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VERITAS



First Sunday of Lent

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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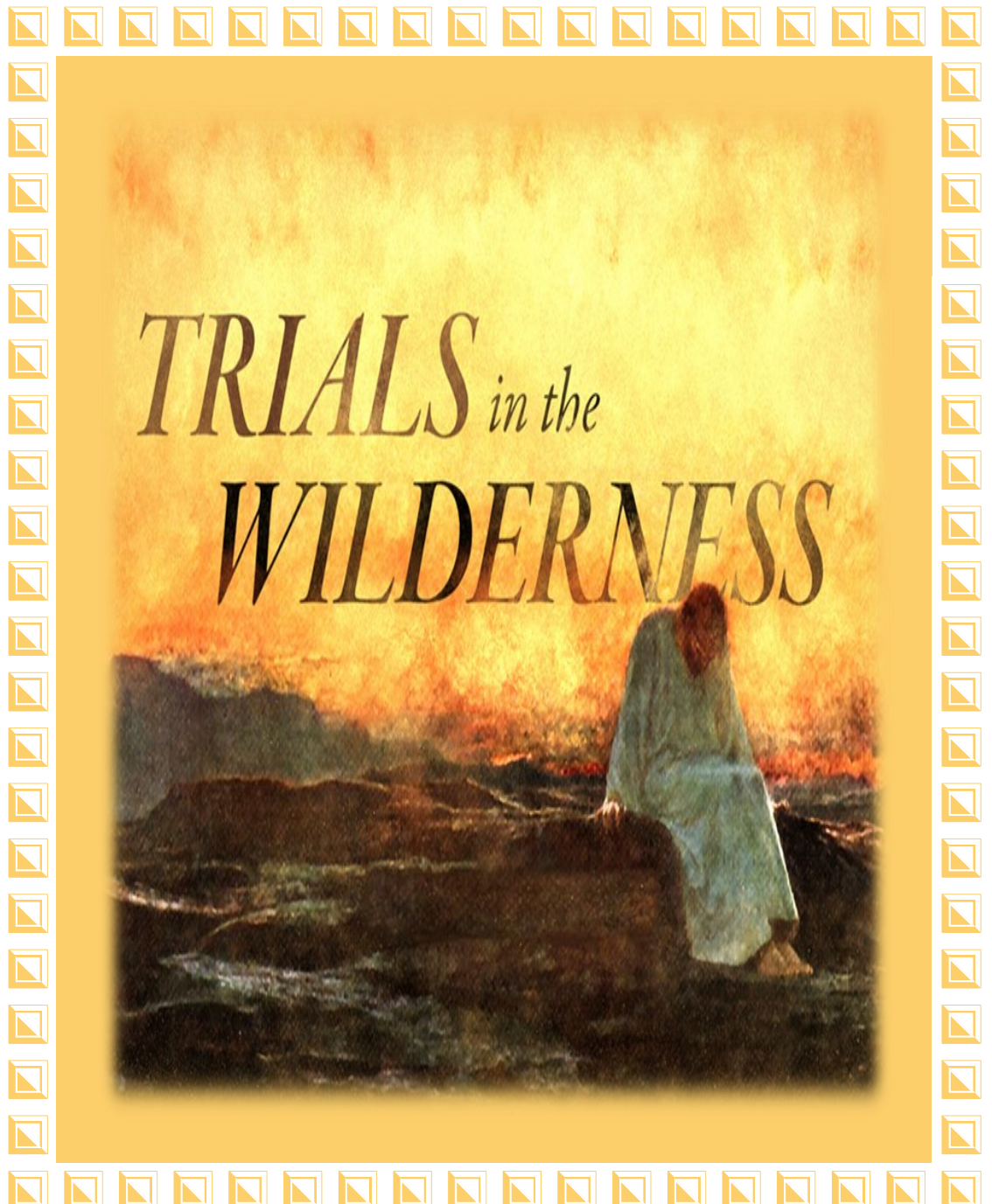
Mass times
Wed 5.30pm
Tues & Thurs 6.45am
Fri 5.30pm

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

Pray the Rosary
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**

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

ENTRANCE	When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
COMMUNION	One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
READINGS	Genesis 2:7-9. 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

PSALM: 50:3-6. 12-14. 17

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:	Alexia Harris, Maria Martiniello, Greg O'Neill, Una Bell, Mary Martin, Barbara Wilson, Mary Bui, Anne Corver, Bernard Slammon, Fr Ellis Clifford, Maureen Dawes, Edith Jensen, Philip Bailey, Awny El-Ghitany, Joe Schimizzi, Elsie Laughton, June Pollard, Paul Neddrie, Beth Delos Santos, Margaret Sullivan, Rosa Maria Santos, Pamela Sandy, Elizabeth Webster, Frank Zobec, Zelma McManus, Mimma Giampietro, Catherine Feehan, Maureen Blood, Charlotte Woolner, Fr Joe McGeehan
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Deceased	Margaret Kirk, Elizabeth Cronin, Beth Hobson, Anna Lechowicz
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In Memory	Mildred Wiley, James Patrick Bergin, Caterina & Domenico Barbaro
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*The gift of true healing will begin with our thoughts.
if we master our thoughts we will master our lives.*

