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## VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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*Mass times*  
Wed 5.30pm  
Tues & Thurs 6.45am  
Fri 5.30pm

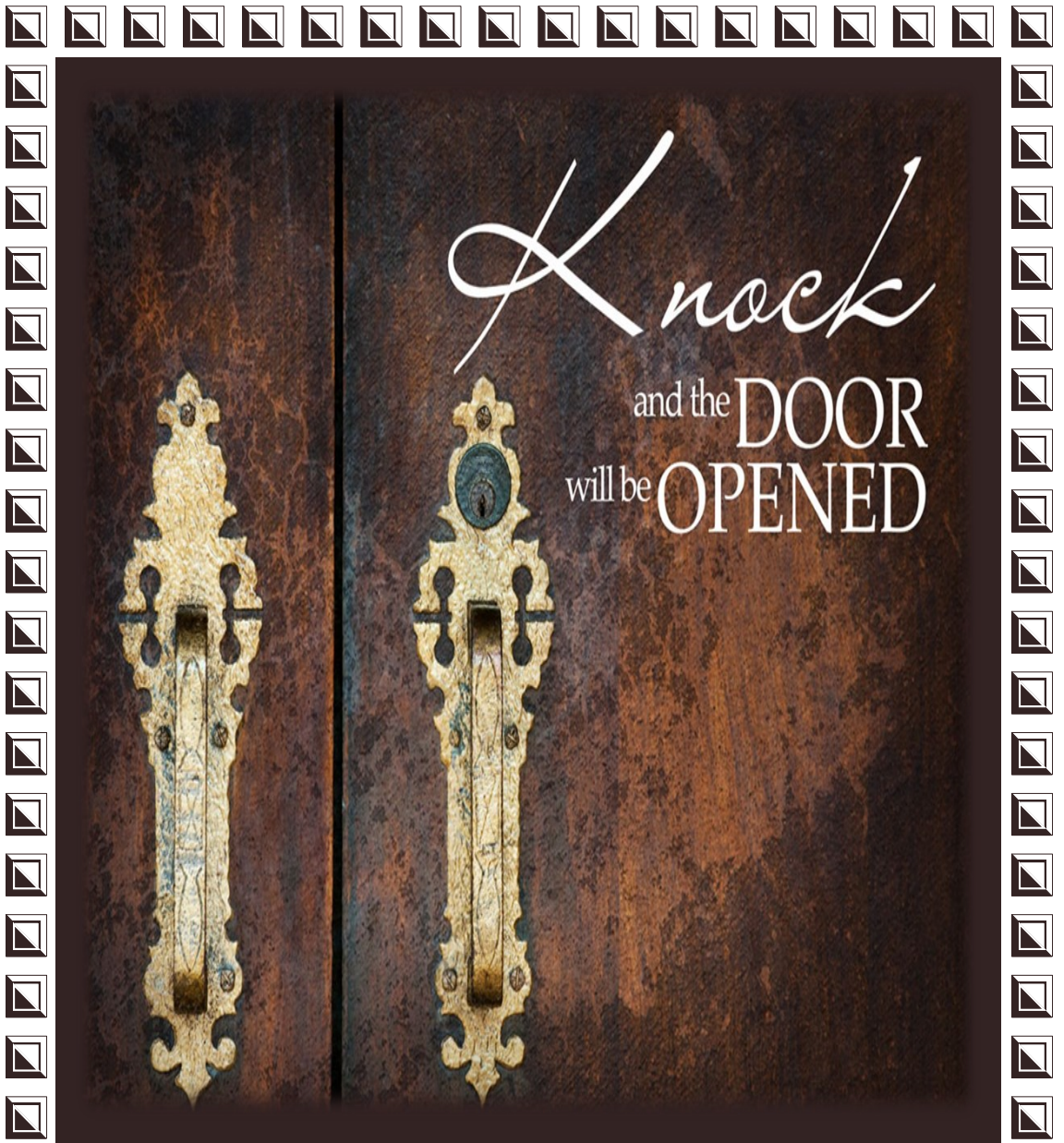
**Saturday 5pm (Vigil)**  
**Sunday 8am, 10am & 5pm**  
9am Mass Saturday & Public  
Holidays  
excluding Mondays

*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 Middy

## Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



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>	God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.
<b>READINGS</b>	Genesis 18:20-32    Colossians 2:12-14 Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

## FEAST OF ST DOMINIC

Our Parish will celebrate the Feast of St Dominic with a Special Mass at the 10am on 4 August followed by a Morning Tea. 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.



