

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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## VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Wed 5.30pm  
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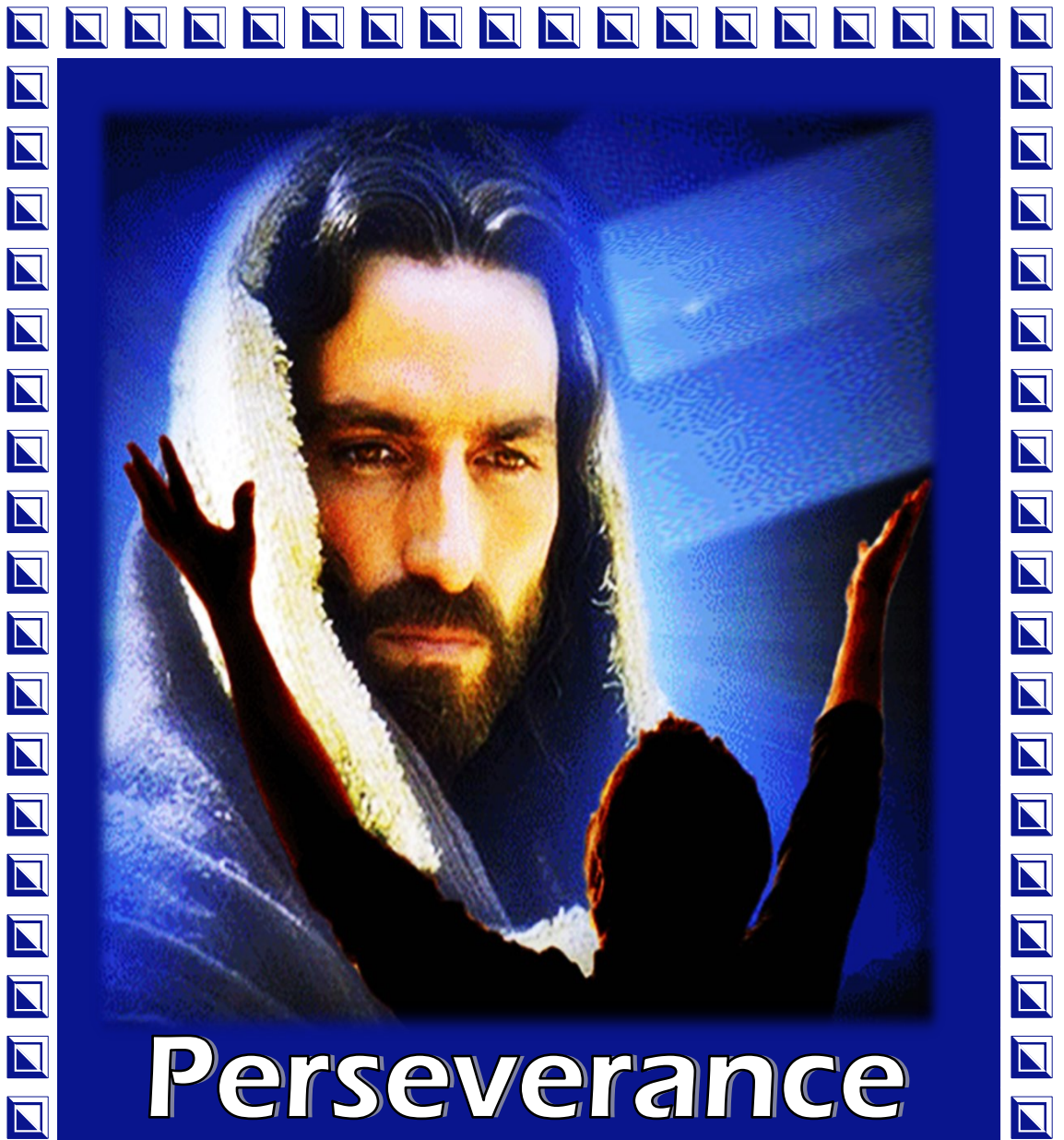
**Saturday 5pm (Vigil)**  
**Sunday 8am, 10am & 5pm**  
9am Mass Saturday & Public  
Holidays  
excluding Mondays

*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

## Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



# Perseverance

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	The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.
READINGS	Malachi 3:19-20      2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

**PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER**

*The Parish Christmas dinner will be held on Saturday 30 November after the 5pm Mass.*

*We invite you to join us for our Parish Christmas Dinner.*

*Please bring a dish to share - families with surnames commencing with: A - L : Salads or M - Z : Sweets*

*Chicken will be provided - BYO drinks.*

*For setting up and catering purposes it would be appreciated if you fill in the form in the foyer.*

*Please list the salad or dessert you are bringing.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 97:5-9**

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.  
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord.

