

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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## VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Monday, Tuesday,

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9.00am—12.30pm

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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*

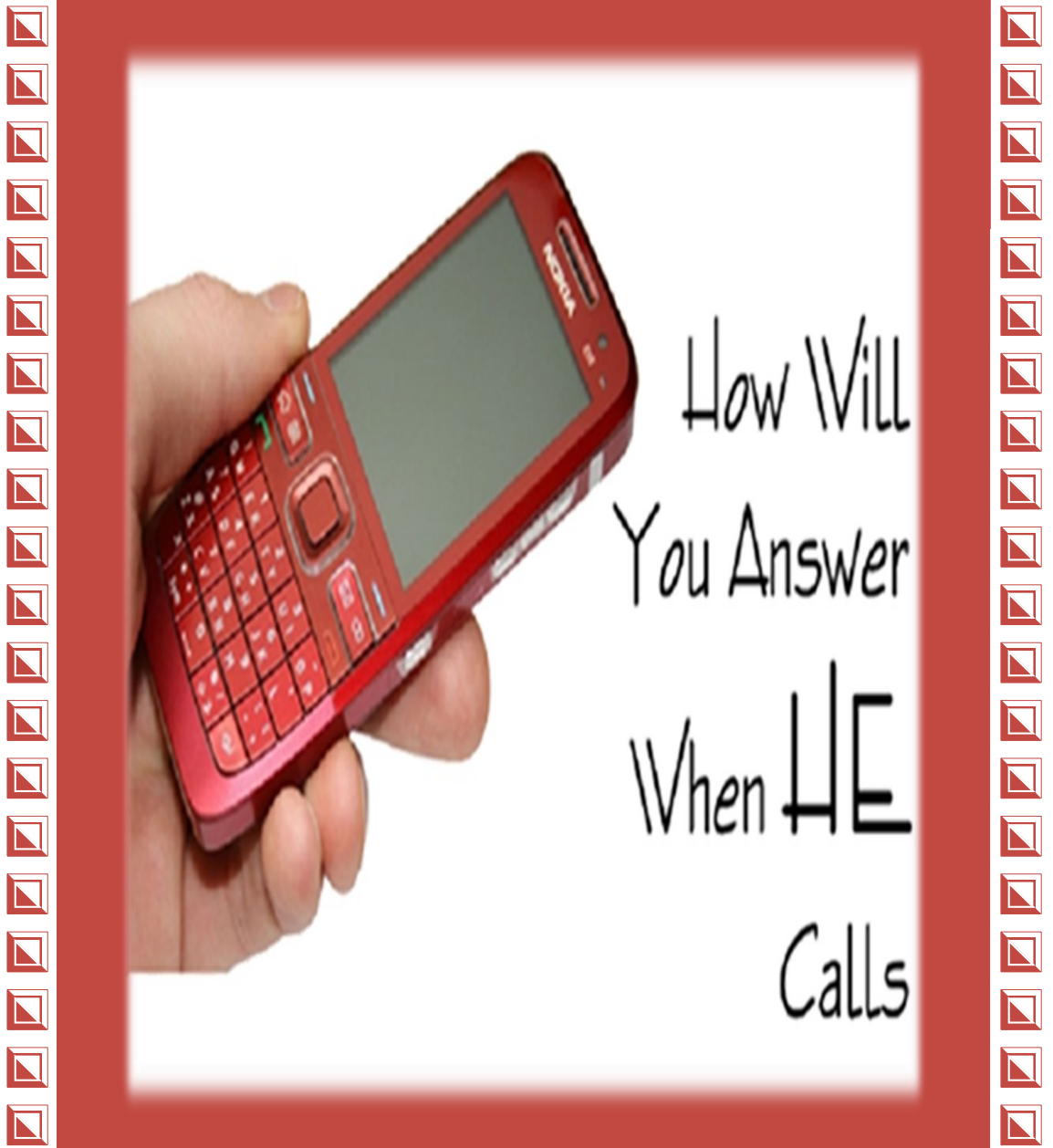
Saturday 12pm—12.30pm

and 4pm—4.30pm

*ACU Chapel Signadou*

Thursday—12.30 pm

# Third Sunday in 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.

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Look toward the Lord and be radiant; Let your faces not be abashed.
<b>READINGS</b>	Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3 1 Corinthians 1:10-13. 17 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23
<b>In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:</b>	Elizabeth Cronin, Greg O'Neill, Barbara Wilson, Bernard Slammon, Fr Ellis Clifford, Mary Martin, Edith Jensen, Philip Bailey, Maureen Blood, Anne Corver, Awny El-Ghitany, Joe Schimizzi, Elsie Laughton, Alexia Harris, June Pollard, Paul Neddrie, Beth Delos Santos, Margaret Sullivan, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Martiniello, Pamela Sandy, Elizabeth Webster, Frank Zobec, Mary Bui Mimma Giampietro, Zelma McManus, Una Bell, Catherine Feehan, Charlotte Woolner, Maureen Dawes, Fr Joe McGeehan
<b>Our deceased</b>	Lyn Horvat, Dominico Pham Khai Hoam
<b>In Memory</b>	Mary Johnson

