

# Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH**

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Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday

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*

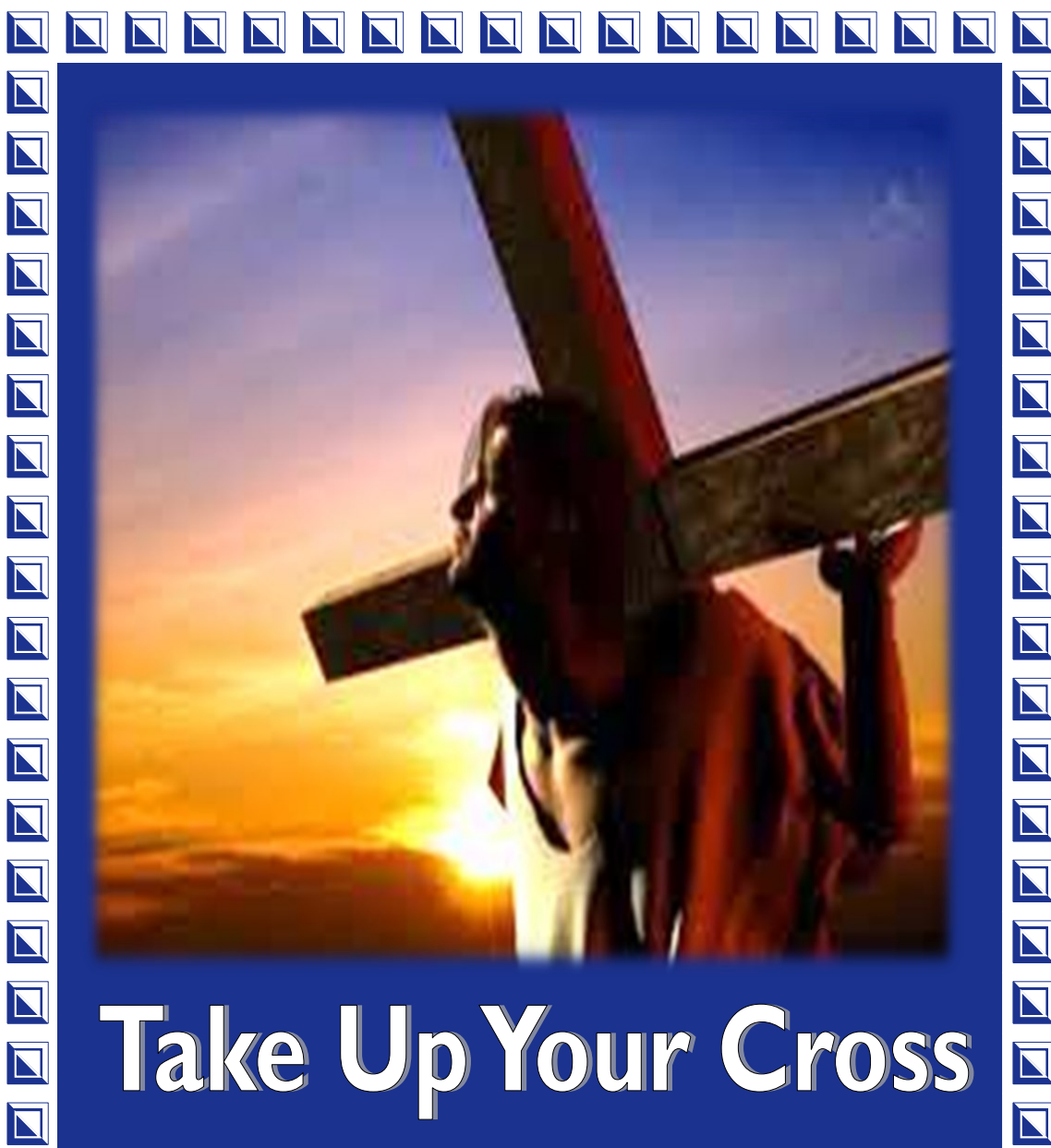
Thursday—12.30 pm

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

## VERITAS



## Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



## Take Up Your Cross

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

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.
<b>READINGS</b>	Wisdom 9:13-18 Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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

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

You turn men back in to 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.

