

Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Monday, Tuesday,
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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

**If you are in Urgent need of
a Priest Call - 6248 8253**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



A warm welcome is extended to guests & parishioners celebrating our Eucharist today.

ENTRANCE	O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.
READINGS	Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:	Maria Martiniello, Greg O'Neill, Una Bell, Mary Martin, Barbara Wilson, Mary Bui, Alexia Harris, Anne Corver, Bernard Slammon, Fr Ellis Clifford, Edith Jensen, Philip Bailey, Maureen Blood, Awny El-Ghitany, Joe Schimizzi, Elsie Loughton, June Pollard, Paul Neddrie, Beth Delos Santos, Margaret Sullivan, Rosa Maria Santos, Pamela Sandy, Elizabeth Webster, Frank Zobec, Zelma McManus, Mimma Giampietro, Catherine Feehan, Charlotte Woolner, Maureen Dawes, Fr Joe McGeehan
Deceased	Margaret Kirk, Elizabeth Cronin
In Memory	

PSALM: 111:4-9

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

BLACKFRIARS 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 generosity is most welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

 Our Watson St Vincent de Paul Conference will once again be organising a donation stall at the Canberra Show across the last weekend in February (28 Feb – 1 March). We are calling for volunteers to do 2 hour shifts across the weekend manning the stall and collecting donations. Please contact Tony Malone on 0431 542 531 or at either tonymalone@grapevine.com.au or .

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

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU HAVE FOOD ALLERGIES

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.

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.



URGENT - ALL PARISHIONERS

Do you have any photographs of Fr Kieran that you would be happy to loan to the parish for display at Yowani Country Club on the occasion of Fr Kieran's farewell dinner on Saturday 22nd February?

We would endeavour to display all photographs submitted. Photographs would need to be received at the parish office no later than Sunday 16th February. Please bring your photos to the office and they will be scanned, you will not need to leave them. Thank you.

GIVE WITH OPEN HEARTS, AND OPEN HANDS

This Sunday's readings give us a physical and very concrete image for the choice we face between two contrasting ways of living: the clenched fist and the open hand. Isaiah encourages his listeners to 'do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word', and to do it by 'sharing your bread with the hungry and clothing the man you see to be naked'. Psalm 111 continues the theme: 'the good man takes pity and lends, is generous, merciful and just, open-handed he gives to the poor.' Where the clenched fist is ungenerous, unreceptive and closes things down, the open hand is generous, welcoming and vulnerable.

Excerpts from a homily by Fr Vivian Boland, OP

MORNING TEA

A fund raising Morning Tea will on held in conjunction with ACU Canberra Campus to raise money for the Bushfire victims in the Parish of Batemans Bay.

Where: Garden in the Signadou Building

Date: Tuesday 18th February

Time: 10.30am - 11.30am

Entry: Donation

Please bring a plate to share.



LISTEN TO THE MIGRANT'S CRIES

Pope Francis' Intention for February is for those caught up in human trafficking: that our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal human smuggling and human trafficking, may be heard and considered.

One of Pope Francis' earliest journeys was to the island of Lampedusa.

There he mourned the deaths of the many people who had died on the route from the North African coast. They had to leave their lands to escape persecution, war and hunger. Their deaths were a sign of the effects of the greed, inequality and lack of compassion towards people in need.

This month Pope Francis asks us to pray particularly for immigrants who fall victim to greedy and brutal traders. These people often send agents to in war-torn and poor villages, where they talk glowingly of the golden life that awaits them and their relatives overseas and the care that they will receive along the way. They persuade many villagers, already anxious for their lives in their home country, to provide large sums of money for pay for travel, food along the way and, if necessary, false papers. They often must borrow money from friends and relatives. When they arrive at the shore, they often face demands for more money and are placed on old, unseaworthy and grossly overcrowded boats.

Many boats sink, abandoned by their crew. Those that arrive are often prevented from landing. New arrivals are placed in camps where they are ill fed and despairing. Wealthy nations shut them out. The people have taken advantage of their need, taken their money, ruined their families and left them without hope of finding a life.

In his intention Pope Francis speaks deliberately of refugees who are victims of criminal, not illegal, smuggling. The difference is important. Smuggling and trafficking are criminal when they are not undertaken out of compassion for the immigrants, nor show them respect at each stage of their journey, but regard them as commodities from whose trading the greatest possible profit must be made.

Governments often define all transport and accompaniment of immigrants across national boundaries as criminal. When people flee death and starvation through persecution and war, however, it is a virtue to assist them even if it has been declared illegal.

The networks that helped Jewish people hide and escape from Germany and occupied nations in the '30s and '40s acted illegally but are celebrated as heroes today. So earlier were those involved in the Underground Railway that helped escaped slaves. Many Australians who fled from Indochina, too, owed their lives to the kindness and reliability of people who helped them to flee the country.