LENT

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. This year Rosary Parish is combining with other local Churches in holding the Lenten Program. The Lenten Program will be held - Monday evening Group, 7.30pm at 19 French Street, Hackett - Tuesday evening Group, 7.30pm at All Saints Church Ainslie Wednesday lunchtime, 1pm at Holy Cross Church Hackett. Contact Keith Linard on 0412-376-317. Please note that Holy Rosary is running the Alpha Program throughout Lent.

SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent invites all of us to rediscover our spiritual roots and reconnect with our Church community and to deepen our relationship with the Lord. As we begin the season of Lent we are invited to live with open-hearted generosity, and to discover the joy and freedom in living for others.



The Lenten Season has a twofold character:

1. It recalls baptism or prepares for it;
2. It stresses a penitential spirit.

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced.

- Hence:
- a. Wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy...
 - b. The same approach holds for the penitential elements...

During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social... In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II

FAREWELL DINNER & BBQ



A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all who attended Fr Kieran's Farewell Dinner at the Yowani Country Club. An excellent meal and high standard of service made the evening run smoothly. Many thanks to Kay Murphy, Jacquie Cortese, Jim Smith and the behind the scenes helpers: Carmel Lewis (photo display), Ruth Bourke (table centre pieces), Cath O'Brien, Anne Moore, Wendy Wade, Richard Tanzer (MC) and Roger Paul (for the heart felt speech). To those who attended the farewell Mass,:

what a great turn out and celebration!! Thank you to Rosary School (Sausages) and the helpers on the day: Jacquie Cortese, Carmel Lewis, Helen Beasley, Wendy Wade, Harry Fawke, Cath Feehan, Anne Moore, Val Convine, Siobhan Tanzer, Helena Paul and to those who helped in any way to make it a great morning tea.



PROJECT COMPASSION



Shirley, 36, is an indigenous Manide woman living in a remote province in the Philippines. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep their children in school. She faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family's access to food, education, employment and healthcare. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community. Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or 1800 024 413.

Kathy Kinane will be giving a short talk on the work of Project Compassion at all Masses this weekend.

CHOIR

Holy Rosary Choir is now preparing for the ceremonies of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. If you would like to enrich your Easter experience with music, you are most welcome to join us. Just four practices on Monday nights at 7.30 pm in the church, from 16th March. Talk to Maureen on 61617100 for more information.

BAPTISM

Matteo James Cosentini

will be baptised this weekend. May his life filled with God's peace, and his heart with God's love... on this Baptism day and always.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Not a spectator sport

It is both tempting and risky to name significant events as watersheds in their effect on public attitudes. Tempting, because they have such immediate impact; risky because in many cases nothing seems to change.

With that qualification, later Australian historians may see the bushfires as a turning point in people's attitudes to the environment and to what they demand of politicians. At a more abstract level, too, they may mark a shift in the way we think about social justice.

Thought about social justice has developed over many centuries, as can be seen even in a broad and vastly over-simplified summary. In the pre-modern world justice was set in the context of relationships between individual persons. It explored what was due to and from people in their relationships, taking account of the differences in status of the parties from commoners to kings, women to men, adults to children, and slaves to free. Today the ways in which their conclusions reflected the unspoken values of their societies are evident.

Thought about social justice as we know it developed in the nineteenth century when theorists like Karl Marx responded to the appalling conditions of the poor by demonstrating the power of institutions and public attitudes that perpetuated poverty and locked in wealth. Reflection about justice then needed to take into account not only the persons involved but the 'it': the social structures that shaped their relationships and often denied the dignity of the poor.

If you don't like something change it; if you can't change it, change the way you think about it.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE

As Catholic reflection on such topics as war, labor relationships, regulation of large corporations and the treatment of refugees developed, it insisted on the inalienable dignity of each person made and the importance of personal responsibility, but set this dignity in the context of the institutional relationships that affirmed or denied it. This led to the recognition of social as well as personal rights. Their extent and importance are disputed among Catholics as well as in the larger society. Some still see justice primarily in terms of personal relationships; others give greater importance to the institutional relationships that implicitly affirm or deny personal dignity.