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you have been our refuge.



'Caritas is supporting over 100 long-term development projects like those highlighted throughout Lent. Your Project Compassion donations also help us to respond to any new emergencies whenever and wherever they occur. I wish to acknowledge that we have received parish funds totaling \$15,950.00. Your support in promoting this years' appeal is greatly appreciated. We extend our appreciation to all who have supported this important work of our Church through your prayers and generosity. Thank you again and I pray that the Lord's blessings and protection will accompany you in all you and the parish undertake in the future.'

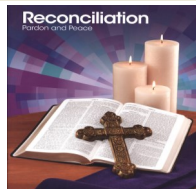
Lulu Mitshabu - Archdiocesan Director Caritas.

*I alone can not change the world.  
But I can cast a stone across the waters to  
create many ripples.*

St Mother Teresa

### RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation Information  
Evening will be held next  
Thursday 12th September  
at 5.30pm in the church  
for children from Rosary  
School & Parish School of  
Religion. The Commitment Mass will be on  
Sunday 22nd September at the 10am  
followed by a sausage sizzle.  
The Children will be receiving the Sacrament  
of Reconciliation on 4th November.  
We commend them to your prayers as they  
begin their preparation program.



### CATECHIST SUNDAY



Our Catechists spend untold hours in preparation and teaching time each weekend in order to pass on the Catholic faith to a new generation of believers — your children — and I know that I join all of our parents in offering our collective appreciation. The time, energy and love that comprises those who take on this ministry is not only a powerful sign of Christian Discipleship but it is also the bedrock of each Catholic parish: to

pass on Christ's teachings and faith to others as we continue that "chain-link" fence of faith which was begun by Christ and His Apostles and carries on today through our families and neighbours, especially those involved in our religious education program. A special thank you to Nicole Webb, Anna & Keith Linard, Catherine Webb, Maryanne Falk and Marie Falk.

### WHAT'S TO HATE?

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus recommends hatred—of your mother and father, of your wife (or husband), in fact, of your very life.

What's to hate about these people? How can Jesus say that unless you hate them, you can't be his disciple? Didn't Jesus command us to love our neighbours as ourselves? How can you hate your life if you love yourself?

More was true to the Lord he loved and to himself.

Well, think of St. Thomas More. Henry VIII of England wanted his own marriage to his wife annulled so that he could marry another woman, Anne. (Anglicans and Catholics both have troublesome characters in their history!) When the Pope wouldn't agree to what Henry wanted, Henry declared himself supreme head of the Church in England. Thomas More was Chancellor of England then, and Henry wanted More to support him in all this. Henry wanted More to sign the Oath of Supremacy declaring Henry the Supreme Head of the Church in England.

More saw that Henry's passion for Anne was moving Henry to betray his wife and bring scandal on the Church. And More wouldn't support him. He wouldn't sign the Oath.

So More resigned his chancellorship and went home. But Henry pursued him. First, he stripped More of his income and property, and then he imprisoned him. More's wife was frantic. More's children were heart-broken. They thought that More's life hung in the balance, and they were right.

Couldn't More have just signed that Oath? His wife would have had him home. His children would have rejoiced at his return. He would have kept his property. He would have kept his life.

But he would have lost his life in keeping it. He would have betrayed the Lord he loved if he had signed that Oath.

So More lost all his possessions. He left his wife and children behind and went to prison. And finally he went to his death, for love of the Lord. This is the kind of hatred of life and loved ones that the Lord is talking about. More loved his family and his life, but he let go of everything for love of Christ.

Because he maintained his integrity and did not let Henry push him into evil, More was true to the Lord he loved and to himself. He could not have loved himself or his wife or his children or his neighbours better than he did.