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 137:1-3, 6-8

Lord, on the day I called for help,  
you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.

Lord, on the day I called for help,  
you answered me.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:tuggeranongsouth@cg.org.au)

### 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.



'Be helpful. When you see a person without a smile, give them yours.'

### WELCOME CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

We welcome all the students from Rosary School and the Parish School of Religion who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Retreat Day will be held from 9am on Thursday 19th September in the Parish Centre. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Friday 20th September.

*We pray for them and their families that the Holy Spirit will enrich their lives with His Gifts and His Grace as they commit themselves to preparing for this Sacrament .*

All are invited to stay after 10.00am Mass and share refreshments & a sizzled sausage!



### ST DOMINIC'S SCHOOL MASS

Rosary School will be having a Mass to celebrate St Dominic's Day on Friday 2nd August at Holy Rosary Church. Mass will commence at 10am. All welcome to join us in this special Mass.



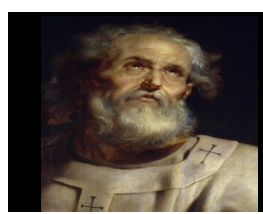
### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

When praying a prayer like the 'Our Father' that we have known since we were young, it's sometimes easy to gloss over the words that we're hearing, and the deep meaning they hold.

A few years ago I came across the idea of praying these prayers while imagining I was somewhere and someone else. I imagined, for example, praying as a persecuted Christian in the Middle East. What do these words, with their promises and their needs, mean to people in that context? Thinking about these prayers in this way helps remind me of their power to transform the way we see and live in the world.

I'm thinking in particular this week about the asylum seekers who are living on Manus Island and Nauru. It's been six long years since they were told that they would never be allowed to settle in Australia. Their choice is to stay in these camps, forever in limbo, rather than return to the place from which they fled persecution. Bishop Vincent Long said last week that 'enough is enough'. 'The harsh treatment of this relatively small number of people – most of whom have been proven genuine refugees- over the past six years is more than a shame, a disgrace, or something that we can say 'not in our name' to', he said. When you hear the words of the Our Father from the mouth of Jesus this week-end, think how those words sound to people living in permanent limbo on our borders. Think of what it means for the 'kingdom' to come to them; what it means to be allowed to earn their 'daily bread'; and forgive their own trespasses and those who have trespassed against them. Finally, consider what it means for these refugees to ask God for deliverance from evil.

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What matters is not your outward appearance... but your inner disposition. Cultivate inner beauty, the gentle gracious kind that God delights in.

— Saint Peter —

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 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, Marietta Lacsao
In Memory	Betty Collett

## PERSISTENT PRAYER

*Seventeenth Sunday of the Year.  
Fr Bruno Clifton OP shows us  
how Jesus teaches us to pray in His direct  
and open relationship with his Father.*

It is a feature of Luke's gospel that Jesus is often to be found praying. And, it is no surprise that having observed this frequent activity of Jesus, his disciples are moved to want to pray like him. So, Jesus takes the opportunity not only to teach them a prayer, but also to teach them the way to pray: *persistently*. To pray persistently is to pray like Jesus. What does that mean? Our friend that Jesus imagines in today's parable would seem to be in danger of losing that title. In the midst of an awkward situation someone has come to him for help and the implication is that this help only arrives after much asking.

'I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs' Luke 11,8. But who is really making unreasonable demands on the friendship? The man who has gently put his children to bed and is now trying to sleep? Or the friend who is unorganised and demanding and bangs on people's doors at midnight? And, what is more, keeps banging on them, until he gets what he wants! Now, Jesus puts the granting of the man's request down to his 'persistence', but there is a further nuance to the word Jesus uses. It is a particular type of persistence, an impudent or shameless persistence. It seems as if the reward comes to the man because he is shameless in asking and not simply because he persevered. We might be able to see what to make of this interpretation if we look at Abraham's entreaty in the book of Genesis that God not destroy the city of Sodom. Abraham knows how impertinent he is being in this dialogue with God, for he uses such rhetoric as he perseveres in asking for more and more. 'Let me undertake to speak to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes' Gen 18,27.31

