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HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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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—12.30 pm

VERITAS



Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Where is Your treasure?

**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	O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!
COMMUNION	You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.
READINGS	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

PSALM: 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.

ST MARY MACKILLOP

A Mass to celebrate the Feast day of
St Mary MacKillop, Australia's Patron
Saint will be held next Sunday the
11 August at 10am



CARD GROUP



Play social 'cards for fun',
Monday 10am -1pm in the
Parish Centre. All welcome!!!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations on your Golden Wedding
Anniversary Enriquito and Cecilia Santiago who
are celebrating 50 years of marriage on the 2
August with a blessing at our Friday Mass. Their
marriage was celebrated with a Nuptial Mass at
the Ermita Roman Catholic Church, Manila.
We wish them God's blessings for many, many
more years of health and happiness.

**The smile on my face doesn't mean my life is
perfect. It means I appreciate what I have
and what I have been blessed with.
I choose to be happy.**

CELEBRATION



Morning tea will be held after
the Special 10am Mass
to celebrate our Parish
Patron Saint -
St Dominic.
All are welcome to join.

APPEAL

The Appeal for the Dominican
Fathers Sickness & Retirement
Fund will be held this Weekend.
Envelopes are provided for your
contribution. Your generosity is
much appreciated.



FEAST OF ST DOMINIC

This weekend we will be remembering the Dominican Congregation in our Parish.
We pray in loving memory of the Priests, Brothers, Sisters and Associates who have
ministered to us in our Parish and throughout the world over the years. Founded to
preach the Gospel and to combat heresy, the teaching activity of the order and its
scholastic organization placed the Preachers in the forefront of the intellectual life of
the Middle Ages. The order is famed for its intellectual tradition, having produced
many leading theologians and philosophers. Members of the order generally carry
the letters **O.P.**, standing for *Ordinis Praedicatorum*, meaning *of the Order of
Preachers*, after their names.

*We pray in thanksgiving for our Parish Priests Fr Kieran, Fr Rafael, Fr Mannes
and Fr Bernie. May God richly bless you Fathers.*

ONLY THE LIGHT-HEARTED

Eighteenth Sunday of the Year.

Fr Colin Carr suggests that only the light-hearted can give their lives away.

A young Filipino fisherman was relaxing on the beach. He had caught enough fish
in the early morning for his needs, including a modest income. A man from a North
Atlantic country asked him why he wasn't out fishing, and he explained that he'd
done enough. NA man said, "But if you fished all day you'd make lots more money;
you'd be able to buy another boat; you could set up a freezing plant; you could be-
come super-rich." "And then what?" asked the Filipino. "Then you could enjoy a life
of leisure, and relax on the beach." The fisherman just smiled.

Jesus refused to take the role of an arbitrator, which is a serious role. He had an-
other task: the task of alerting people to the possibility that there is good news for
humanity, that the reign of God is a delightful thing, that we are invited to carry a
light burden rather than a crushing one.

Of course it is risky to live with that lightness that Jesus seems to offer. We need to
make ourselves secure; it is irresponsible not to put duty before pleasure, not to
insure our lives against disaster or poverty. We don't want to be scroungers or ne'er
-do-wells, do we? The trouble with all this earnestness and uprightness is that it
can hide a very dangerous idea of what it is to be human, and a very sad view of
what God is like. To be human is to be a hardworking earner of what we possess.
Right? According to the gospel, to be human is to be a receiver and giver of gifts;
they come from beyond us, and are for sharing around and saying goodbye to when
it's the right time. If we are earnest possessors, then death will always be a rude
interruption, a spoiling of what we haven't quite yet learned to enjoy. If everything is
a gift, even death itself, then each moment is lived lightly and well – and there is
more scope for heroic self-giving as well as partying. The Son of Man came to
serve, and he had a good time doing it, to the disgust of the serious-minded. And of
course he came to show us what God is like: God loves humanity enough to destroy
what we possess, in case it destroys us. God is the Giver, but also the Receiver. If
we realise that our whole relationship with God is one of receiving and giving, then
we can see why nothing need make us either afraid of loss or complacent about
possessions. This is such a change of attitude that, as Colossians would put it, it's
like having died, like having completely stripped off the old self. For most of us it's
not something which happens once and for all, instantaneously. We are quite capa-
ble of slipping back into an "earned possessions" mentality; more subtly we can
become very attached to our non-attachment. That's why it's worth reading the gos-
pels over and over again, to be reminded of how good the news about our immi-
nent demise really is.

