

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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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 Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time



INCREASE OUR FAITH!

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>	Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.
<b>READINGS</b>	Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4    2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

The 10am Mass will be the Mass for 'Our Lady of the Rosary' our Parish Feast Day. The Mass will be followed by a morning tea. We invite parishioners to attend the gathering and celebrate together.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM 94:1-2, 6-9

If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me,  
though they saw my work.'

If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

## SCAFFOLDING FOR SALE

Scaffolding for Sale: the Parish Finance Council has decided to sell the Parish set of scaffolding which has the following approximate dimensions (mm): H-8000, L-2500. it has 5 individual pieces 1x2000, 3x1650 and 1x1090. there are all the necessary braces, 2x4200 clip on ladders, stabilisers and 3 platforms. If you are interested contact the Office (6248 5925) to arrange a time to look at the equipment.

## YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

The Secondary Catholic Schools in the ACT have combined to present an Adolescent Mental Health and Wellbeing Expo for parents and carers on mental health issues affecting our young people. The expo will be held on Thursday 24 October 5.30pm-7.30pm in the Veritas Building, ACU Campus. This will be a great opportunity to meet people from the agencies, hear from special guest speakers and ask questions. Please RSVP to this event by clicking on the link <https://www.trybooking.com/BFLGT>.

## HUMILITY AND HUMILIATION

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year.*

*Fr Peter Hunter OP preaches on our dignity and humility.*

Albert Nolan tells us in *God in South Africa* about a young black man who could not bear to say the words in the Mass, 'Lord, I am not worthy to receive you ...' He had been told all his life, he said, by the the white rulers of his country, that he was not worthy and he would not accept the same humiliation in church. It is often said of Christianity and especially of the Catholic Church that it instills an unhealthy sense of guilt in people. In a culture which sees believing in yourself as an important virtue, the excessive humility of Catholics is seen as something bad, self-destructive, and, let's face it, it can be. But is it the Church that is to blame? Maybe the foundational documents of Christianity, our Scriptures themselves, are full of the idea that human beings are worthless. In the Gospel today, the word the English translations politely render as 'servant' undoubtedly means someone who could expect no pay - the man in the parable is a slave. The master sees no reason to thank the slave since he is a possession and exists only to serve his master. If that is the whole story of the relationship of humanity to God, perhaps Nietzsche was right to want to get rid of God in the name of human freedom. If God is to be seen as the master and we as his slaves, belief in God doesn't look very attractive. In particular, it becomes hard to see how God could love human beings, for a master cannot love his slaves, at least as long as he sees them as slaves. Only when a master sees a slave as a human being, someone with whom he has some equality, can there be any kind of love between them, for love requires equality. But what kind of equality can there be between God and humanity? The answer is that, naturally speaking, there can be none at all. We are not even the greatest of God's creatures - that place is occupied by the angels - and there can be no question, it might seem, of creatures having any kind of equality with their Creator. When it comes to God and the possible, however, things are almost never how they first seem to us. As Jesus says, 'What is impossible for humans is possible for God.' The really extraordinary thing which Christians teach is that God does indeed love human beings. He shows this and has shown this in so many ways. This is shown even in our very origins: humans have the dignity of being made in the image of God. But of course he especially showed his love for us by becoming one of us. While we were still enemies of God, the Father sent his only-begotten Son, he came among us as a human being and died for us. In what clearer way could the dignity of humanity be shown? This love of God is made possible by an act of unimaginable generosity. Though creature cannot be equal to Creator, and though through our sin we have made ourselves even less worthy that God should come to us, through Christ's death and resurrection and the giving of the Holy Spirit we are not just healed but lifted up to God's level, made god-like, people who can be loved by God and love in return. Humility and humiliation, then, are two quite different things. The young man mentioned at the beginning was responding to being humiliated by (understandably) mistaking an act of humility as further humiliation. Real humility is not about considering ourselves to be so much rubbish, but about recognising the good in ourselves and then realising it comes from God. Our lives are valuable but we receive them from God and consequently owe everything we have and are back to God: that's what our slavery amounts to. But the amazing thing is that through the gift of God, when we recognise our debt and accept our slavery, it becomes possible to become children of God. That's where the most radical freedom of all is to be found.