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth.  
He will rule the world with justice and the people with fairness.

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

**SCAFFOLDING**

**SCAFFOLDING:** Would the parishioner who recently inspected the scaffolding, please contact the Parish Office—6248 5925 or [Watson@cg.org.au](mailto:Watson@cg.org.au)—as soon as possible.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS**

A box is now in the back of the church for your hamper donations. Hamper List: Biscuits (tins for seniors are very popular), shortbreads & savoury biscuits also. Puddings (this includes plum puddings, jellies, fruit or pudding mixes). Jams, Pickles, Tomato Sauce, Vegemite, Pasta, Rice. Some tinned Food eg. beetroot, peas, beans, corn, baked beans, spaghetti, salmon & ham. Cake mixes eg. cup cakes, muffins pancakes etc. Tea & Coffee, Packets of Cereal, Lollies. Gift vouchers for teenagers would be appreciated. Small gifts for older persons. **We are no longer permitted to include nuts or nut products. For health and safety reasons we CANNOT accept food stuffs that are out of date.** Your donations are greatly appreciated.

**MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON**

**THANK YOU** to the ladies and gentlemen who helped to make the Melbourne Cup Luncheon a successful. A special thank you to Jenny Miragaya for the delicious desserts.

The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers, but for the wide world's joy.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy Birthday to Fr Kieran on Saturday 16th November. God bless you for the love and concern with which you minister to all those entrusted to your care. May your life be filled with God's good gifts, abundant joy and heaven's peace.



**FIRE AND RAIN**

As fires rage across New South Wales and Queensland we pray for all those who have lost loved ones and for those families and communities who face the heartbreaking task of rebuilding their lives, homes and communities. We pray for the firefighters, professional and volunteer, who are working around the clock to bring the fires under control. We thank them and the other volunteers from interstate and internationally who are responding so generously with their time and resources to this unprecedented emergency. We pray for fire quenching and life-giving rains. We join with the Church's National Drought Prayer Campaign.

We pray for the scientists who have been warning of the climate emergency that their alarms will be heeded. We ask that they receive the necessary support as they turn their skills and abilities to finding ways to help our Common Home.

We pray for our leaders that they have the courage and wisdom to make the necessary decisions in the face of such unprecedented fires. We pray also for ourselves, that we do our utmost as individuals and communities to respond with generosity and grace as we are called on to do our part. All is not lost and we can work together with Jesus' help. As we hear in this week's Prayers of the people, that to not trust Jesus is to capitulate to fear and paralysis.

**INSPIRATION OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

You are the temples of the spirit of God. The spirit gives you life and sustains you in your earthly journey. But it will come to pass when your soul will have to leave the body and you will be turned into dust. The temple of Jerusalem was admired for its beauty and riches, but it was turned into ruins as a witness of material vanity. Nothing of this world is eternal, therefore beauty comes and beauty goes, what is strong today will be weak tomorrow; the beauty and the light of day must give way to the darkness of the night. Generations have come and generations have gone, people have been on this earth for thousands of years, but the day will come when things as they are will be no more, the old will be replaced with the new, there will be a new heavens and a new earth. And while you have your senses, cling to me and learn from my wisdom, have fear of God who has the power to give life and to take it away. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. Life is full of struggles; therefore unless you work hard you will not obtain what you want. I am inviting you to open your hearts to the Kingdom of Heaven for your own good, but I must warn you that if you take the easy road you will not succeed. You must persevere to overcome all your obstacles.

**DOMINICANS STUDENTS APPEAL**

The Appeal for the Dominican Students Appeal will be held this Weekend. Envelopes are provided for your contribution. Your generosity is appreciated.