Jesus shows us what God is like – God is the giver. And he shows us the way hu-
manity can respond to this God – light-heartedly: only the light-hearted can give
their lives away.

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 Loughton, 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	Rae Tanzer, Clare Murphy, Greta Edwards, Ligaya Suansing, Ben Morris, Marietta Lacsao, Marieta Lacsao
In Memory	Philippa Weekes, Jose Luis Prates Leal,

EARLY LIFE & CAREER - ST DOMINIC



Alternative Title: Santo Domingo de Guzmán
St. Dominic, Spanish in full **Santo Domingo de Guzmán**, (born c. 1170, Caleruega, Castile [Spain] —died August 6, 1221, Bologna, Romagna [Italy]; canonized July 3, 1234; feast day August 8), founder of the Order of Friars Preachers (Dominicans), a mendicant religious order with a universal mission of preaching, a centralized organization and government, and a great emphasis on scholarship.

Early life and career

Domingo de Guzmán was born in Castile, possibly a year or two later than 1170, the traditional date. His father was lord of the manor in the village, and his mother was also from the local nobility. He studied at Palencia and then joined the canons regular (a religious community attached to the cathedral of a diocese) of Osma about 1196, and he became subprior, or assistant to the superior, a few years later. In 1203 Diego, bishop of Osma, was sent on a royal mission abroad and took Dominic with him. This journey first made Dominic aware of the threat posed to the church in the south of France by the Albigensian heretics, or Cathari, who were reviving and developing the Manichaean teaching that two supreme beings, Good and Evil, dominate spirit and matter respectively, so that whatever concerns the body—such as eating, drinking, procreation, and the possession of worldly goods—is essentially evil, and the ideal is the renunciation of these things and even of life itself. Thus, there arose among them a caste of the “perfect,” who led a life of great austerity, while ordinary people were regarded as reprobates. A regularized Albigensian hierarchy had come into existence, and local feudal lords, especially the count of Toulouse, supported the Albigenses. Pope Innocent III had launched a mission to preach against the heresy.

On a second journey Dominic and the bishop visited the pope, who refused their request to preach to the pagans, so they returned to France. In 1206 the papal legates and preachers, depressed at the failure of their mission, consulted the bishop and Dominic, who reasoned that the heretics would be regained only by an austerity equal to their own; the preachers must tramp the roads barefoot and in poverty. This was the birth of Dominic’s “evangelical preaching.” An important part of his campaign was the establishment of a convent of nuns at Prouille, formed in 1206 from a group of women converted from the heresy.

IN VAIN, IN VAIN

The word “vanity” has come to mean “excessive belief in your own abilities or your attractiveness to others.” But the original meaning of the word, the one that makes sense of the First Reading, was “empty or valueless.” “In vain” comes closer to the meaning. So when Qoheleth, the presumed author of the First Reading, says, “Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity,” he means that everything we do is in vain. This is like a statement of despair. Likely he would be diagnosed today with depression.

FOUNDATION OF THE DOMINICANS

In 1208 the papal legate, Peter de Castelnau, was murdered by an emissary of the count of Toulouse. The pope called upon the Christian princes to take up arms. The leader on the papal side was Simon de Montfort, a subject of the king of France. The Albigensian leader was Raymond VI, count of Toulouse, an opponent of the king of France and brother-in-law of King John of England, lord of neighbouring Aquitaine. Dominic’s work, though confined to the Prouille area, continued, and six others eventually joined him. Meanwhile, the civil war dragged on until Simon’s victory at Muret in 1213. The Catholic party entered Toulouse, and Dominic and his friends were welcomed by the bishop, Foulques, and established as “diocesan preachers” in 1215. From Foulques’s charter in that year, Dominic’s design for an order devoted to preaching developed rapidly. A characteristic concern was for the theological formation of his men, whom he therefore took to lectures given at Toulouse by an Englishman, Alexander Stavensby. Still in 1215, he went to Rome with Foulques (bound for the Fourth Lateran Council) to lay his plans before the pope, who, however, recommended adoption of the rule of one of the existing orders. It was, perhaps, at this time that Dominic met St. Francis of Assisi (though the meeting may not have taken place until 1221), and the friendship of the two saints is a strong tradition in both the Franciscan and Dominican orders. In the summer of 1216 Dominic was back at Toulouse conferring with his companions, now 16 in number. This meeting has been called the *capitulum foundationis* (“chapter, or meeting, of foundation”). The rule of St. Augustine was adopted, as well as a set of *consuetudines* (“customs”), partly based on those of the canons regular, concerning the divine office, monastic life, and religious poverty; these are still the core of Dominican legislation. Innocent III died in July, and it was from his successor, Honorius III, that Dominic, once more in Rome, finally received formal sanction of his order on December 22, 1216.

