre next to the cathedral. RSVP: frank.brennan@acu.edu.au

#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. 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. All funds raised will be used to improve indoor and outdoor learning spaces for students.

17-18 August - CONSECRATED LIFE WEEKEND

The weekend at 3 Karney Street, Kambah is for young women seeking direction and clues on discerning how God is leading them. We will share with you testimonies, talks, mass, praise times, and have quiet times for reflection. Contact: Rachel Fleurant (02) 6166-6941 or email at mgl sisters@gmail.com

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.

PLEASE NOTE - 5pm Sunday Volunteers — Margaret Proctor's telephone number is **incorrect**. **Please contact the Parish office to update her number.**

ROSTER	27 / 28 July	
	Saturday 5pm	
Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	K. Markcrow	D. Hinds
Presentation of Gifts	Tran Family	
EMOE	C. Lewis	
	Sunday 8am	
Acolyte / Server	K. Linard	
Readers	M. Falk	J. Smith
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	N. Clarke	
	Sunday 10am	
Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	L. Fardel	A. O'Donnell
Presentation of Gifts	Collett Family	
EMOE	R. Zochling	J. Munro
	Sunday 5pm	
Acolyte / Server	P. Tran	
Readers	V. Van der Sanden	K. Watson
Presentation of Gifts	Malone Family	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
COUNTERS	W. Wade	J. Smith