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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

Our Lord Jesus Christ



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	How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.
READINGS	2 Samuel 5:1-3 Colossians 1:12-20 Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

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: 121:1-5

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgment
of the house of David.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

CHRIST THE KING

Formerly the emphasis of the feast was on the triumph and kingly rule of Christ. Since Vatican II the emphasis is much more on Jesus' role as shepherd. '[The thief crucified with Jesus] is our "point of insertion" into the mystery of the One who joins us on our journey to lead us on his journey to the Father,' he says.

We reflect on the 'King' whose wealth lies in his love for all, and whose authority is exercised through the service of those who are often considered the least in society.

SCAFFOLDING

SCAFFOLDING: Would the parishioner who recently inspected the scaffolding, please contact the Parish Office—6248 5925 or 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.

DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

An International Day for elimination of violence against women is sadly necessary because such violence is so frequent and destructive. Special days and weeks can help us to realise the importance of things we take for granted. World Oceans Day is a good example. Other special days, however, draw attention to needs apparently so obvious we wonder if the day is really necessary. Imagine, for example, a Day for Breathing. At first sight, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women might seem to fall into this category. Who could ever doubt that violence against women should be eliminated?

The day is sadly necessary, however, because violence against women is so frequent and destructive. Some such violence – far too much – takes the form of random assaults in which women suffer sexual and physical abuse at the hands of people whom they have never met. But most violence against women consists of actions by men against women with whom they have some relationship.

This suggests that violence against women is also a men's problem. Men are responsible for most of the problems with violence that women face. If society is to address it, it must first of all ensure that domestic violence against women is effectively prevented, and that when it does happen women receive support when they leave violent partners. They have often been financially dependent on men who treat them violently, and the effects of violence on their self-confidence and self-worth may make the prospect of leaving abusive relationships seem insuperable.

Strong laws and agencies to support women are essential to address the effects of the violence that they suffer. At the same time, however, we must address its cause, asking what makes men violent towards women and what might help men build relationships based in love and not in coercive power. Some aspects of youth culture, too, promote violence. Many young men form their ideas of relationships with women from violent pornography which represent men impressing women by treating them brutally and contemptuously. In this world tenderness, kindness and respect for difference are seen as weakness.

The path to eliminating violence against women will be a long one with many turnings.

Excerpt Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

Readers on the roster for Jan–Dec 2020 your **BREAK OPEN THE WORD** can be collect their copy of 'Break Open the Word' from the Sacristy before you leave Mass.

WELCOME

Welcome To students & parents from our Parish School, who are celebrating the Eucharist with parishioners at the 10am Family Mass. This Mass will be followed by a Sausage Sizzle and Refreshments. All are invited.



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

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Sunday 1 December, 7pm: "Darkness Into Light" – a special ecumenical service of readings and carols for Advent, hosted by Holy Cross Anglican Church, with the participation of Holy Rosary choir. All welcome!

COMMUNITY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

All Welcome on Sunday 15th December 6pm - Community Carols by candlelight with a Free Community BBQ / Sausage Sizzle (& Nativities Viewing) followed by Carols by Candlelight at 7pm. St Margaret's & Holy Cross Church Grounds, Hackett. Initiative of Holy Rosary Catholic, Holy Cross Anglican & St Margaret's Uniting Churches. Contact: Anna at linard.anna@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS SINGING

Holy Rosary Church Choir has started practices for Advent and Christmas, 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.

ECUMENICAL NATIVITY FESTIVAL

11th to 15th DEC: Exhibition of 200 Nativity scenes - an entrée to family discussion on the true meaning of Christmas. From 40 countries, they show diverse cultures that embrace the Christian story: from the Palestinian Territories to Vietnam, from India to the Inuits of the Canadian Arctic. Sat 14th–Sun 15th: 9:00am–7:00pm at St Margaret's Hall, Hackett. Contact: Keith at linard.keith@gmail.com.

LITURGICAL ROSTER 2020

The Liturgical Roster for the new year January to June 2020 will be prepared shortly. Please consider volunteering.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous donations of wool, knitting needles, crochet hooks and completed squares for ACU Engagement's "Wrap with Love" community giving initiative. Along with contributions from ACU staff and students we had over 130 squares which was enough for four completed blankets, with a few squares to kick start 2020. A special thank you to Geraldine O'Connor and Elizabeth Smith who attended the group on campus on a regular basis. We were lucky to have you both and are grateful for your expertise and lovely company. And, very appreciative of the effort you each made in joining the blankets pictured!