*Fr Peter Hunter OP* <http://english.op.org/torch>

**HELP - Due to bus timetable changes two parishioners who live in Ainslie need a lift home after the 10am Mass. If you can help please call the office.**



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, June Pollard, Paul Neddrie, Beth Delos Santos, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Martiniello, Elizabeth Webster, Frank Zobec, Mimma Giampietro, Zelma McManus, Ryan Fawke, Catherine Feehan, Pamela Sandy, Margaret Sullivan, Fr Joe McGeehan, Charlotte Woolner
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Our deceased	Dion Convine, Richard Johnson, Peter Cloonan, Jean Farlow, Robert Eagles
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## BAPTISM

*Francis Alexander Mickle*  
 who will be baptised this weekend.  
 May his life filled with God's peace,  
 and his heart with God's love...  
 on this Baptism day and always.



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The two sayings of Jesus in today's gospel make us wonder about the other side of the story. When the apostles ask, "Increase our faith," are they secretly quite satisfied with their record of faithfulness? Jesus tells them that if they really have faith they can tell a tree what to do, and it will do it! The story about the servant tells us that Jesus' disciples should be grateful to God. When we do God's will, we should not expect to receive a gold medal. We have, after all, done no more than "what we were obliged to do." Think about this gospel passage from Jesus' point of view. Jesus wants to do so many good things for people. He wants to tell them the good news and what his Father wants. He wants the Father's loving will to be done on earth. Yet, so many times, when Jesus wants to move forward, he is held back by his disciples who lack a basic faith and trust in him. They stand around quibbling about details, when Jesus would like to hear: "We've got the idea! Let's do it!"

*Proclaiming Faith*

## THE ROSARY

"The Rosary is the book of the blind, where Souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; It is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other people It is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description.



## INCREASE OUR FAITH

The apostles ask what seems to be a reasonable request, that Jesus enlarge the quantity of their faith. Christ responds that faith is not something that can be measured by size. He illustrates this with a story that seems to have more to do with service than faith. The point seems to be that faith is less an amount of belief than it is a way of living. The true believer goes far beyond mere obligation and seeks total fulfillment of God's designs. <http://www.4catholiceducators.com/lonsdale>

## JESUS CHRIST

'For Christians, Jesus Christ is the strongest example and source of strength in our long journey towards the peace of God. He was the victim of the worst that humanity could do. His response to violence was not more violence but an act of transcendence that set humanity on a new path forever.'

Comments by Bishop Christopher Saunders

## GUNS AND ROSES

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year.  
 Fr Leon Pereira OP is neither an optimist nor a pessimist.*

J.R.R. Tolkien is sometimes accused of being a pessimist, and the alleged cause is his devout Catholic faith. In the year his magnum opus *The Lord of the Rings* was published, he admitted I am a Roman Catholic, so that I do not expect 'history' to be anything but a 'long defeat' – although it contains some samples or glimpses of final victory.

If a pessimist sees a glass half-empty, and an optimist sees the same glass as half-full, Tolkien expects the glass will crack sooner or later, and the water will seep away if it hasn't already evaporated. Yet Tolkien maintains this is not pessimism but Catholicism.

Both pessimism and optimism are too 'shallow', too narrow to encompass the important things in life. To be an optimist is simply to expect the best, and a pessimist expects the worst. But on what grounds are the best or worst expected? Wishful thinking? Hoping that today will be a good day doesn't make it so. Assuming that everyone hates you doesn't make it true.

A Catholic view moves beyond the 'shallowness' of wishful thinking. It is grounded in hope – not hope despite the fact, but as trusting in God 'who can neither deceive nor be deceived'. It does see history as a 'long defeat', of wasted opportunities and squandered grace. But it also sees many victories along the way, victories which foreshadow, and are made possible by, the ultimate victory of Christ over sin and death.

Catholics view the world as shot through and through with divine Providence: God directing all things to their proper end, drawing forth good out of evil and suffering, and gracing us with the hope that all hurts may find healing through the sweet wounds of Christ. The Catholic view necessarily sees miracles in the world, not simply as possible but as necessary.

