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VERITAS



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

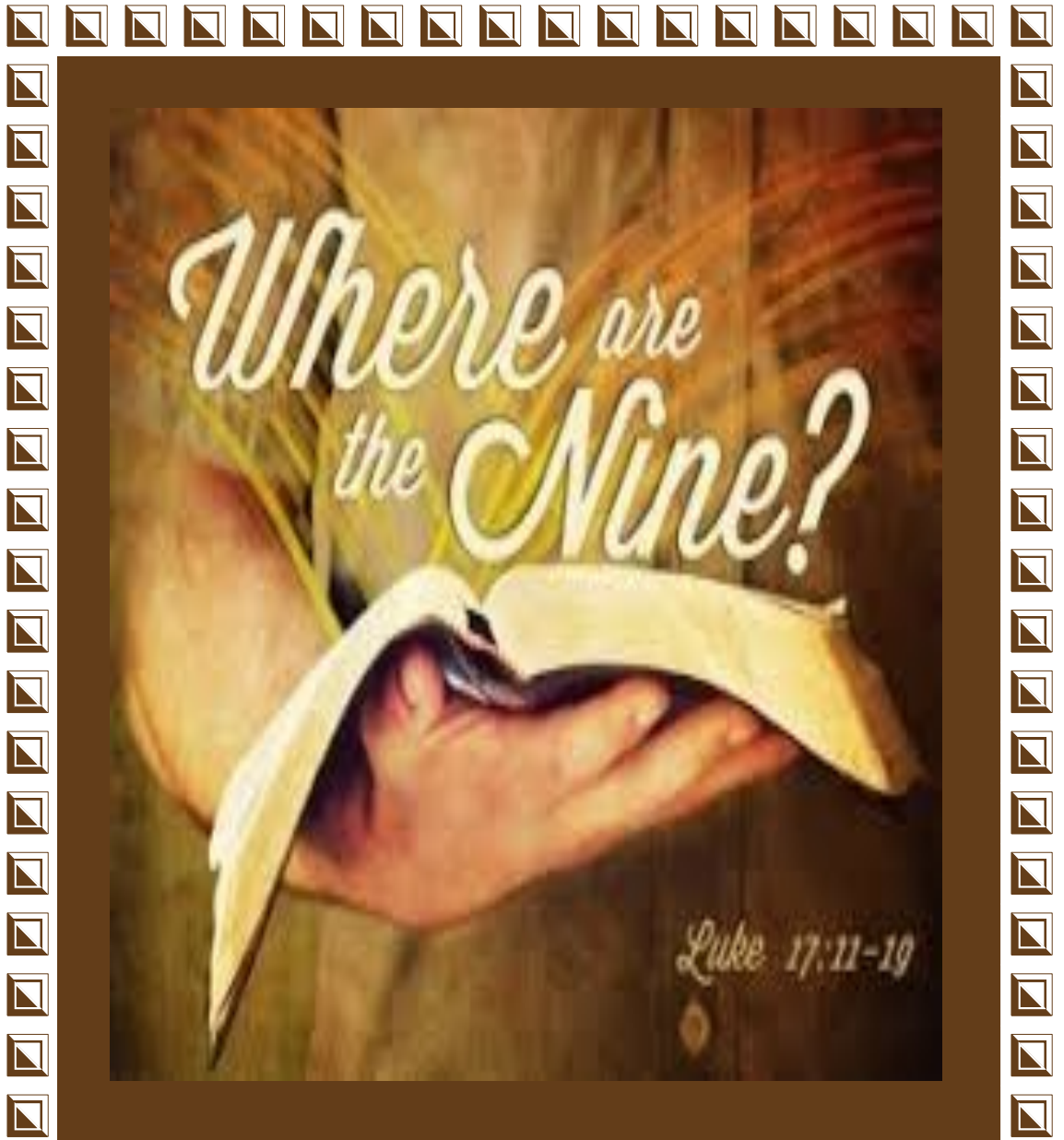
9am Mass Saturday & Public
Holidays
excluding Mondays

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

Twenty Eighth 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.

ENTRANCE	If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.
READINGS	2 Kings 5:14-17 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

CONGRATULATIONS

Today at the 10:00am Mass we celebrate with Brian Thorpe and his family as he completes the Sacraments of First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation. Congratulations!

Brian and his fiancé Georgia Junakovic are to be married at St Christopher's Cathedral on Saturday 23rd November.

As you start together this new journey in life, we pray to God that, may you never have to take your hands apart. May God bless you.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM
97:1-4**

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

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.*

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK

This week will be held from 13 to 17 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. More than 3 million people live below the poverty line in Australia, including nearly 740,000 children or 1 in 6 globally. 700 million people are unable to meet their basic daily needs and live on less than US\$2 a day.