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:	Elizabeth Cronin, Mary Bui, Greg O'Neill, 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, Catherine Feehan, Pamela Sandy, Margaret Sullivan, Fr Joe McGeehan, Charlotte Woolner, Angela Fleming, Alphonsa Bankovsky, Bernard Slammon,
Our deceased	Mary Boyle, Eric Marson, Ugo Stellati, Sue Walker, Isaac Alvero Moran, Eileen English, Sandra Wilson
In Memory	Helena Jelica Zobec, Rudi & Maria Basso

## HOPE IN THE ENCIRCLING GLOOM

*Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year.*

*As the Church looks towards the Day of Judgement, when history comes to an end,*

*Fr Columba Ryan OP assures us that the true message is one of hope, not of terror.*

The liturgical year has certain special seasons: Advent leading up to Christmas and Lent leading to the celebration of Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. In between those special seasons there are two instalments of what may be called the ordinary Sundays of the year. The whole cycle represents the Christian following of our Lord's life and saving work. And we might think of the two groups of 'ordinary' Sundays as representing the humdrum pattern of life, whether our own or Jesus Christ's between infancy and the final dénouement of Passion, death, resurrection, return to his Father and sending out the Holy Spirit.

Humdrum as these years appear to be they represent the daily trials and testing of Christ's strength and ours. They speak of the endurance and patience which leads to a perfect work.

We are now almost at the end of the second group of ordinary Sundays – Advent is only a fortnight away! Now the tone of the liturgical readings becomes increasingly urgent. 'The day is coming,' says the prophet Malachi?

The day is coming, burning like a furnace. All the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up. ... But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays. (Mal 3:19-20)

This great day of judgment is a commonplace in the utterance of the prophets. Perhaps it puts us in mind of the men with sandwich boards announcing doom! They shout at us that the Day is Nigh! That is a good enough quote of a biblical phrase, but somehow the context is wrong.

I treasure the story of a lady who encountered one of these men who asked her fiercely 'Madam, are you saved?' to which she answered 'Of course not, my good man, I'm a Roman Catholic!' By which I hope she meant to convey that there is no such thing as absolute certainty of one's own salvation, only loving trust in God's promise, and anyway that this eccentric prophet of gloom had the warning out of context. The 'Great Day' holds out not just warning, but extreme encouragement. As the Psalm says the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice, and the peoples with fairness. (Ps 98:9)

Today's Gospel tells the same story in more concrete terms. We find Jesus with his disciples in the great temple of Jerusalem built by Herod. They admire its magnificence. He tells them, quite simply, the whole splendid edifice will be destroyed, not a stone left upon a stone! That huge human achievement is as flimsy as so much that we do. The battles of men and the sands of time overwhelm our proudest products. You have only to visit the Near East to see how littered it is with the ruins of successive empires, Christian as well as pagan.

Our Lord spells out what will happen.

Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines... Men will seize you ... and hand you over ... to imprisonment. The history of the world, and of the Church ever since! But Jesus is no scaremonger. He is not like the man with the sandwich board. 'Do not be frightened,' he tells them, 'for this is something that must happen, but the end is not so soon'. They do not even have to prepare their defence. He will give them eloquence and wisdom: 'Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Under the pressure of life, it is well to remember this. We do find our lives threatened. As I write this, my brother (and we are no chickens, being in our eighties) lies dangerously ill in hospital. A young man of my acquaintance died suddenly in the midst of giving a concert. A young teenager was carried off to hospital with leukaemia. Life is precarious. There is no use pretending it isn't. That is why as the humdrum of our existence is played out, the humdrum represented by these 'ordinary' Sundays, our readings grow ever more urgent. But our religious faith assures us we are not alone. God is with us. God is for us. <http://english.op.org/torch>

## BAPTISM

*Tyra Melinda Catania*

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.



## NOVEMBER ENVELOPES

November is a special time to pray for the dead. November Mass offering envelopes are available at the holy water fonts if you wish a Mass for your loved one.

## CHRISTMAS SINGING

Holy Rosary Church Choir will start practices for Advent and Christmas on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November, at 7.30 pm, in the church. If you are not a regular choir member but would like to join in for this special music, please come along. No auditions. An extra pianist/organist would also be welcome. Enquiries: 61617100.

## PROCLAIMING FAITH

**Reflection:** Jesus warns his followers not to be deceived about the end of the world. The signs of the end (wars, earthquakes, famines) will occur repeatedly. Christians will be persecuted and will not be able to trust even some of their own family members. But Jesus will not abandon them. He will give them the right words to speak when they are on trial. By enduring whatever suffering comes, his disciples will be saved. Though their bodies may be persecuted, their spirits will remain unharmed.

