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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

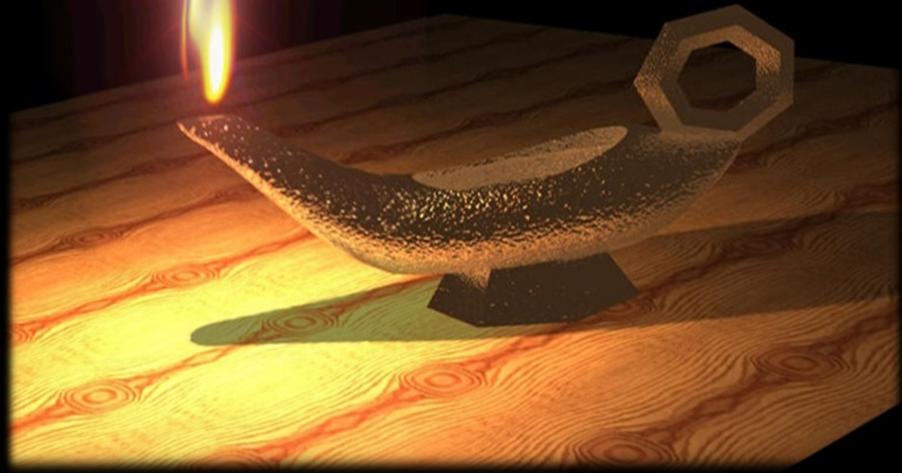
ACU Chapel Signadou
Thursday—12.30 pm

VERITAS



Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

*'You too must
stand ready'*



**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	Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	The bread that I will give, says the Lord, Is my flesh for the life of the world.
READINGS	Wisdom 18:6-9 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

**ASSUMPTION
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

The **Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven**, informally known as **the Assumption**, according to the beliefs of the Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodoxy, Oriental Orthodoxy, and parts of Anglicanism, was the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life.

Mass Times - Thursday August 15th
Morning - 6.45am
School Mass - 10am
Evening Mass - 5.30pm

PSALM: 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22

Happy the people the Lord has chosen
to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

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ST. MARY MACKILLOP

Australian religious figure, educator, and social reformer. St. Mary MacKillop, in full Saint Mary Helen MacKillop, also called Saint Mary of the Cross, (born January 15, 1842, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia—died August 8, 1909, North Sydney, New South Wales, Australia; canonized October 17, 2010; feast day August 8), religious figure, educator, and social reformer who was the first Australian beatified by the Roman Catholic Church and the first Australian to be recognized as one of its saints.

MacKillop was born in Australia to Scottish immigrants. Her father, a former seminarian whose ill health had caused him to abandon study for the priesthood, stressed the importance of education and homeschooled his nine children. When she was 14, MacKillop began working, and she was often her family's main source of support. In 1860 she moved to the small rural town of Penola to serve as governess for the children of her aunt and uncle. There MacKillop provided her cousins with a basic education and soon extended this to the poor children of the town. A young priest, Father Julian Tenison Woods, encouraged her to continue this work, assuring her that educating the poor would be an ideal way to serve God.

In 1866 MacKillop and Woods founded Australia's first order of nuns, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, and also established St. Joseph's School in a converted stable in Penola, providing a free education to children from the area. In 1867 MacKillop took vows and became the first mother superior of the sisters. The following year the sisters opened schools in other Australian cities, as well as an orphanage and a refuge for women released from prison. MacKillop intended that the order be self-governed and devoted to teaching and charity. She and Woods, who composed the rule for the order, insisted that the sisters would accept a life of total poverty, trusting in Divine Providence. Further, her school at Penola and the other schools that her order founded provided secular as well as religious education, regardless of the religious affiliation of the students, and accepted no money from the government, remaining open to all and accepting only what tuition parents could afford, at a time when the government still provided funding to religious schools. Some Australian priests and bishops were openly hostile both to the degree of autonomy that the Josephites enjoyed and to MacKillop's rejection of federal funding. In 1871, perhaps intentionally misinformed by his advisers, Bishop Laurence Sheil of Adelaide excommunicated MacKillop for insubordination. The next year, however, on his deathbed, Sheil acknowledged that he might have been misled, and he reinstated MacKillop.