<https://raisetherate.org.au/>

HELP: If you can spare an hour on Friday mornings to help set-up the church for the weekend liturgies please contact the office.

THE FAITH OF THE OUTCAST


What fears cause people to cast others out? Why do they have such fears? Tragedy creates community. But it can also create a common enemy. So can fear and prejudice. We can band together for the good. But we can unite against others. To isolate them. To cast them out.

We might think we see the real truth. But, ironically, there are times the outcast sees clearly than our passions allow us. Emotion blurs the picture that the distance of the outcast clarifies. Sometimes the outcast has a vision that our prejudice hides.

Jesus encountered such an outcast on his way to Jerusalem. In a story of healing, Luke again affirmed the mission of Jesus to the outcast.

<http://www.silk.net/RelEd/ezine1b.htm>

CATHOLIC MISSIONS



Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Ghana, as they provide ongoing protection and development of children who are vulnerable.

In line with traditional beliefs, in parts of Ghana, children born with a disability, or whose mother passes during childbirth, are considered to be 'spirit children', and thus at risk of being harmed or killed. The Church in Ghana is dedicated to protecting these children and educating families to ensure every child has a chance to live a full life. Next week you will learn more about Sister Stan and the Nazareth Home for God's Children, which is leading these efforts in the diocese of Yendi.

You will be offered the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in Ghana as a monthly giving partner, with all gifts specifically directed to life-saving projects for children in need – please come prepared to give generously.

PARISH SPIRITUALITY

'The mystics bear witness to the perfectly holy nature of human existence, to the fact that we are infinitely loved and held in existence by love, and that there are times when we momentarily glimpse and taste that in our lives. A mystic is a Person who has been transformed by such an experience.'

'Anxiety comes from our estrangement from the consciousness of God's love inside us.'

'Our lives are habitually pressured and so this is the perennial task: How do we, In the midst of our pressured lives, give ourselves over to the love that holds us? We cannot make a graced moment happen, but we can work at putting ourselves into a position where we offer the least resistance to be overtaken by a graced moment.'

From Ron Rolheiser OMI quoting James Finley

DAILY LIFE

The wise Br David Steindl-Rast once observed: 'In daily life we must see that it is not happiness that makes us grateful, but gratefulness that makes us happy.' Thankfulness establishes a right order with God and a right order with ourselves. The word *Eucharist* comes from the Greek *eukaristos*, which means 'grateful'. To 'count your blessings' is often recommended as a good way to deal with feelings of depression.

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
Our deceased	Luke Mahon, Dion Convine, Elizabeth Bohun, Richard Johnson, Peter Cloonan, Jean Farlow, Robert Eagles

CELEBRATION MORNING TEA - THANK YOU

Last Sunday 6th October Holy Rosary Church celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary the Patron Saint of our Church. At the 10am we celebrated Our Lady of the Rosary Mass. Thank you to the choir and flower ladies. After the Mass parishioners enjoyed a morning tea in the Parish Centre. Thank you to all who contributed the delicious food and Carmel Lewis who helped clean up. Thank you to Elizabeth Walpole for the special cake.



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>.

HELP WITH VISITING SCHOOL

Next week we welcome the students from St Joseph's School in Clare to our 8am Mass and morning tea following. If you are able to help please contact the office.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St Vincent de Paul wants to thank Watson parishioners for another very generous appeal result. The recent Ozanam Appeal raised \$4216.80 in this parish. This will assist the society's work in developing countries. These donations are greatly appreciated.

Compare yourself not to others, but only to the vision you hold within your heart. Dedicate your life to a cause greater than yourself and watch you get beyond yourself. The very thing that someone told you that you would never be able to do may just be the very thing you are destined to do.

PERFECT GRATITUDE

*Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year.
Fr Dominic Ryan OP asks us to consider what stage we have reached on the road to heaven.*

One of the tasks of the Dominican Studium in Oxford is to prepare friars for priestly ordination. In pursuit of this goal, it arranges courses of study, examines candidates for ordination and makes recommendations about their suitability to the Prior Provincial. In that context, one would expect friars going through this process to pay attention to what those who administer it say about it. Consequently, it's not all that surprising that when I was a friar in studies and I overheard a distinguished Dominican commenting that any Dominican applying for faculties to hear confession ought to understand the distinction between perfect and imperfect acts of contrition, I would take note of this and thus be prepared for it when my examination came along.

