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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 Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

ALWAYS PRAY

and NEVER GIVE UP

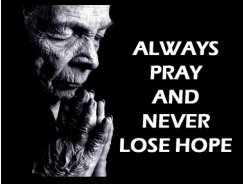
Persistence

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	To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.
READINGS	Exodus 17:8-13 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2 Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

INTRODUCTOIN



“Hang in there,” we say. Today’s readings remind us that the call to be persistent in prayer isn’t new. Israel needed to hear it, and the disciples were told by Jesus to “pray always.” It helps to know that we don’t need endless harangues, sophisticated words or lofty arguments. The God of mercy does hear us. The challenge is to be open to God’s answer. Jesus exhorts us to pray without growing weary. We are invited to unite in prayer with communities all over the world. Think of it! In villages and great cities of every country on every continent, in every language known to humankind, people are worshiping God today. Let us join our voices to that great harmony of praise.

Joan DeMerchant - Celebration Publication

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : 120

Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel’s guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever.

Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

HELP

We live, however, in a society that stresses the individual much more than the community. That dynamic, coupled with the consumer orientation of modern life, can make it difficult for Catholics to maintain a healthy awareness of the importance of the community of faith for our individual spiritual lives. It is all too easy to approach the church and the liturgy from a consumer stance, picking and choosing what I want to buy into and rejecting anything that impinges on my freedom or my preferences.

Liturgy planners obviously cannot effect drastic changes in the values of our society, but they can and should help members of the assembly come to a stronger awareness of faith as a communal reality. This may not mean didactic instruction of the assembly or berating them for not being more community-minded. Rather, planners can foster a deeper awareness of the communal nature of faith and worship by paying careful attention to the words crafted for invitations of welcome, introductions, petitions and even the parish announcements.

Consider a few examples. If lectors or musicians offer words of welcome before the liturgy begins, do they welcome people to the parish (which suggests the people are not the parish) or do they extend a welcome to visitors who are joining the community for worship? Do they invite the assembly to stand and greet the celebrant or do they invite them to join in celebrating the liturgy? Do ushers/greeters offer a warm welcome, telling people that they are happy they have come to join the community’s worship? Do petitions sometimes pray that we will be ever more supportive of one another in the life of faith?

Celebration Publication

PROCLAIMING FAITH

Just as our first reading was a victory story, so is the parable Jesus tells about the widow and the judge. A lowly widow comes before a judge, seeking her rights. The immoral judge ignores her, but the widow goes on pleading and nagging until he finally decides the case in her favor. He helps the widow not because he is good but because she is persistent.

Jesus concludes that if a corrupt judge can do justice to someone who keeps on asking, God, the most just judge of all, will certainly listen to those who persist in prayer. Jesus himself provides a discussion question for this gospel: "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" What do you think? How will you try to be one of these faithful ones? The widow’s first and last request was not for privilege but for justice. In his encyclical, "On the Development of Peoples," Pope Paul VI (who was the pope immediately before Pope John Paul II) urged all Catholics and all people of the world to work for both justice and peace. How can you work and pray for justice and peace in our time?

THE PERSISTENT WIDOW

Jesus teaches the value of continued prayer by citing the example of a widow who triumphs by the same virtue. A dishonest judge is waiting for other side’s bribe in a lawsuit. Why does God demand persistence? The answer may lie in our own failure to recognize God’s involvement in our daily lives. The relationship with the Giver is more important than the gift.

Fr R. Lonsdale <http://www.4catholiceducators.com/lonsdale>



St Joseph’s School, Clare

To live, to learn, love in all things...

We welcome the students, teachers and parents of St Joseph’s School Clare who are visiting on the parish on their Annual trip to Canberra. St Joseph’s, Clare is located in the heart of the township of Clare in the Mid North of South Australia. It is a Catholic parish school sharing in the Josephite Mission of the Church, working in partnership with the Sevenhill Parish and wider community. **Morning tea will be provided after the 8am Mass, you are welcome to join our visitors in the Parish Centre.**

MERCY

We are called to show the warmth, love, and acceptance of Jesus Christ to those in need. He calls us to love and serve others. The Spiritual and Corporal Works Of Mercy are acts of justice and love in which we can participate to help build up God’s kingdom.



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, Bernard Slammon Fr Joe McGeehan, Charlotte Woolner,
Our deceased	Luke Mahon, Dion Convine, Elizabeth Bohun, Peter Cloonan, Jean Farlow, Robert Eagles

BAPTISM

Tilly Jay Wicks

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.



CATHOLIC MISSIONS



Sister Stan Mumuni is at the forefront of the Church's work in reaching out to children in need in Ghana.

As the director of the Nazareth Home for God's Children, Sister Stan works endlessly to provide education, health-care and a safe home for children rescued from life-threatening

situations. 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. The Nazareth Home for God's Children is among the pioneers in this crucial mission. Today you have the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in Ghana and offer monthly support to this essential work. All gifts will be directed to life-saving projects for children in need. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Ghana

WITH A LITTLE HELP

Priests might well reflect this week on the communal and global nature of the church. How can you help the parishioners move beyond rugged individualism and provincial attitudes to embrace the whole church as their brothers and sisters? This could also be a good weekend to focus on the communal nature of our worship. Despite decades of experience since Vatican II, many Catholics still view prayer and worship as a private affair, even when it is done in the midst of the assembly. This becomes evident if you notice how many people don't bother to sing or even speak the responses, how many kneel down for private prayer while others are still in the Communion procession, and how many leave Mass early – either after Communion or at the start of the final song. In another realm, that same communal awareness should shape our voting next month. Many issues in the political arena affect most seriously those who have the least. Medicare, Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act are most needed by the poorest among us. Wage issues and tax burdens deeply affect the lives of those in lower paying jobs, as well as those who cannot work or cannot find work or a job with a living wage. Global climate change is already affecting millions who live on the edge, causing widespread hunger and floods and other natural disasters.