**Discussion:** Jesus says two seemingly contradictory things: "Some of you will be put to death" and "Not a hair of your head will be harmed." Jesus is warning us of terrible things that may happen. Yet because he is with us, we will not be harmed. Not even death can harm us! Jesus has taken us beyond death, and has saved our lives for all eternity. We do not know when the end of the world will come. We do not know when our own death, our own "end of the world as we know it," will come. What does your faith in Jesus tell you about the end of the world? What does your faith tell you about your personal "end of your world" that we call death? How does your faith in Jesus help you to proclaim your faith in words and actions, no matter what the consequences?

There is saying that comes from the American old West, "He died with his boots on." This means that this person died while living a full and active life, living his or her values right to the end of life on earth. Think back over the words of Jesus that you remember (Love one another.

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Thy will be done, and many others!)

Which one might help you to live a fuller Christian life right now? How do you plan to "die with your boots on" while walking the way of Jesus?



Control your own destiny or someone else will.

## 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)

### 27 - 28 NOVEMBER - CHRISTMAS STALL

**Calvary Hospital Auxiliary** is holding its annual Christmas Stall on Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 November, 8am- 4pm, Lewisham Building Foyer, Calvary Public Hospital Bruce. A huge range of homemade goodies, craft items such as children's clothes and knitted toys, and quality gifts will be available for purchase. As this is the last fundraising event for the year the Auxiliary would like to thank the Canberra/ Queanbeyan community for its wonderful support during 2019. Over \$51,000 is now being donated by the Auxiliary for the purchase of much needed equipment including medication trolleys, phototherapy unit, defibrillator monitors and paediatric resuscitation trolleys. The Auxiliary looks forward to continuing community support for its events in 2020. New members are welcome. For further information contact Pat Graham, Secretary, on 0403797192.

## ROSTER

23 / 24 November

### Saturday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	R. Paul	
Readers	A. Blakey	M. Cox
Presentation of Gifts	Blakey Family	
EMOE	T. O'Neill	

### Sunday 8am

Acolyte / Server	K. Linard	
Readers	M. Falk	El Smith
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	N. Clarke	

### Sunday 10am

Acolyte / Server	Q. Vu	
Readers	A. Northcote	A. McCarthy
Presentation of Gifts	Vu Family	
EMOE	A. Northcote	S. Tanzer

### Sunday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	D. Gomez	
Readers	M. Proctor	
Presentation of Gifts	K. Turrise	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca

**COUNTERS** W. Wade J. Smith

# EVENTS

### 23 November - AMICUS

Amicus, a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering at the QUEANBEYAN RSL BOWLING CLUB Yass Road Queanbeyan on SATURDAY 23 November meeting at 7PM for DINNER. To join us please call PAUL on 0419 411 691

### 27 NOVEMBER - COMMUNITY REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP BRIEFING

From 6:00pm - 7:30pm at Parliament House, Canberra Queen's Terrace Café. Prof Jennifer Bond will address a group of MPs and civil society leaders on global developments in relation to the practice of community sponsorship. Please RSVP to [info@crsi.org.au](mailto:info@crsi.org.au) by 20 Nov.

### 28 NOVEMBER - PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS: BUILDING BLOCK OF THE FUTURE CHURCH

Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn will hold a public forum at Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Barton ACT from 7.30pm. Francis Sullivan, former director of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council will speak on "Pastoral Councils: New Wine New Wine Skins". Enquire Kevin Vassarotti: 0406376616.

### 11 TO 15 DECEMBER - NORTH CANBERRA NATIVITY FESTIVAL

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at St Margaret's Hall, Hackett. More details on noticeboard in the Church foyer.

### 14 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Looking Glass Percussion: Join musicians of the Canberra Symphony Orchestra for a free concert. Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 7pm Holy Cross Anglican Church, Hackett at 7pm. More details on noticeboard in the Church foyer.

### 15 DECEMBER - COMMUNITY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday 6pm - Free community carols by candlelight and BBQ in the church grounds at St Margaret's and Holy Cross Church, Hackett. More details on noticeboard in the Church foyer.

**THE JOURNEYS OF NIÑO THE SUPERHERO** on the modern adventures of the Child Jesus. It is a book for children. A large part of the book sales will go to orphans and street children in the Philippines (The Trinity Home for Children) and poor Australian school children in Canberra. There is a form in the foyer if you wish to purchase a copy.

We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.