If the disciples had faith 'as a grain of mustard seed' they could work the great miracle of throwing a tree into the sea. In the passage immediately preceding, throwing something into the sea (in this case, a man with a millstone around his neck) is an image of the rejection of sin. But it is also a wonder if the tree could grow in the sea, living on the unliveable.

The image is an apt one for forgiveness: a rejection of sin, but also a transformation of harm into something good, something living coming out of what is deadly. If the disciples had that kind of faith they could share in the great miracle of forgiveness: of bringing forth life and hope where there had been none.

History is not about progress and never will be; it will always be a 'long defeat'. It is not our task definitively to establish a paradise on earth, which we will never have through our own efforts, and certainly not in this life anyway. What is given to us is our own 'patch' of history, to tend and weed. One of Tolkien's characters, Gandalf, explains:

Yet it is not our part to master all the tides of the world, but to do what is in us for the succour of those years wherein we are set, uprooting the evil in the fields that we know, so that those who live after may have clean earth to till. What weather they shall have is not ours to rule. (*The Lord of the Rings*, Book V, Chapter 9)

In many Dominican churches today the custom is practised of giving out blessed roses, in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary. In was on this day in 1571, that Don John of Austria won a decisive victory over the Ottoman navy, freeing thousands of slaves and signalling the beginning of the end of Turkish aggression against the West.

The victory at Lepanto was won by the power of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by that trust in the saving mysteries of Christ's conception, birth, circumcision, suffering, death, burial, descent, resurrection and ascension into glory. Although history itself is a long defeat, we are called to share in many miraculous victories, until the complete victory of Christ is made manifest – when history itself is completed.

Fr Leon Pereira OP <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)

## WILL YOU JOIN AUSTRALIA AND THE WORLD SEEKING THE INTERCESSION OF MARY THE MOTHER OF OUR LORD JESUS?

October is month of The Holy Rosary and 13 October is the Anniversary of the miraculous apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. The world is celebrating by saying the rosary on that day starting with us in Australia and HERE we are calling it OZROSARY. This also serves as the public Square Rosary for this special day. Archbishop Prowse is encouraging us to join either your local Parish or the Diocesan Rosary at Garema Place Civic. Diocesan Rosary to be held at **2pm**, 13 October At Garema Place initially gathering at the Cube fountain City Walk, near Garema Place. Contact: For more information contact Peter Peterson 0437672069

## ROSTER

12 / 13 October

### Saturday 5pm

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

### 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	M. Fitzgerald	K. McCluskey
Presentation of Gifts	Musolino Family	
EMOE	H. Zobec	R. Marson

### Sunday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	M. Proctor	
Presentation of Gifts	Hall - O'Brien Family	
EMOE	V. Van der Sanden	K. Sneddon

### COUNTERS

G. Gleeson I. Buckley

# EVENTS

## 13 October - AMICUS

Will be holding its next gathering for at the POLLEN Café National Botanical Gardens on Sunday 13th October meeting at 12 NOON for LUNCH. To join us please call ROSEMARY 0428 599 342

## 13 OCTOBER - ANTI-POVERTY WEEK

This week will be held from 13 to 19 October. On 17 October the Raise the Rate campaign led by ACOSS will be the focus of a Day of Action on solutions to end poverty. Parishes are encouraged to promote and include in 'prayers of the faithful'.

## 18 OCTOBER - ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." For more information and for prayer resources visit, [www.millionkidspraying.org](http://www.millionkidspraying.org).

## 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.

## MELBOURNE CUP

On Tuesday 5th November, the Parish will hold a Melbourne Cup Lunch in the Parish Centre. Lunch will start at 1pm. Cost \$10.00. Sweeps will be available. A 'Hat Parade' with prizes. Join us for good company and lots of fun! For catering purposes please RSVP by 5th November by either the form in the foyer or call the office 6248 5925. Envelopes are in the foyer for your payment, they can be put on the second collection plate. *To make this luncheon successful we require volunteers to help out if you can help please contact the office.*