Priests who hesitate to address such issues might take a lesson from our second reading today: "I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching"

Fr. Lawrence E. Mick - Celebration Publication

IN ALL HUMANITY

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year.

Fr Duncan Campbell OP preaches on the difficulties and rewards of faith in today's world.

To give any thought to religion is to find it difficult. It seems to fit less and less into the world we have learnt to understand. The old, clear picture of heaven above and hell below is the first to fade. Spirits, like God, and Angels, and Devils, drop out of the picture. Saints or sinners aren't seen any more; there are people, and all are more or less like us.

Right and wrong turn into complex issues. Ideas, important in religion, like vocation, temptation, distraction, don't mean anything these days, except perhaps in jokes. A glimpse into psychology would find hidden motives. Therapy could sort it all out.

So isn't it best to join in the general, wary, non-committal attitude to religion?

If, dissatisfied, we do give religion some thought, we find it has its real difficulties. To be a Christian is to believe that Christ is God; the all-knowing, all-powerful God. The writings we have about him however record very many things hard to understand. He looks over Jerusalem and weeps, at its imminent destruction and the misery of his people. In today's Gospel, he is overheard wondering if he 'will find any faith on earth, when he comes again'. Couldn't God simply arrange such things?

Perhaps people were right to think 'He's just a man'. Then we should apologise to all Jews and Moslems and Hindus and Sikhs and Buddhists and anyone else concerned with religion. They would have said this all along. We could seek a reconciliation. It would be 'one great leap forward for mankind' to world peace. 'Imagine.....'

However for millennia many good thoughtful people have maintained that Christ is God. Most of the things he said wouldn't make real sense, unless he thought this himself. So there was a horrified rejection of him by his priests, and his crucifixion by Roman soldiers. Each had very important reasons for doing so – from things he said. There were no little misunderstandings that might easily have been cleared up.

In full view of this, we are made to repeat, every Sunday, a very solemn statement, that outlines, and underlines, the belief that he is God. True God, from true God.

It seems the hardest thing in the world to hold this real God in mind. An example is in the Gospel today, when he himself presents a picture of God – a pointedly dreadful one – as a judge who has to be nagged until he does his duty. There is this mischievous sense in it, in that humanly speaking it would work! We might even see the Gospel writer embarrassed, interjecting his interpretation: the 'moral' here is to 'make us persevere in praying – and never lose heart'.

We may have found that in persevering we don't get what we want. The most famous prayer, the 'Lord's Prayer', if we reflect on it, seems to be asking for what is happening anyway. The second most famous prayer, in the Garden, was answered very strangely; since we have to believe that God is asking God as Son to Father, for life; receiving no answer – unless a lesson in obedience is the answer. These mysteries 'are hidden from the learned and the clever, and revealed to children'. Adult arrogance is seen in making out mysteries to be problems, and outside of us, to be solved out there, somehow, by our considered unproblematic selves. Childhood is problematic. Things appear, and loom, and events impact. (The 'speedily' used here in the Gospel may mean this 'impact' when they happen).

This is the true path of every human life. Children are much less familiar with the settled, realistic times and places in our 'determined' adult world. They are as a result much more familiar with the unsettling and unrealistic prospects of faith and hope and love. Many adults have 'lost heart' and have lost all these. A human God is needed to reveal to us in all humanity these areas of faith and hope and love and so rescue us from being lost.

His last remark really speaks to each of us, directly, now. Will you find faith in you?

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

To be rich, is not what you have in your bank account,
But what you have in your heart.

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/>

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

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.



ROSTER 26 / 27 October

Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	R. Paul	
Readers	M. Cox	A. Blakey
Presentation of Gifts	Blakey Family	
EMOE	T. O'Neill	
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	K. Linard	
Readers	M. Falk	E. Smith
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	N. Clarke	
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	S. Sedgwick	
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	J. Curnow
Presentation of Gifts	Malone Family	
EMOE	M. Proctor	K. Sneddon
COUNTERS	W. Wade	J. Smith

EVENTS

26 October - AMICUS - a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering for 2019 at the JERRA CHINESE Restaurant, Jerrabomberra Shops on SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER meeting at 7PM for DINNER. To join us please call LYN on 0400 265 926

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.

1-3 November - Annual Pilgrims' Retreat for Men and Women Theme: "They have no more Wine!" (John 2:3)

At: Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa. Cost: \$170 includes registration fee, all meals, twin share accommodation, \$200 for single room accommodation, \$60 for day participants includes meals from Morning tea to dinner. For more information please contact: Sr Luisa Maria 0439 537 976 Bookings: info@schoenstatt.org.au or phone 02 4773 8338. Please RSVP by 20th October, 2019

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 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'. Register by 25 October. Help with morning and afternoon teas greatly appreciated - please text Mary-Lou Pentony, 0402-613-667

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

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.