The order was now an established body within the church, and Dominic returned to Toulouse. On August 15, 1217, he sent his men to Paris and to Spain, leaving two each at Toulouse and Prouille, while he and another went to Bologna and Rome. He placed his two principal houses near the Universities of Paris and Bologna and decided that each of his houses should form a school of theology. This at once determined the capital role that the Dominicans would play in university studies. In setting up his houses in the larger cities, especially in those that were teaching centres, he involved his order in the destiny of the medieval urban movement.

Dominic was gifted in being able to conceive his ideal, to form his men to that ideal, and then to trust them completely. His leadership had great clarity of vision (even to the geographical distribution of his forces and precise details of legislation), firmness of command, and certainty of execution. At the same time it was said of him that his gentleness was such that anyone who came to speak to him, even for reproof, went away happier. The rest of Dominic’s life was spent either in Rome, where he was given the church of San Sisto, or traveling. In 1218–19 he made a great tour (5,440 km [3,380 miles] entirely on foot) from Rome to Toulouse and Spain and back, via Paris and Milan, and in 1220 a tour of Lombardy. Everywhere his communities were growing, and he planned many new foundations covering the key points of France and northern Italy. In Rome the pope gave him the delicate task of reforming various groups of nuns, whom he finally gathered at San Sisto in 1221, when the men moved to Santa Sabina, which is still the residence of the master general of the order.

At Pentecost in 1220 the first general chapter of the order was held at Bologna, and a system of democratic representative government was devised. At the second general chapter, held on Pentecost in 1221, also at Bologna, the order was divided geographically into provinces. After a visit to Venice in 1221, Dominic died at Bologna.

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 / Lip Balm Deodorant / Female Sanitary Items / Perfume

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Dickson shop are looking for helpers in the shop. If your are able to volunteer please contact the shop for further information.

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.

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.

22 August - CALVARY HOSPITAL AUXILLARY is holding a Book Fair on Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd August, 8am-4pm. All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. Come to Calvary Hospital Xavier Building foyer, Bruce.

ROSTER		10 / 11 August	
	Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson		
Readers	M. Pentony	J. de Riva O'Phelan	
Presentation of Gifts	Higgins Family		
EMOE	K. Murphy		
	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	C. Rheinberger	J. Schwinghamer	
Presentation of Gifts	Collett Family		
EMOE	E. Musolino	M. Musolino	
	Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	D. Gomez		
Readers	M. Tuckwell	T. Malone	
Presentation of Gifts	K. Turrise		
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca	
COUNTERS	G. Gleeson	I. Buckley	

FOOD FOR THOUGHT One day, a professor entered the classroom and asked his students to prepare for a surprise test. They all waited anxiously at their desks for the exam to begin. The professor handed out the exams with the text facing down, as usual. Once he handed them all out, he asked the students to turn over the papers. To everyone's surprise, there were no questions - just a black dot in the centre of the sheet of paper. The professor, seeing the expression on everyone's faces, told them the following: "I want you to write about what you see there". The students, confused, got started on the inexplicable task. At the end of the class, the professor took all the exams, and started reading each one of them out loud, in front of all the students. All of them, with no exception, defined the black dot, trying to explain its position in the centre of the sheet. After all had been read, the classroom silent, the professor started to explain: "I'm not going to grade you on this, I just wanted to give you something to think about. No one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot - and the same happens in our lives. We have a white piece of paper to observe and enjoy, but we always focus on the dark spots. Our life is a gift given by God, with love and care, and we always have reasons to celebrate - nature renewing itself everyday, our friends around us, the job that provides our livelihood, the miracles we see every day...However, we insist on focusing only on the dark spot - the health issues that bother us, the lack of money, the complicated relationship with a family member, the disappointment with a friend. The dark spots are very small when compared to everything we have in our lives, but they're the ones that pollute our mind. Take your eyes away from the black spots in your life. Enjoy each one of your blessings, each moment that life gives you.

Be happy and live a life filled with love.