'Please let not my Lord be angry if I speak' Gen 18,30.32 Abraham uses these idioms twice each, to colour his persistent petitions. Like the friend banging on the door, Abraham knows he is trying his luck with God, but he keeps going. He is shameless in his persistence. The twist in the tale, of course, is that although God saves the one righteous man of Sodom and his family, he still destroys the city. But this should not distract us from the role that Abraham takes upon himself. It is the role of a man who has embarked on life with God, in relationship with God. Indeed, at the beginning of this scene Abraham goes with the LORD as he leaves Abraham's hospitality to 'send him on his way' Gen 18,16. And in this relationship, Abraham has the boldness, the *impudence* to ask God for things repeatedly; and God is there. Jesus presents this relationship with a stark simplicity: 'ask, and it will be given to you'. This is the trajectory of the discourse here. Following the teaching of a prayer that encourages us to speak directly and simply to God as Father, Jesus gives examples of what this means by looking at our relationships here on earth. If human beings come through for each other, our friends, our parents, how much more will God, if we recognise that we are his children? This is the logic of the simple teaching of Jesus.

But, God himself has already made this promise: 'But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me." Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you' Isa 49,14-15.

Jesus has come to deepen our understanding of what it means to have a relationship with God. He has come to fulfil the promise of God. It is only the one who is like Jesus who prays like Jesus, who has no shame before God to keep on asking. Namely, one who is a child of God. Jesus teaches us that prayer is about simply and confidently calling God, Father. And because he is our Father, we can be bold and persistent. <http://english.op.org/torch>

## TEACH US TO PRAY

**Genesis**.....a rather whimsical story....is it from the bizarre... bargaining with God? No! Look at the title, the people of the Old Testament gave to Abraham "The Friend of God" and it is in that capacity that he pleads for the cities of Sodom and Gormorrah.

a. Abraham....bold....daring.....challenging

b. He appeals to God's holiness.....to sweep away the innocent with the guilty is unworthy of the holiness of God

c. Abraham believed in God's infinite goodness and love.

He had repeatedly experienced God's understanding, mercy and truth. *Remember:* Abraham is praying for others!

**Luke** - A simple sincere question from a disciple provoked an answer that has forever changed humankind's understanding of prayer!

What is prayer? Is it just lifting of the mind and heart to God? It is far more. '...in prayer God's heart becomes one with ours' Yet the place for meeting God has become a person.....Jesus Prayer is not an escape from reality or the troubles of this world. We can't use prayer as an alibi for involvement with our world. The promise of prayer does not excuse us from doing something to realise that for which we pray!

'Pray as if all depends upon God and work as if all depends upon you'

To pray for our 'daily bread' is one thing.....but we must be BREAD for the hungry, the wounded and the needy of our world. To ask for forgiveness is one thing....but we must be forgiving to all.

These four words 'Forgive us our trespasses' may well be the four most important words that ever cross our lips, provided we mean them!

These words of Jesus tell us how we are to respond to God's love for us, but they also tell us how we should treat one another. If we dare to call God Father we are accepting one another as brothers and sisters.

**Conclusion** - The disciples, like all of us, were learners and asking led to a deeper knowledge of Jesus' teaching.

The Our Father is not the only Christian Prayer but it is the model for every Christian Prayer.

The Our Father tells us how to respond to God's love for us and also how we should treat one another.

The Disciples and ourselves are encouraged by Jesus to ask and to be persistent.....

"Ask and it will be given to you;

Search and you will find;

Knock, and the door will be opened to you"

Remember prayer is not just talking to God but it is also

**listening** to God.

Fr Bernie Maxwell OP

## WEEKLY ENVELOPES

Would the contributor with Envelope Number **54** please telephone the Parish Office as soon as possible.

## 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 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](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

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

**10 August - 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 you 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](mailto:srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au)

**10—11 August - CALLED TO HOLINESS 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](mailto:mensbranch@schoenstatt.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.

### 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](mailto: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.**

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

ROSTER		3 / 4 August	
<b>Saturday 5pm</b>			
Acolyte / Server	R. Paul		
Readers	M. Cox		Volunteer
Presentation of Gifts	C. Lewis		
EMOE	A. MooreF		
<b>Sunday 8am</b>			
Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand		
Readers	B. Bandle		C. Bandle
Presentation of Gifts	Bandle Family		
EMOE	E. Smith		
<b>Sunday 10am</b>			
Acolyte / Server	Q. Vu		
Readers	A. Hopkins		C. Barbaro
Presentation of Gifts	Vu Family		
EMOE	B. Affas		S. Tanzer
<b>Sunday 5pm</b>			
Acolyte / Server	L. Kim		
Readers	M. Brotohusodo		J. Curnow
Presentation of Gifts	Dobrowolska Cheyne		Family
EMOE	V. Van der Sanden		K. Sneddon
<b>COUNTERS</b>	F. Higgins	N. Higgins	I. Buckley