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## VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Wed 5.30pm  
Tues & Thurs 6.45am  
Fri 5.30pm

**Saturday 5pm (Vigil)**  
**Sunday 8am, 10am & 5pm**

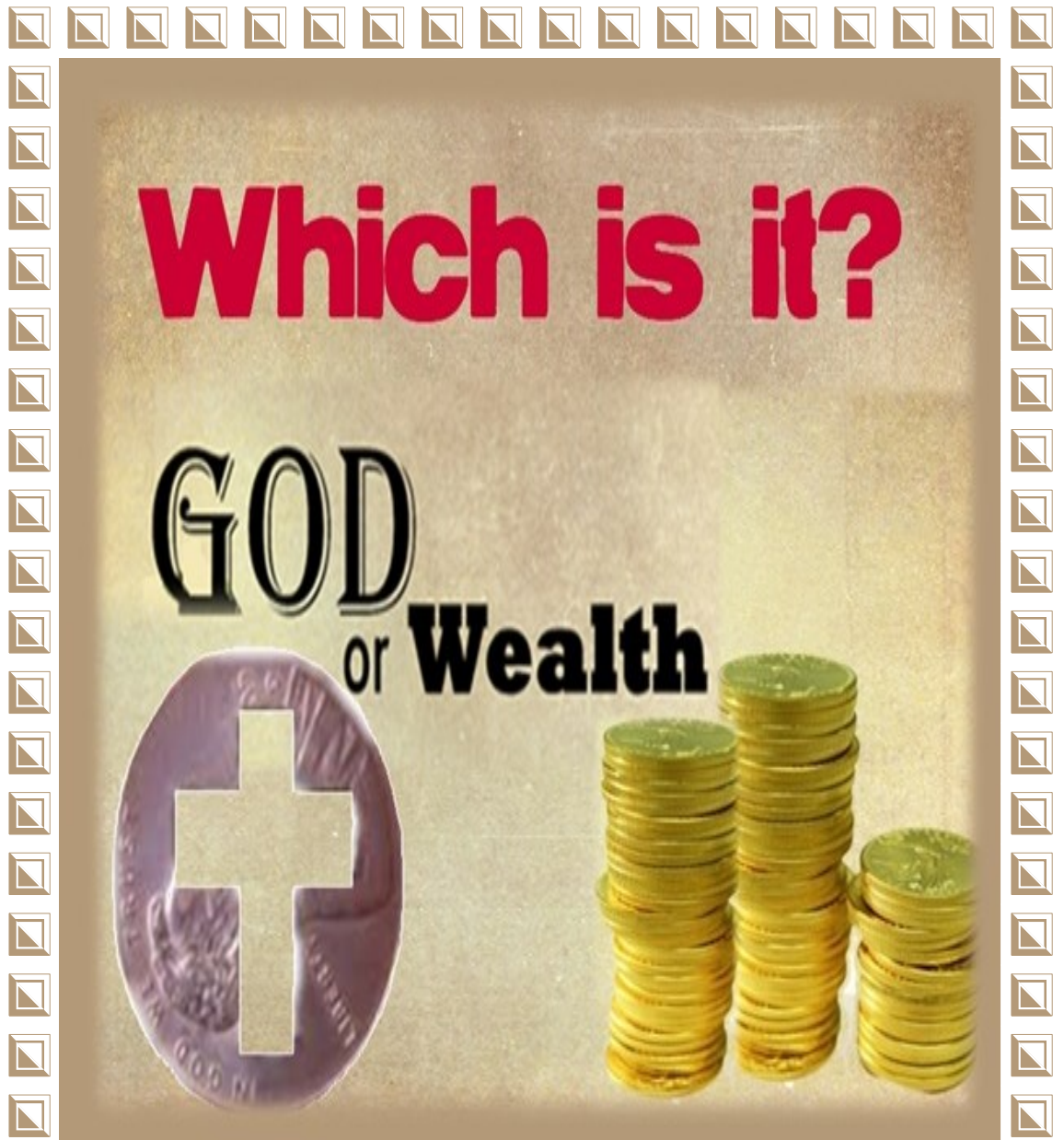
9am Mass Saturday & Public  
Holidays  
excluding Mondays

*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

## Twenty Fifth 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>	I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.
<b>READINGS</b>	Amos 8:4-7      1 Timothy 2:1-8 Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

**CONFIRMATION**

Last Friday a number of our young Parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate students and their families on the way they have participated in the Liturgy for the Ceremony. They are a credit to our Parish, our School of Religion and Rosary Primary School. A sincere **Thank You** to their Teachers, Sponsors and Parents - and all involved in the inspiring ceremony.