The key to look at immigrants is not to see them as things or the objects of government policy and law, but as human beings all with their own story to tell and to be heard with compassion. That compassion is often denied them both by people who traffic them and by governments that persecute and exclude them. Pope Francis asks us to see their faces as we hold them in our prayers and plead their cause.

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LENT

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 26th February. Each year the forty days of Lent are given to us for prayerful reflection on the figure of Christ crucified and the journey He took through darkness to light. The theme of our reflection program this year is "Hope" In recent times we have seen natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, terrorism, war, displaced persons seeking new homelands, floods, fires, and starvation shadowing the earth. Yet in these shadows we have seen people of faith, courage, prayer and action, perseverance and hope; and through these people we have caught a glimpse of the self – sacrificing love of Jesus himself.

As in former years, we are invited to journey together in faith and if possible to set some time aside to reflect on God's Word as nourishment on our pilgrimage.

Details of a Lenten study group in next week's bulletin.



*In the dark places of our own lives,
the light of Christ comes.
We are the light-bringers of Jesus Christ,
and we need the light of Christ in our lives.*

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

Many years ago, a church was built on one of the highest mountains in Switzerland. It was a beautiful church that had been built with great care by the villagers who lived nearby. But there was one thing that the church didn't have. It didn't have any lights. The church had been built too far away from power supplies and the cost to install electricity would have been too much.

Every Sunday evening, the people who lived on the mountain-side opposite the tiny church saw something wonderful happen. The church bell would ring and people would gradually walk up the mountainside towards the church. They would enter the church and then all of a sudden the church would light up brightly. The villagers had to bring lights with them as they walked. When they arrived at church they hung them around the church on pegs set in the walls, so the light would spread all around.

If only a few people came to church, the light would be very dim. But when many came to church there would be plenty of light. After the liturgy the villagers would take their lanterns home. It was then that those who watched from a distance would see a stream of light pour out of the church and over the mountain-side. For many it was a sign that all was well. God's light was with them and inside them. The only time the little church lit up was when people were there. That's when it truly became a church.

So it is here today. We carry in us the light of Christ and we gather here in this place where God's light is seen. Jesus says that we are the light of the world. He asks us to show his love to everyone when we leave here so that his light will give hope to those who see us. When we do the work of God, we stand proudly for our faith. And we can also trust that our faith will help us. When we do this, we are living our lives as God wants us to live. When we believe and act in faith, then we will be full of light – we will be beacons in a dark place.

*For the word of the Lord
holds true, and we can
trust everything he does.*

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. **Classes have started on Sundays at 9am.**

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** Ph. 6248 5925 or Email: watson@cg.org.au

26 February - CLIMATE REFUGEES – PUBLIC MEETING 6.30pm Wednesday, 26 February, Copland Theatre, ANU

The effects of climate change are already having a devastating effect on many people. The World Bank estimated in 2018 that, by 2050, there could easily be 140 million people displaced by climate change. That is twice the current number of people displaced for all reasons. Many experts now believe that this is an underestimate.

How will we deal with this? Will we treat these people in the same way as we are currently treating those seeking asylum? This public meeting will explore these questions and argue for alternatives to the current refugee policies.

Our speakers are three important experts on climate change and its effects on the forced displacement of people.

8 February - CANBERRA REGIONAL AMICUS GROUP

Saturday 08.02.20 Canberra Southern Cross Club Woden meet At 7pm In The Patio for dinner at table booked in the name of AMICUS. RSVP Contact Patricia 0412351548

Only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have.

ROSTER

16 / 17 February

Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	R. Paul	
Readers	T. Dennis	P. English
Presentation of Gifts	U. Ford	
EMOE	T. O'Neill	
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	T. Klekner	C. Widdowson
Presentation of Gifts	E. Falk	
EMOE	M. Falk	
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	C. Rheinberger	J. Schwingamer
Presentation of Gifts	Musolino Family	
EMOE	A. Moore	K. Murphy
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	D. Gomez	
Readers	M. Proctor	
Presentation of Gifts	Turris Family	
EMOE	K. Sneddon	C. Mackay
COUNTERS	R. Walpole	J. Smith

EVENTS

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 Basson, 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 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 Choose any of the coming Weekends: **May 2-3, August 1-2, November 7-8.**

15 March - LENTEN CONCERT - 'ASHES TO EASTER'

with Peter Kearney. Sunday 15th March, 2.00-3.15pm in St. John Vianney Church, Waramanga. Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter/singer and guitarist, his 'Ashes to Easter' concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week & Easter. Mainly for adults though upper-primary and older students could also enjoy. Entry by donation.

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

You don't need any special qualifications. All you need is the desire to open yourself to God and to take some practical steps to find time for prayer. For more details and/or to express interest in attending: <https://www.clcaustralia.org.au/australian-capital-territory/> or 0407147540.