Eleonore Stump <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

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, Lexie 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 Margaret O'Sullivan, June Pollard
Our deceased	Richard Johnson, Sr Frances Maher, Jan Winmill
In Memory	Peg Butz, Eileen Liston, Kevin Ford, Doug & Edna Grey

## BAPTISM

**Alivia Margaux Tuano**  
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.



## FOLLOWING CHRIST

'A few weeks ago we heard Christ saying that he had come to bring not peace, but a sword, and to cast fire upon the earth. Jesus has more such sayings for us today. No one is to put love of family before love of God, and he emphasizes this point by using the shocking word 'hate'.

'In the 20th century a young atheist philosopher from a Jewish family found herself being drawn out of her denial of God, and into sharing the life of the Trinity. Her baptism into the Body of Christ, while not causing rancour among her family, deeply hurt and bewildered her mother, Frau Stein. The young philosopher was Edith Stein, who became a Carmelite nun and was martyred in an Auschwitz gas chamber.

'So whatever following Christ and enjoying his peace means, it is certainly not a guarantee of a conflict-free life. There are many aspects to Jesus' life and character. We need to keep all of them in view if our devotion to him is to be authentic. Let us pray to Christ, our Saviour and King, for a share in his strength, and the grace to be authentic witnesses to his love.

*Excerpts from a commentary by Fr Neil Ferguson OP*

## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

The environment is central to prayers and petitions for September. From 1 September to 4 October is the Season for Creation and the Pope's Intention for this month is for the seas and oceans of our world. Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'* – *Care for our Common Home* calls for the human family to come together to seek a sustainable and integral development. In *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis issues a courageous challenge: 'As never before in history, common destiny beckons us to see a new beginning . . . Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life'.

The Gospel on Sunday also is a courageous challenge. "None of you can be my disciple unless he or she gives up all possessions", is the most extreme statement of renunciation of wealth in the Gospel of Luke.' Fr Brendan Byrne SJ.

That Christ's call en route to Jerusalem is a radical call is echoed in the scripture reflection. 'Indifference to all the things that distract us is the way of the disciple. God's life can deepen in us through his many gifts to us, but also in our letting go of them.' This week may we go forward in joy as we try to embrace the crosses of our lives.

Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Friday 20th September at 6pm. Please note there will be **NO** 5.30pm Mass.



## FACING THE CHALLENGE

*Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year.*

*Fr Simon Gaine OP offers us a dose of learned realism.*

Jesus has had his disagreements with learned scribes and Pharisees along the way to Jerusalem, while the unlearned crowds are still enthusiastically behind him. He speaks to them not to destroy their zeal, but to temper it with something more characteristic of his opponents. The crowds did not know what this road to Jerusalem meant for Jesus, nor did they know what following after him really means. Jesus wants to inform their zeal with a dose of learned realism, warning them that anyone who does not bear the cross and follow after him cannot be his disciple.

Jesus is in some way already bearing his cross as he makes his way to Jerusalem, and he will carry it physically on Good Friday to his place of execution. There he will defeat evil by submitting himself to the worst evil can do, and overcoming it. All that - and its consequence for those who follow - is encapsulated in his words 'Whoever does not bear his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.' We too are in conflict with sin, with Christ at our head, and we too may have to bear the brunt of what opposition to our faith can still do. The crowds had no idea of anything like this, supposing that Jesus was going to win a war on behalf of their race, their nation, its structures of family, blood and clan. But Jesus tells them that if they follow him, they must hate their own family. This stark way of speaking, characteristic of Jesus's language and times, tells the crowds that, when the time comes to choose, we must put God and his Christ before everything we hold dear, even the very things we expect God and Jesus to preserve.

And, finally, Jesus advises us all to think over the cost of discipleship. If the crowds were actually going to war, the only intelligent thing to do would be to assess the odds of winning before risking everything. Don't start building a tower until you know you can get it finished, or you'll only deserve mockery! A virtue of good thinking must indeed apply to the whole of our faith. So where do we stand today? We need the zeal of the crowds *and* the learning of the scribes and Pharisees. We need to have thought over the challenge of discipleship in a time when it is taxing, when we more and more feel a relentless opposition towards our faith and religion, sometimes in the name of science and good thinking, attacks that are more militant, more planned, more zealous - and that sometimes seem justified. The worst thing we can do in this situation is to lose our zeal for the Gospel of Christ. It might be tempting to carry on our religion in an unintelligent way. We could declare that you can't argue for the existence of God anyway, treat religion as something only emotional, something about our feelings separated from thinking and in a world of its own, see religion and science as so far apart that religion can be insulated and protected from science.