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
112:1-2. 4-8

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!  
May the name of the Lord be blessed  
both now and for evermore!

High above all nations is the Lord,  
above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God,  
who has risen on high to his throne  
yet stoops from the heights to look down,  
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
from the dung heap he raises the poor  
to set him in the company of princes,  
yes, with the princes of his people.

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

**PARISH RENEWAL & DIVINE RENOVATION**

As the next step in seeking renewal for Holy Rosary parish, all parishioners are invited to read and reflect together on Fr. James Malon's book "Divine Renovation". On Tuesday 24 September 7.30pm there will be a meeting in the parish hall to present this resource and to organise small groups to meet & reflect weekly on a chapter at a time. If you are interested please sign up at the doors or let the parish office or Roger Paul ([rpaul2572@gmail.com](mailto:rpaul2572@gmail.com) 0421 612 572) know. The groups will start meeting in the week of October 14 and will meet for 7 weeks. Even if you can't commit to a weekly group you are warmly invited to join us in reading this resource.

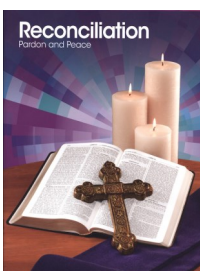
**ENVELOPES**

To assist our counters parishioners using weekly envelopes please ensure you write the amount in the envelope in the box on the front. The back of the envelope is only for Credit Card contributions.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL  
OZNAM APPEAL**

The St Vincent de Paul Ozanam annual appeal raises funds to help Vinnies support Vincentians in developing countries. The appeal will be held as a leaving collection after all Masses this weekend. Please give generously.

**WELCOME**



We welcome the Children from Rosary School & Parish School of Religion for their Reconciliation Commitment Mass. The Sacrament will be taking place on Monday 4th November at 6pm. We commend them to your prayers as they begin their preparation program. Please join us after Mass for a sausage sizzle and refreshments.

**WHAT GOD WANTS**

In the Second Reading, Paul says it is the will of God that every human being be saved. But it is part of Christian doctrine that not all human beings are saved. Not all human beings go to heaven when they die. How could it be that an omnipotent God wills something, and yet it doesn't happen? Here we need to remember that heaven is more like a marriage than it is like a place. For a human person to be in heaven is for her to be united in love to God. Now, union between God and a human person requires two minds and two wills, in order to have two things to unite together in love. If God's mind and will are the only ones present, then whatever there may be, it isn't union. In consequence, God cannot bring about union all by himself. God can do all the work needed for union. He can offer the grace necessary for it as a gift. But if the will of a human person rejects that grace and refuses God, then even an omnipotent God can't get union with that person. God cannot succeed in giving grace if a human person chooses to refuse it. And that is why the will of God is that every human being be saved, but not all human beings are saved. We have to see therefore that there are some things that God wants and does not get. But there is no frustration of God's will as a result. God wills to let a person's salvation depend entirely on her—not, of course, in the Pelagian sense that she can save herself without grace, but in the sense required by the First Reading: it is up to her and her alone whether or not she refuses the saving grace of God. And if she refuses it, then because God willed to create her as a person with a will of her own, God cannot give her the grace that she will not have. God wants lovers, not slaves. And that is why, although it is God's will then that all human beings be saved, when some are not saved, God's will is still fulfilled, only in a different way. Eleonore Stump <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

**THE VIRTUE OF PLANNING AHEAD**

'Jesus based his parables on real-life, and possibly historical situations. He often added a small twist in the story: something that did not make sense from a human point of view. In today's Gospel he praises a man who is openly a crook. A manager or steward is about to be fired from his job. Realizing that he has little prospect of being hired again, he conspires to rob from his employer. He uses his authority to reduce debts owed to the master, thinking that the debtors will show him gratitude later. Jesus and the employer praise this unscrupulous action? Why? Because it portrays the virtue of prudence, planning ahead. Christ implies that Christians often fail to practice foresight in thinking of their future life. We do not take heaven into account, when we plan our daily lives. Do you?' Fr Richard Lonsdale <http://www.4catholiceducators.com/lonsdale>

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, Alexie Harris, Anne O'Neill, Paul Neddrie, Beth Delos Santos, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Martiniello, Elizabeth Webster, Frank Zobec, Mimma Giampietro, Zelma McManus, Ryan Fawke, Catherine Feehan, Pamela Sandy, June Pollard, Fr Joe McGeehan, Charlotte Woolner, Dion Convine Margaret O'Sullivan, Leone Richter, Nat McGahey
Our deceased	Richard Johnson, Peter Cloonan, Jean Farlow, Robert Teagles