COMING SOON: 'THE KING'

*Fr Euan Marley OP
considers the importance of 'The'.*

Back in the Sixties, there were a string of television shows named after the lead character, such as The Saint, The Baron, or The Avengers. What with these shows and groups like The Beatles or The Rolling Stones, it seems to be one of the forgotten laws of the Sixties that you were only really cool if your first name was 'The'. My own favourite was 'Man in Suitcase', which only lasted one series. It probably would have done better if it had been called 'The Man in a Suitcase', or even better, 'The Suitcase'. The titles never seemed to tell you much about what the programme was about. The Baron was American, which seemed to raise problems of constitutional law. The Saint wasn't particularly holy, though my father did explain to me that he was called The Saint because he was a jewel thief. No, I didn't understand that explanation either, but I was quite young. I often think about these TV shows when I am reading the New Testament. There a lot of characters who have 'The' for their first name. There's 'The Baptist', though he is always called, 'John the Baptist'. There's 'The Twelve', 'The Pharisees' and 'The Sadducees'. I suppose there's 'The hypocrites' but that is stretching it a bit. They do sound a bit like television shows, though I couldn't imagine 'The Baptist' having a flashy car. Looking for examples of the use of the definite article in the New Testament, it is curious just how prevalent this is. The temple police, the soldiers, the crowd. People are reduced to descriptions, they become labels. This might seem to reduce them to cyphers, but in a strange way it is actually protecting them. Because they are people trapped by their functions, we can speculate about how these people were in themselves. Occasionally the functionaries become startlingly real. The maidservant who recognizes Peter, the soldier at the cross, who proclaims that this man was surely a son of God. The two thieves, the good and the bad, who reveal that they are persons, not symbols in the presence of the Christ. So what about the greatest of the definite articles of the New Testament, Jesus himself, who is The Christ. The feast is Christ the King. This is not a tautology, since we might well call him Christ the Prophet, or Christ the Priest. All three are contained in the title of Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed one, and the Church could well have had a feast of either of these three. Yet the feast we have is for the most questionable part of what it means for Jesus to be 'The Christ'. It is questionable because the word 'king' is questioned in the Gospels. It is not quite true that Jesus never calls himself 'The King'. We have Matthew 25:34, from the Last Judgement sequence. 'Then the King will say to those on his right hand?' Yet in John 18:33-37, Jesus says, 'You have said this', translated in some versions, fairly enough, as "'king" is your word'. Today we have Christ on the cross, asked if he is the king, and yet letting the good thief answer for him. So is he a king? To this we have to answer that if he is anything, he must be *The King*. He cannot be a king, just as he cannot be a word. He is *the Word*, he is *the Son of Man*. If we look for the meaning of who Jesus really is, it must be in something which is unique to him, a uniqueness which is much more than a unique title. It reaches to the depth of his being. This is why in John 6:15, Jesus retreats to the mountains, when the crowd want to make him king. It is not because he is denying his kingship. Quite the reverse. Kings, like any other leader, rule because the people treat them as leaders. Even dictators need to be accepted by some of their followers, who can coerce the rest. But the kingship of Christ cannot be produced by the consent of others. It belongs to him by nature. More than that, it is kingship which is of its nature unintelligible to us. It is unintelligible because we cannot see the kingdom which explains that kingship. Christ is king, not *despite* the fact that his kingdom is not here yet but *because* his kingdom has not yet come. 'My kingdom is not of this world.' Of all the characters in the Gospel, it is the Good Thief who understands this best. Christ is revealed as King in his kingdom, but he comes into that kingdom by his death on the cross. His kingdom is a new world, a world made up entirely of his sacrifice and love. There is nothing in that world which is not from him, nothing in that world which does not come from his throne, nothing that he has not won by his death on the cross. Only there can we see what it means for Jesus to be The King.

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 Jacque 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

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

30 November / 1 December

Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. De Riva O'Phelan
Presentation of Gifts	Higgins Family	
EMOE	K. Murphy	
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	M. Falk	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson
Presentation of Gifts	P. Zorzi	
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	D. Gomez	
Readers	M. Tuckwell	T. Malone
Presentation of Gifts	Hall-O'Brien Family	
EMOE	K. Sneddon	Volunteer
COUNTERS	R. Higgins / N. Higgins	I. Buckley

EVENTS

24 NOVEMBER - KALEIDOSCOPE CHOIR CONCERT

Kaleidoscope Choir concert on 24 November at Queanbeyan Uniting Church. The concert is a joint effort between Kaleidoscope and the Good Faith Choir . Tickets at the door \$15, afternoon tea provided.

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 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.

9 DECEMBER - An evening of Christmas music & readings on Monday

9 December, 6pm at St Christopher's Cathedral. Friar Alessandro is an internationally renowned Franciscan singer, accompanied by Vivian Choi, and the Artes Christi Choir & Orchestra. Entry by donation - with donations supporting Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Bookings essential via www.voicefrommassisi.org.au or sign-up sheet in the foyer.

14 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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

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.

POSITION VACANT - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, North Belconnen.

The parish is seeking a **Parish Sacramental Program Coordinator**, 5 hours per week, to commence duties for the school year of 2020. For skills and experience required and more information refer to the parish website: cg.org.au/belconnennorth. Applications must be submitted online via email by 30th November.