### BLACKFRIARS PARISH BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Blackfriars Parish will be making a contribution to the Parish of Batemans Bay to help the seven families in the Parish who have lost their homes. Our Parish will sponsor one of the families.

- Envelopes are provided over the next few weeks for your contribution to these families.
- If you wish to pay by Credit Card please fill-in your details on the back of the envelope.
- The envelopes can be put on the second collection plate.
- Contributions can be made by Electronic Funds Transfer to:  
Blackfriars Parish Watson  
BSB: 062 786  
A/C: 000013341  
Reference: Bushfire Appeal & Name  
This donation is not tax deductible. Your kind generosity is most welcome.

### A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

**Father, you reached out by the power of the Holy Spirit  
through Jesus your Son to show your love for all creation.  
You invite everyone to share in your life made available to us in Jesus.  
You established the Church to bring your good news to all people.  
Let your Holy Spirit help us to be the presence of your saving love to all.  
May that same Spirit help us to proclaim your good news  
in a way that is meaningful to people and touches their hearts.  
May we, like Mary, Help of Christians,  
have the courage of the cross, to fulfil the mission  
you gave us no matter what the cost.  
Sharing in his confidence and trust in you,  
we ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 39:2, 4, 7-10

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

### AUSTRALIA DAY



10am Mass will be the Mass to  
celebrate Australia Day.  
This year's Australia Day invites  
even deeper reflection on life  
in Australia, as well as its  
future.

Our prayers are for the people of Australia: that  
we will live justly, love tenderly and walk humbly  
with God.

### AUSTRALIA DAY REFLECTION

Discussion of Australia Day generally focuses on whether the date is appropriate, given the disastrous consequences for Indigenous Australians and cultures that followed the arrival of the first fleet. This question is important because it makes us ask whether we respect Indigenous Australians today and recognise their unique place in Australia. This year, however, Australia Day invites even deeper reflection on life in Australia and its history and future. The catastrophic fires are the prelude to an age in which the effects of climate change will dominate the way all Australians will experience and live in Australia. It impels us to reflect on the way in which Indigenous Australians and the European settlers have related to the world and on what we might learn from them for our future. Western culture as displayed in Australia puts a high value on individual initiative and the amassing of wealth. It is competitive and sees land as something for individuals to take possession of and to exploit, not to preserve and sustain for the good of the community. Central to the public culture is the development of technology to exploit the environment, and of financial systems to underwrite the exploitation. Morality is understood to govern personal and interpersonal behaviour, but not to apply to relationships to land or to social justice. The catastrophic bushfires, part of the disruption to our lives we must expect with global warming, invite us to ask whether the dominant expansionary and individual culture in Australia has reached a point when it will destroy the world that it exploits. And whether Indigenous cultures may offer, not technological solutions, but a more mature way of imagining our relationship to the natural world. These are rich and pressing thoughts for Australia Day! Excerpt Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ [www.australiancatholics.com.au](http://www.australiancatholics.com.au).

## PARISH FAREWELL DINNER

The Parish will hold a dinner to farewell our Parish Priest Fr Kieran.

Date: Saturday 22nd February

Venue: Yowani Country Club

Cost: \$50.00 per head (Drinks not included)

Time: 6.30pm

Bookings are essential. Places are limited because of venue size so book early. To book, contact the Parish Office.

Payment **MUST** be made at the time of booking.

Closing date - 14th February.

**No late bookings can be accepted. There will not be any places available on the night.**

First preference will go to Holy Rosary Church parishioners.

For our young parishioners and those who are unable to attend the dinner there will be a sausage sizzle farewell on Sunday 23rd February after the 10am Mass.

## PARISH RENEWAL

Over the past year, a group of parishioners, inspired by Plenary Council conversations, have been praying and reflecting on Parish Renewal in Blackfriars Parish. As part of this process Fr. James Mallon's book "Divine Renovation" was the focus of two parish reading groups over the last couple of months.