## WORKING PRACTICE AND THE GOSPEL

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year.*

*Fr Jonathan Fleetwood OP preaches on Jesus' parable of the rich man and his estate manager.*

Today's gospel asks us to look at some of our daily working practices and apply them in a religious context. There are good insights to be drawn from normal working practice, and lessons to be learnt. The parable is about an estate manager who abuses his employer's trust, but is astute in looking after his own interests. We meet familiar elements of corporate organisation. We meet a manager, a sacking, a whistle blower, customers or clients, and the need for financial and narrative reporting. Both the parable and the wider section of the gospel refer to trusteeship.

The estate manager is dodgy. He is dodgy for many reasons. He is dodgy for wasting money. He is dodgy for not being able to account for the assets of the enterprise. He is dodgy, probably, for taking his own commission, kickbacks, on transactions.

The manager abuses the system by using the enterprise assets for his own ends. He abuses his own very good powers of prudential management for his own ends. He is a worldly manager using worldly wisdom concerning worldly wealth.

Management of money and wealth seems to draw to it abuse and odd motivations. We seem to show up our human uncertainties in some areas of life when we use slang or rude words, which indicate cultural fault lines. So it is with money and wealth. The verbal sediment collects: mammon, filthy lucre, lolly, dough, etc.

We also show up our view of life in any tally of our spending. We give priority to some ends of life in preference to others. Our orientation to property and money display our hopes in life. Some of these are likely to be disordered. Some of them are likely to be hidden from ourselves and in need of an occasional audit.

Like the dodgy manager we can get trapped into a cramped and blinkered view of life. We can get locked into money and property with their yield as ends in themselves. We can get locked into the use of our own skills as yielding reward just for ourselves. We experience a slippage in our vision of life. Our money has become an omen of bad tidings. Like a gauge or thermometer, it can show our control systems to be out of order.

In the gospel it is taken for granted that we should exercise trusteeship in all its good practices. We should use resources for their specified purposes. We should show our accountability in suitable figures and explanations. We should show judgement, foresight and care in what we are doing. Present-day good corporate practice develops safeguards in respect of these values of administration. The full thrust of this gospel says more than this. This section points beyond these everyday values. We exercise many skills about matters of property and money, but these matters cannot be ends in themselves nor a total security against all human risk. The very exercise of these skills we use in practical administration, if just for our own ends, are diminutions of ourselves.

Many of the categories we use in administration, wealth, prudence or wisdom, accountability, etc., can be applied in a wider and true analogy to our relationship to God. As he is our creator, we owe him everything. We are called to act as his trustees. All we have comes from him. We must be accountable to him. We must be assiduous. We must act for his ends and not just our own. We must use his gifts of prudence and foresight to do this.

We must not fall into a cramped, obsessive, view of possessions or a cramped, obsessive, view of our own practical strivings. The good of the manager, the good of the enterprise, the good of those for whom we hold trust, the good of society and the good of mankind before God and neighbour are all part of one connected whole.

*Fr Jonathan Fleetwood OP <http://english.op.org/torch>*

## BAPTISM

*Savannah Maree Van de Pol*  
*Ruby Jordan Rayner Ballard*  
*Zara Eloise Rayner Ballard*

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.



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus warns his followers today against allowing money to become their master. They must use money in an intelligent and responsible way. But they must be ever alert to the ways in which concerns about money can take over their lives. Jesus advises them to prove themselves trustworthy in dealing with material wealth. Then they will be more trustworthy in spiritual matters as well.

Discussion Questions for Gospel: Jesus has respect for money. He knows it represents the work and the livelihood of people. In our society, we need money to care for ourselves and for one another. Even though life is more important than money, robbing people is a crime. Sometimes people take money under false pretence's. They promise to invest someone's money and instead they use it for themselves. We call this and other ways of defrauding people "white collar crime." The people who do this wear shirts and ties ("white collars"), but it is still a terrible crime, especially when the poor and the elderly are defrauded of their life's savings. What do you think the prophet Amos and Jesus would say about this today?

[Proclaiming the Faith](#)

## TRUE DISCIPLESHIP CAN BE TOUGH

'Jesus wants us to be children of the light, but he seems to want us to develop some of the shrewdness of the children of this age. Translated for our day, I believe Jesus would like to see us take some of the skill, effort, time, and determination that we give to work, and apply it to life in the Reign of God, or living a spiritual life. He is not encouraging us to become dishonest like the manager, rather to become entrepreneurial about what really matters in life.