The remainder of MacKillop's career was marked by clashes with priests and bishops of the Australian church. After an 1873 meeting with Pope Pius IX, she won papal approval for the Josephite rule, with modifications that relaxed the degree of poverty imposed upon the sisters. MacKillop expanded the order's educational and charitable endeavours and attracted new sisters. In 1875 she was appointed superior general of the order. Despite her elevation, she continued to meet with hostility from a number of priests and bishops, and the sisters' work was circumscribed in certain cities. In 1885 she was removed as superior general, though she was reinstated in 1899 and remained at the head of the order until her death.

In June 1995 MacKillop was beatified by Pope John Paul II. In February 2010, after evaluating the testimony of an Australian woman who claimed that her terminal cancer had disappeared after she called upon MacKillop in prayer, Pope Benedict XVI recognized MacKillop as a saint. She was canonized that October. [Matt Stefon https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Mary-MacKillop#ref1092566](https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Mary-MacKillop#ref1092566)

CARD GROUP



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

**CONGRATULATIONS
60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

To Inge & Hart Schroeder
sincere congratulations on the celebration
of your **Diamond Wedding Anniversary**.
Married at St Christopher's
Cathedral on the 8th August 1959
celebrating 60 years together.
Thank You for your example
of commitment to God,
to each other,
and to our Parish community.



BAPTISM

Annabella Whild
who will be baptised this weekend.
May her life filled with God's peace,
and her heart with God's love...
on this Baptism day and always.



"The end of wisdom is to dream high enough not
to lose the dream in the seeking of it."

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, Fr Joe McGeehan, Charlotte Woolner, Dion Convine
Our deceased	Rae Tanzer, Clare Murphy, Greta Edwards, Ligaya Suansing, Ben Morris, Marietta Lacsao,

MISSING LOVED ONES

Buy a takeaway coffee this week and you may be confronted with an unmissable message. To mark Missing Persons Week a number of cafes across Australia will serve coffee in special biodegradable cups that will feature the faces of eight Australians who have been missing for up to six years. For families and friends of the missing there is the agony of waiting and watching for their loved one to return or for information. While their lives go on, the uncertainty of what happened to their loved ones remains with them. Uncertainty is part of our life as Christians as well. In this week's readings we are told to 'watch . . . wait . . . be ready' for when God knocks on our door. Let us pray that all of us are ready for what God has in store for us this week. But in particular let us pray for those living with a constant absence in their life from someone who has gone missing. May they find resolution to their uncertainty, and may God be with them whether that resolution brings them joy or sadness.

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CELEBRATION MORNING TEA - THANK YOU

On Sunday 4th August Blackfriars Parish - Holy Rosary Church celebrated the Feast of St Dominic the Patron Saint of our Church. At the 10am we celebrated the Dominican Mass for St Dominic which included hymns inspired by the Dominican tradition - The Saints People of God and the Dominican Magnificat. Thank you to the choir. After the Mass parishioners enjoyed a morning tea in the Parish Centre. The spread included the traditional orange cake. Thank you Siobhan. We were particularly pleased to welcome Wendy and Alan regular visitors from Orange who joined us for refreshments. Thank you to all who contributed the delicious food and parishioners who helped set up and clean up.



A THANKLESS TASK

*Nineteenth Sunday of the Year.
Fr Richard Ounsworth calls for mercy
towards a group of people
who do not often receive it.*

I was talking the other day to a young man from a country in the Middle East who hopes to return to his home when he has completed his studies to engage in politics, to stand up for the rights and freedoms his people do not currently enjoy. I was rather blithely encouraging him in this laudable ambition when I was firmly told to keep quiet by someone older and wiser than both of us. 'Do you want him to end up being tortured in a secret-police cell?', I was asked.

Those of us who live in democracies perhaps tend to take for granted the opportunities we have to express our views, to determine the course of our lives, to go where we will and do as we please without needing to look over our shoulders all the time. And one of the things we most enjoy is criticising our political leaders -- and we should thank God that we can, and pray for liberty for those who can't.