More recently the ecological crisis has pointed to a further set of relationships that shape us as persons, societies and world citizens. These are our relationships with the natural world of which we are part, and particularly with the non-human and inanimate world. The bushfires have burned into our consciousness that our world is threatened by global warming, and that we are unlikely to pass on to our descendants a nurturing and fruitful place. This threat arises from uncontrolled exploitation of the world for private gain, and is fed by the failure of political leaders to take it seriously.

This reality underlies the further development of reflection on social justice to embrace our personal, communal and institutional relationships with the world, our home. Catholic reflection on social justice has been supercharged by Pope Francis, who in his encyclical *Laudato Si* declared the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of the Earth to be central to faith. He also insisted that neither could be addressed simply by technological fixes but required personal conversion to see the world as gift to be respected, a home, and not as a prison or a mine.

In Catholic thinking about social justice, the future challenge is to hold together the three calls revealed in its history. The first dimension is always to focus on the inalienable dignity of each human person within community. This implies both standing with people whose dignity is violated and insisting that people are not isolated and competitive individuals but are defined by the relationships in communities.

The second call is to respect the dignity of each human being within all the group and institutional relationships that shape our lives — in work, migration, international relationships, economic settings, freedom of speech and of religion, respect for diversity and so on. This involves standing with people whose dignity is violated institutionally, and insisting that governments and institutions and their representatives be accountable for what they do.

The third call is to respect the dignity of each human being and of all beings, seeing them in their interconnections, personal, institutional and ecological. This involves considering the effect for good or ill upon the world of the way all human enterprises are conducted, including those in which we have a part.

Thinking about social justice is not a spectator sport. It involves personal reflection on how far its insistence on respect for the dignity of persons and of the natural world are embodied in our personal relationships and practices, in the working relationships and practices in our own institutions, and in our relationships with the public world and its institutions.

That challenge can be faced as a burden, and wielded against others like the scythe of the Grim Reaper. If so it will not be met. It must be nurtured by developing a vision of a splendid and interrelated world whose health will lighten, not darken our lives. That sense is found in the theme of the Catholic Social Justice Conference: 'serving communities with courage and compassion'.

Andrew Hamilton is consulting editor of Eureka Street

St Patrick's Day Ecumenical Service

We offer a warm welcome to all to join us for St Patrick's Day Ecumenical Service at Marist College Canberra on 14 March at 12pm. The service is a celebration of Irish Australian Culture.

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - **NEW EXTENDED OPENING HOURS** Vinnies Dickson is now opening longer on **Thursday - Saturdays** each week and are in need of volunteers to help in the store. If you are able to help please contact Dickson Vinnies, manager Isla Smith on 6234 7495.

ACU - Short courses in theology - Envisioning the Church in the future. Please see noticeboard for details.

13, 14, 15 MARCH - PILGRIMAGE & PRAXIS

An Australian ecumenical response to Laudato Si' envisages an ecologically flourishing country that reflects ecological values and healthy relationships that support the dignity and integrity of all creation. St Clement's Retreat and Conference Centre, Kalangan Road, Galong, NSW 2585. \$380 includes: Private ensuite room, all meals, bus to farm. Register with Sue Rolfe at St Clement's, Galong by telephoning 6380-5222.

Amicus, a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics, will be holding its next gathering at the Bread n Putter Bistro Queanbeyan Golf Club on **SAT 14th** March meeting at 7pm for DINNER. To join us please call LYN 0400 265 926

ROSTER

7 / 8 March

Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Presentation of Gifts	Tran Family	
EMOE	C. Lewis	
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson
Presentation of Gifts	D. Robertson	
EMOE		
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer	
Readers	J. Cooke	A. McCarthy
Presentation of Gifts	Musolino Family	
EMOE	H. Zobec	R. Marson
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	J. Curnow	T. Malone
Presentation of Gifts	Hall-O'Brien Family	
EMOE	C. Mackay	T. de Luca
COUNTERS	F. Higgins	I. Buckley

EVENTS

7- 8 MARCH - KALEDIOSCOPE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

A play with incidental music, staged as a dramatized play-reading. Queanbeyan Uniting Church on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th March at 2pm. Proceeds in aid of members of The Glorious Mudsingers affected by bush fires and flooding. Tickets at the door > Concession \$10; adults \$15. afternoon tea included.

12 MARCH - PLANT STALL

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary will be holding its autumn plant stall on Thursday 12 March, from 7.30 am- 4 pm, near the main foyer, Calvary Hospital, Bruce. There will be an excellent variety of indoor and outdoor plants for sale, including succulents, natives, exotics, roses, geraniums, lilies, iris and more. All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. Contact: Jan on 0437790980

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.

Reach Beyond: Become Simply Rich....

All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. They're not asking for money or gifts that contribute to degrading dependence. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation and support. You will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine. Look at www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0422472567, or email palms@palms.org.au

The strongest people find the courage and caring to help others, even if they are going through their own storm.