Even if we could muster up enthusiasm for such a religion, it would be to maintain it without real thinking. Religion and science may be distinct, but it is false to imagine that they have always been or are necessarily in conflict. In fact, our whole scientific tradition in the West is the fruit of faith in creation, and draws so much from Christian philosophy and theology. Science and religion ultimately belong together peacefully in the same world.

So we cannot withdraw from the challenges our culture presents us with today. We cannot withdraw from thinking about faith. Others have shifted our culture against faith; it is not impossible that we too can shift the culture once again, if we are prepared to be both zealous and thoughtful. It means that we must put Christ first, be ready to suffer and to risk occasional defeats, even if we know that the truth is ultimately victorious. And Christ will win. He has counted the cost. He has faced our worst enemies and conquered. We must not be afraid to share his sufferings, so as to share his victory. But we need to take stock of what we must do and what it might cost. Or we shall only deserve to be mocked.

<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](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/>

**CATHOLICS FOR RENEWAL** Inc. Newsletter can be found at this link - [www.catholicsforrenewal.org.au](http://www.catholicsforrenewal.org.au)

## ROSARY SCHOOL CONCERT

The School Concert performance of Rosary Rocks was held in the Daramalan College hall last Thursday 29 August. The children had been rehearsing enthusiastically and their performance for a live audience including their family members and friends was outstanding. It was a most enjoyable occasion for all concerned. Fr Kieran



## ROSTER

14 / 15 September

### Saturday 5pm

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

### Sunday 8am

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

### 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	L. Kim	
Readers	T. Malone	T. de Luca
Presentation of Gifts	Hall-O'Brien Family	
EMOE	V. Van der Sanden	K. Sneddon

<b>COUNTERS</b>	R. Walpole	J. Smith
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## EVENTS

**Encounter Myanmar:** Still two places left on an enlightening journey with the Executive Director of Palms Australia. Travelling November 16 -29. Enquire via email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au) or call 02 9560 5333.

**JOB VACANCIES** - Are you a confident speaker? Are you looking for flexible part-time work? Could you share the stories of suffering Christians? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across the Archdiocese. For all details visit, [www.aidtochurch.org/work](http://www.aidtochurch.org/work)

### 11 September - GUINNESS & GOD

You're invited to the final Guinness & God for 2019! *Theme: Become - A discussion on faith and ethics, and exploring the Catholic Church in contemporary culture.* When: 11th September 2019. 6:30pm Music. 7:30pm Q&A Discussion. Where: King O'Malleys, Canberra City.

### 15 September - AMICUS

Meet at noon for lunch at the Bushranger Hotel Collector. Table booked in the name of Amicus. Contact Paul 0419 411 690

### 28 December - AMICUS

Meet at 6.30pm for dinner at Mawson Club, Mawson. Table booked in the name of Amicus. Contact Rosemary 0428 599 342

### 27 October - MARIAN PROCESSION

The 2019 Marian Procession will be a festival of celebration, prayer and fun with African music, children's activities and more. All welcome at St Clements, Galong. [www.marianprocession.org.au](http://www.marianprocession.org.au)

**MEN ALIVE** - The MenAlive group meet twice a month on Mondays at 7pm at St Raphael's Catholic Church Parish Office 47 Lowe Street Queanbeyan.

**COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS** - Annual collection for retired priests: there are 30 priests of our Archdiocese who come under the care of the Clergy Retirement Foundation. This Appeal raises much needed funds to meet the needs of these priests and to give them the security in their retirement years. There are envelopes at the exit tables to give you the opportunity to make a donation to this appeal and all gifts are tax deductible. Donations can also be made at [www.cgatholic.org.au/donate](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/donate)

**The strongest people find the courage and caring to help others even if they are going through their own storm.**