The distinction in question depends on what role the consequences of sin have in bringing about sorrow for our sins. Are we sorry for our sins because we fear the possible consequences of those sins? Alternatively, are we sorry for our sins because of our love of God? In the former case, the consequences of sin are the cause of our sorrow, in the latter case they are not. Admittedly, it's perfectly sensible to be concerned about what the consequences of our sins might be. Nevertheless, it also seems clear that the person who feels sorrow for their sin, independently of their consequences, has taken a step further along the path of discipleship than the person who does not.

Now we can extend the distinction beyond its application to sin and focus instead on the role consequence plays in our relationship with God generally. Take the lepers of today's Gospel as an example. Lepers had a tough time of it in the Israel of Jesus's day. It wasn't just the effects of the disease that made things difficult for the leper - it was also the fact that the leper could infect other people. Consequently, the society of Jesus's day excluded lepers, it forced them to live separately and it would not allow them to be readmitted to society until their healing had been confirmed. When Jesus healed the lepers and told them to go and show themselves to a priest, he was encouraging the lepers to get the healing confirmed so that they could re-enter society. But if re-entering society depended upon confirmation of the healing and there would be nothing to confirm without the healing, then being able to re-enter society was a consequence of the healing. In that case then, when one leper returned to Jesus to give thanks for the healing without having had it confirmed, that leper was less concerned with the consequences of his healing than the others. That leper couldn't enjoy the full consequences of his healing without obtaining confirmation of it, and so by not seeking confirmation of it that leper was focused on something else: the desire to praise Christ.

Of course, this Gospel would be much less interesting if it was only applicable to the lepers of Jesus's time. It isn't however, it applies to us as well. After all, by any measure, we've done pretty well when it comes to God sharing his gifts with us. Our guilt on account of original sin has been removed, our natures have been elevated through grace and our goal is the vision of God. Consequently, we face the same choice the lepers did. Do we thank God for the gifts we have received because of their consequences or independently of their consequences?

Now whichever way we go, it isn't to say that we are bad people, any more than the lepers who went to the priest were bad people, or indeed those people whose sorrow for their sin is dependent on the consequences of those sins are bad people either. Rather the point to keep in mind is threefold. Firstly, we should recognise that there are stages through which we pass as we follow the path of discipleship that Christ lays out for us. Secondly, one of those stages is coming to appreciate what God has done for us independently of whatever consequences it might have for us. Finally, thirdly, whatever stage we are at on this path of discipleship, none of us should be content to remain at that point this side of heaven.

<http://english.op.org/torch>

It always seems impossible until it's done. Nelson Mandela

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

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/>

CATHOLICS FOR RENEWAL Inc. Newsletter can be found at this link - www.catholicsforrenewal.org.au

September 2020 - Germany & Austria with Oberammergau Pilgrimage - Take a walk through history as this pilgrimage unfolds experiences, stirring faith with the little gems studded across Germany & Austria in this 14-day pilgrimage for an All-inclusive Price of AUD \$7700. This pilgrimage features Cologne, Mainz, Heidelberg, Munich, Vienna and more. Witness the famous Passion Play 2020 which takes place once-a-decade in the village of Oberammergau that has been creating history for over 400 years. Limited Seats Only! Book Now \$1500 Deposit. Contact Magi Pilgrimages 03 8839 6615 for further details. Email info@magiholidays.com.au

When we are willing to help others,
God will also give us the resources to make it possible.

ROSTER 19 / 20 October

Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	K. Markcrow	D. Hinds
Presentation of Gifts	Tran Family	
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	R. Tanzer	
Readers	I. Ciaccia	R. Ciaccia
Presentation of Gifts	Ciaccia Family	
EMOE	E. Musolino	M. Musolino
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	P. Tran	
Readers	K. Watson	Volunteer
Presentation of Gifts	Dobrowska-Cheyne Family	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
COUNTERS	R. Walpole	J. Smith

EVENTS

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.

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

31 OCTOBER - SPRING PLANT STALL

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.

Pope Francis reminds us that protection and care for our earth is a deeply moral issue. The Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC), a multi-faith group, warmly invites us to attend its national conference, at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton, ACT, from Friday evening 8 November to 3pm Sunday **10 November**. Come to the conference and gain insight, skills and confidence to join with others and make a greater difference in protecting our common home. For more information, google 'ARRCC conference'. deadline to register for the conference is **25 October**. arrcc.org.au/arrcc_national_conference

16 NOVEMBER - MISSION ADVENTURE

Communities in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific seek medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins to assist their development. Learn more: 11 am, Saturday 16 November - King O'Malley's Pub Civic. Tony Bozicevic and Ivapene Seiuli will share their experience of communities in Papua New Guinea and Samoa, and explain how sharing your skills with Palms support can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery. Call Palms Mon-Fri on 02 9560 5333 or see palms.org.au