Now, following on from this, there is a desire to explore running an Alpha course in the parish next year. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith based on a series of short films. Each film looks at a different question and is designed to create conversation. It is run in cafés, churches, universities and homes around the globe. The three key elements are: food, a talk and good conversation. It is currently being run in several dioceses in Australia, including ours. If you are interested in participating in Alpha in the parish, you are warmly invited to get in touch with Roger Paul 0421612572; rpaul2572@gmail.com or Siobhan Tanzer 0432 292 498 for more information.

## FISHERS OF MEN

Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.'

'Jesus doesn't offer them a career, as carpenters, soldiers or tax collectors. He isn't offering them exciting new love affairs, or friendships unencumbered by the weight of failure and misunderstanding.' 'The call to follow establishes a relationship between what the disciples are now, and what they are to become. Their ordinary work, drawing sustenance from the darkness of the sea, becomes a sign of a deeper reality, drawing men and women from the darkness of sin and death, into the torrent of wind and flame manifested at Pentecost.'

'Grace does not take us from one identity to another, but opens out a new and surprising depth of identity in the life of God. The disciples then leave everything behind not to escape, but to discover the true depths of the Spirit's call. This Spirit, pouring from the Risen Christ, doesn't replace our natural desires and hopes. Sharing in the Divine life does not mean that we are not called to live a fully human life.'

For some, like the disciples in the Gospel, this call will require a leaving behind. In religious life, Christian men and women do not go in search of a fantasy life, but a life defined by the bonds and responsibilities of grace, of the new human community of the church formed at Pentecost.

But for most people, the call will not require a complete leaving behind, but an expanded vision of who we are, and our value in God's plan. The call of Jesus to repent, because the kingdom of heaven is close at hand, is a call not to allow sin, and all the failures of life, to define us. For from our baptism we have been caught up, hooked into this new age of grace, where we may swim freely.

Excerpt Fr Timothy J. Calvert OP <http://english.op.org/torch>

## TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

*Third Sunday of the Year.*

*Fr Colin Carr OP show us how Jesus Christ enables those who are on the margins to see how they are called to be at the centre of a new kingdom, the kingdom of God.*

Last week we read about the Lord's servant being given a greater commission than the original one – *It is not enough for you to restore the tribes of Jacob.... I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.* "The ends of the earth" can sound rather like "the back end of beyond", and that's what the lands of Zebulun and Naphtali were in the eyes of the people of Jerusalem and Judah. And that's what the disorganised tribes of Israel would have looked like to the Midianite oppressors back in the days of the Judges, before Gideon led a campaign of liberation "on the day of Midian". The lands of Zebulun and Naphtali had been anti-colonised by powerful oppressors about 700 years before Christ, so that the original inhabitants got moved elsewhere and other ethnic groups were brought in to form a kind of non-people who were only brought back into the Israelite fold about 100 years before Christ, and were in any case, like the rest of Israel, under Roman rule.

In Isaiah's vision hope comes to the hopeless, light comes to those in darkness, to those at the back of beyond.

What I learned from my atlas at school is that Britain is at the centre of the world, then there's the West, the South, the Middle East, the East and the Far East. It's taken me a long time to realise how odd that language is – as is the language of "sunrise" and "sunset". People either place themselves at the centre of things and see others as more or less marginal; or they actually feel themselves to be marginal and profoundly unimportant, even worthless. Isaiah of Jerusalem speaks for those who are and feel marginal, and Jesus comes among such people with a startling message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." Now we usually think of repenting as being sorry for our bad ways and trying to do better; but it can also mean changing your way of thinking, and if the people to whom Jesus came thought of themselves as worthless, surely Jesus wouldn't have been rubbing it in, but encouraging them to think differently. He invites them to turn round and see a new reality called the kingdom of heaven, which is Matthew's reverent way of saying the kingdom of God. This kingdom, as the Gospels will show us in many readings in the weeks ahead, is accessible to children, to people with fierce desire in their hearts, people who know their need of healing, and people who dare to hope. "Sinners" – which often means those who don't observe the generally accepted etiquette – are welcome; and even a Canaanite woman from around Tyre and Sidon is welcomed into the sharing out of blessing. Matthew then tell us about Jesus calling two sets of brothers to follow him; is this linked with what has gone before, or is it just the next thing that happens, without any connection? Well, it would make sense to assume that there is some connection, and in the gospel the followers of Jesus become connected with the announcing of the kingdom. Although after the double call story Matthew says Jesus went round teaching, proclaiming the kingdom and curing, it doesn't make sense to exclude the recently reconstituted fishermen from that activity. In the future he will send out many of his followers to do what he has been doing, and in these call stories Matthew is introducing us to the idea of the Church. The God who is utterly self-sufficient creates companions for himself; the Son of God who has all power to transform the world, chooses to use companions for his work, and he gathers a community of gatherers to continue to draw more and more companions into the kingdom; and that community of gatherers is the Church which simply is the presence of Christ acting as he acted all round Galilee, acting now round all places, and especially the no-places of our world, to bring good news of the kingdom of heaven to those for whom there seems to be nothing but bad news.