'Most of us who work, have jobs, are responsible to some higher authority. What if the Reign of God became as important to us as our jobs? We would become much more deliberate and intentional about discerning what might be God's will for us in specific situations. God is our ultimate higher authority. As Eugene Kennedy recently wrote, God, through Jesus, invites us, not, to popular "soft spirituality," but rather to discipleship. True discipleship can be tough and demanding. We are called to lives of self-sacrificial love, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, reconciliation, charity and justice. We have an authority, higher than our bosses, that we need to attend to - to conform to - and that is God.'

*Excerpt from a homily by Fr Patrick Brennan*

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY



On Sunday 6th October the Parish will be celebrating our Church feast day. The 10am Mass will be the Mass for 'Our Lady of the Rosary'. The Mass will be followed by a morning tea. We invite parishioners to attend the gathering and celebrate together. Please bring a plate to share.

Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are.

## 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**

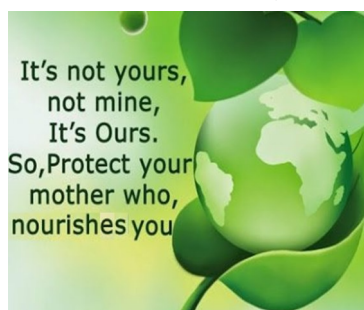
**TUESDAY** Please contact Jacquie in the office Ph. 6248 5925 or Email: [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au)

**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)

## ENVIRONMENT

This week is **Catholic Week for the Environment** 16-23 Sept. The Pope with his encyclical *Laudato si'* - *Praise be to you* is leading the way with his calls on every person to care for creation. However, the encyclical is more than just care for the environment. It is about human ecology and calls for fair sharing of resources and talents. This fits in well with Sunday's readings, which remind us money is not everything.



## ROSTER 28 / 29 September

Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	R. Paul	
Readers	M. Cox	Volunteer
Presentation of Gifts	C. Lewis	
EMOE	A. Moore	
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	M. Falk	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson
Presentation of Gifts	P. Zorzi	
EMOE	J. Smith	
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer	
Readers	A. Hopkins	C. Barbaro
Presentation of Gifts	Musolino Family	
EMOE	A. Moore	K. Murphy
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	J. Curnow
Presentation of Gifts	Dobrowolska-Cheyne Family	
EMOE	M. Proctor	K. Sneddon
<b>COUNTERS</b>	J. Smith	I Buckley

## EVENTS

### 22 September - BLESSING OF THE NEW LABYRINTH.

A community art and Christian spirituality project, open to all faiths and none, in the heart of Canberra's Inner North.

Holy Cross Anglican Church & St Margaret's Uniting Church Hackett, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 10.30am. All welcome.

### 28 SEPTEMBER - AMICUS

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

### 1 October - Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, Tuesday 1st October.

Mass will be concelebrated by Archbishop Christopher Prowse and His Excellency Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana at 10.30am on Tuesday 1st October at the Carmelite Monastery, Red Hill. The traditional Blessing of Roses will take place after the Mass, and the Nuns would be grateful for roses prior to the Feast or before the Mass.

### 7 OCTOBER - INTERFAITH YOUTH TRIVIA NIGHT

Young people are invited to attend the first ever for Interfaith Youth Trivia Night organised by Canberra Interfaith Forum at 3 Mulley Street, Holder, from 5.00pm to 8.00pm. Youngsters aged between 18 and 35 will be able to participate in the trivia. Please note the registration is online on below link by 21st September for catering purposes. <https://bit.ly/2ZtejEO> E-mail any queries to [bonnie.choi@sukyomahikari.org.au](mailto:bonnie.choi@sukyomahikari.org.au)

### 11 OCTOBER HOME IN QUEANBEYAN 10<sup>TH</sup> MOVIE FUND RAISER

Where Am I Going? At the Q Theatre, Queanbeyan. \$75 ticket includes hot meal and drinks. Purchase tickets [www.theq.net.au](http://www.theq.net.au) or at the Q Box office 62866290.

### 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)

### 31 OCTOBER - SPRING PLANT STALL - CALVARY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Spring Plant Stall from 8.00am - 4.00pm in the Jamison Centre, Belconnen. There will be a great range of indoor and outdoor plants, succulents, drought tolerant plants and herbs. Also terrariums, which make great Christmas gifts! All proceeds will be used to purchase medical and other equipment for patient welfare and comfort. Contact: Jan 62418819.