Indeed, we in Britain like not only to criticise our politicians but to demand the impossible of them. A recent report on the radio announced the result of an opinion poll: the vast majority of us want our leaders to lead and not just to follow, to be people of strongly held principles and not just popularity seekers. But when asked whether we wanted them to listen to public opinion, to be flexible and open to changing their minds, we all duly said 'yes' to that as well. Which seems to be entirely contradictory -- but the 'Great British Public' is nothing if not demanding.

In this, at least, we are like God. I wonder whether our new Prime Minister, for example, on hearing today's Gospel reading about the demands placed on the stewards of God's household, and the punishments held over them so threateningly if they fail to do as the Master wants, is inclined to ask the same question that Saint Peter asked: 'Are you telling this parable for us or for all?' But surely, if on one level the household of God is clearly the Church, and these sayings should have the Pope and his fellow bishops quaking in their boots, then on another the household of God is the whole world. It was, after all, for the salvation of the whole of humanity the God chose his holy people, gave them the Law and the Prophets, and sent his only Son into their midst to reconcile all mankind to himself. And it was to Adam, and in him to all of us who are his sons and daughters, that God entrusted the world to till it and care for it.

So these sayings of Christ speak in a special way to the political leaders of the whole world, democratic or otherwise. And those held accountable by democratic processes cannot use that accountability as an excuse for failing to follow God's law; as the Lord says in another place, one cannot serve two masters, and the master here is clearly God, not man. If following the law of God, leading the people they have been given charge of along the pilgrimage of faith to the heavenly Jerusalem of which our second reading speaks, makes a politician unpopular or threatens to lose him his power, then he must surrender that popularity and that power gladly.

For all power comes ultimately from God, as Jesus tells Pilate, and all power, whether in state or in Church, must lead back to him. The purpose of all structures of authority must be to lead people to God, and leaders must lead and not simply follow -- we are not well-served by leaders, whether bishops or Members of Parliament, Presidents or Popes, who are slaves to public opinion and seek principally to be loved by us. It is not their job to be loved by us; it is their job to participate in the guiding, providential love of God who seeks to draw all people to himself. Let us, then, be more merciful to our politicians. They will, like us who know the Master's will, be judged in the fullness of time by the one to whom all judgement belongs. Meanwhile, we should make it easier for them to do what we know is right -- and of course more difficult to do what we know is wrong. Above all, let us pray for them, for the future of the world is in their hands, until we reach the heavenly city.

<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

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/>

A drop of love can bring an ocean of tears.

ROSTER

17 / 18 August

Saturday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	P. English	T. Dennis
Presentation of Gifts	U. Ford	
EMOE	C. Lewis	

Sunday 8am

Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	T. Klekner	W. Widdowson
Presentation of Gifts	E. Falk	
EMOE	M. Falk	

Sunday 10am

Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer	
Readers	A. Bankovsky	P. McDonald
Presentation of Gifts	Musolino Family	
EMOE	A. Moore	K. Murphy

Sunday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	S. Sedgwick	
Readers	T. Malone	T. de Luca
Presentation of Gifts	Hall-O'Brien	
EMOE	C. Mackay	K. Sneddon

COUNTERS	R. Walpole	J. Smith
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EVENTS

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.

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.

11 August - AMICUS

Amicus meet at 12 noon for lunch at the Raiders Club Weston. Table booked in the name of AMICUS. Contact PATRICIA 0412 351 548

"Success is speaking words of praise in cheering other people's ways, in doing just the best you can with every task and every plan."

GREETINGS FROM VIETNAM – PLEASE PRAY

Each week our Parish Bulletin is emailed to Fr Bernie's dear friend Sr Mary Michelle Hoa OP in Binh Duong Vietnam. 'Thank you very much for your Parish Bulletin. My Sisters learn a lot from that. Last week, more than 200 high school girls and students came to our convent to discern their vocation. We call it "come and see". I am sending you their photo. Please pray for them.'