Colin Carr OP <http://english.op.org/torch>

Looking behind I am filled with gratitude.

Looking forward I am filled with vision.

Looking upwards I am filled with strength.



## 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. In recess until the start of the school term.

**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** Ph. 6248 5925 or Email: [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au)

**POSITION VACANT**— Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, North Belconnen, is seeking a **Parish Sacramental Program Coordinator**, five hours per week, to commence duties for the school year of 2020. For skills and experience required, please visit [www.cg.org.au/belconnennorth](http://www.cg.org.au/belconnennorth). Applications must be submitted online via email by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

**20 April – 16 May - Jesuit led Canberra First Spiritual Exercises Retreat: Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus.**

The retreat in daily life is for: young and old; men and women; married or singles. It is designed to allow you to continue your ordinary daily life with its usual elements, whatever their shape. Within your daily routine, the retreat will guide your prayer and reflection on life. For more details and/or to express interest in attending: <https://www.clcaustralia.org.au/australian-capital-territory/> or 0407147540.

**TRANSPORT** - Due to bus timetable changes a couple who live in the Ainslie area are unable to attend the 10am Mass. If you can help with transport please contact the office.

Never look down on someone unless you're helping them up.

## ROSTER

1 / 2 February

Saturday 5pm	
Acolyte / Server	M. Tran
Readers	K. Markcrow D. Hinds
Presentation of Gifts	Blakey Family
EMOE	A. Moore
Sunday 8am	
Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand
Readers	B. Bandle C. Bandle
Presentation of Gifts	Walpole/Jones
EMOE	J. Smith
Sunday 10am	
Acolyte / Server	Q. Vu
Readers	J. Cooke A. McCarthy
Presentation of Gifts	Vu Family
EMOE	E. Musolino M. Musolino
Sunday 5pm	
Acolyte / Server	P. Tran
Readers	K. Watson M. Tuckwell
Presentation of Gifts	Dobrowolska/Cheyne Family
EMOE	C. de Luca T. de Luca
COUNTERS	F. Higgins I. Buckley

## EVENTS

### 1 FEBRUARY- EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On the first Saturday of the month at St Brigid's Church. 9.00am Mass; 9.30am Confession; 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; 10.00am Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle; 10.45am Benediction Enquiries: Judy & Joe Mewburn on 6254 6202

### 3 FEBRUARY - CALVARY HOSPITAL

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary will hold its first meeting for 2020 on Monday 3 February at Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce. Guest speaker will be award winning, internationally best selling Australian author Ms Karen Viggers. Ms Viggers will speak about her latest book, The Orchardist's Daughter, her work as a veterinarian and her work and travels in out-back Australia. Meeting at 12.30, guest speaker approx 1pm. New members and visitors most welcome.

### 11 FEBRUARY - CHAMBER PHILAMONIACA COLOGNE

In St Christopher's Cathedral at 8 pm. Vivaldi Concerti virtuosi Concerto grosso in D Minor for Strings and basso continuo RV 565 Concerto in E Minor for Bassoon, Strings and basso continuo RV 484 Concerto in B Flat Major for Bassoon and Orchestra KV 191. Tchaikovsky Nocturne for Violoncello and String Orchestra (1884). Paganini Palpiti Theme and Variations for Violin and Orchestra op.13

### 14 FEBRUARY - A PILGRIM'S WALKING RETREAT

From 6.00pm Friday 14th to Sunday 16th at 3.00pm. Enjoy a two-day retreat following the way of the Pilgrim walking the Shalom Labyrinth and around the beautiful Carcoar Valley. This retreat is about reconnecting with your spirituality and your God through the Pilgrim's Camino and the Christian labyrinth. **Cost: \$200 (Includes all meals and accommodation).** Phone: 63673058 Em: [shalomcarcoar@gmail.com](mailto:shalomcarcoar@gmail.com) WWW: <http://shalomcarcoar.com/events/>

### 15 & 16 FEBRUARY - ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit: [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au) Choose any of the coming Weekends:

**May 2-3, August 1-2, November 7-8.**

**HOME TO RENT** - Young family moving to Canberra is looking for a house to rent in the inner north. Please contact Rahab Wilson 0406 686 454 or Gabrielle Jarvis 0429 413 562.