

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 & Fri - 5.30pm

Tues & Thurs - 6.45am

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

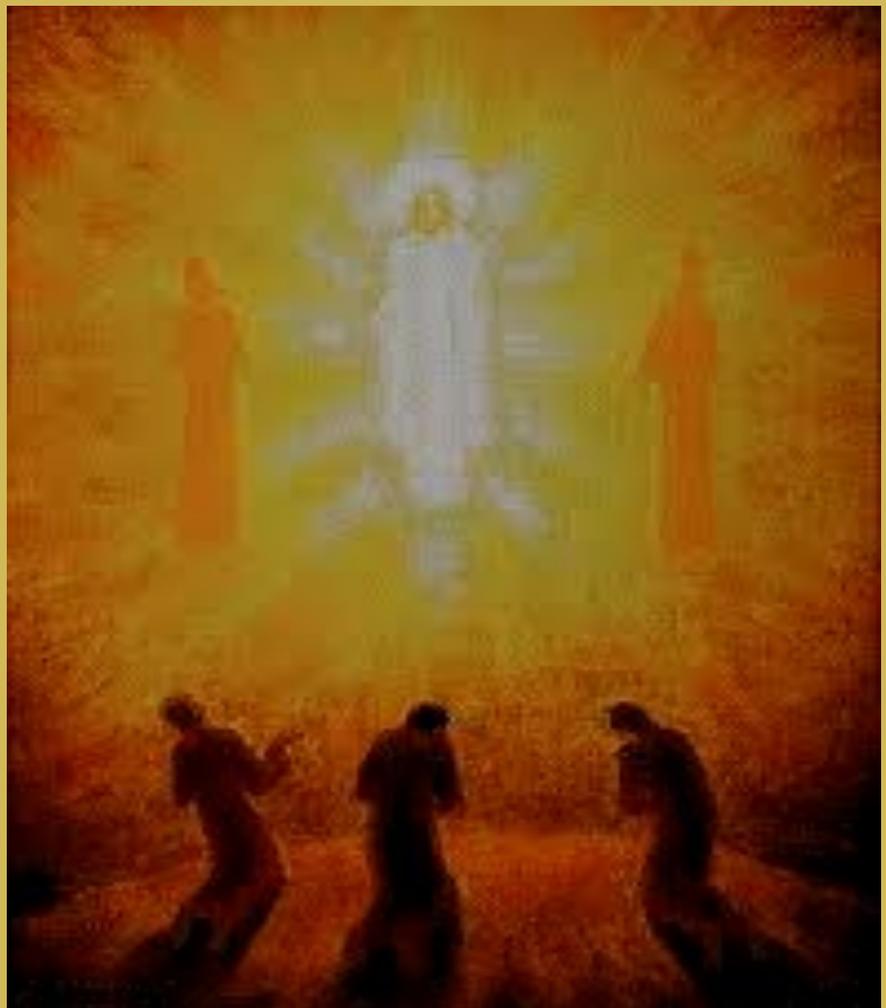
and 4pm—4.30pm

ACU Chapel Signadou

Thursday—12.30 pm

**If you are in Urgent need of
a Priest out of office hours
call - 6248 8253**

Second Sunday of Lent



Transfiguration

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

ENTRANCE	Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
COMMUNION	This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him
READINGS	Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9
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
Deceased	Beth Hobson, Anna Lechowicz, Laurie Drew, Robert O'Brien, Bev King
In Memory	Debbie Maher, Noel Falk

PROJECT COMPASSION



Twenty-seven-year-old Phany, lives in a village in western Cambodia. Struggling to earn a living as a farmer, she was forced to leave her daughter behind in the village, to take up construction work in the city. In 2016, Phany joined the Upholding Community Dignity Together program, where she learnt new farming techniques, such as a drip irrigation system, which enabled her to get a better yield from her vegetable crops and to conserve water in her drought

stricken region. Phany's community also took part in training in health, nutrition, hygiene and disaster preparedness, arming them with better strategies to cope with environmental changes.

With your help, mothers like Phany can continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families. A brighter future for women, men and their families can start today. Let's Go Further, Together.

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.

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.

CORONA VIRUS

The Archdiocese has received advice from medical experts that we should employ *best practice* and be *prudent* in trying to help reduce the transmission of the *CoronaVirus*. Acknowledge each other at the sign of peace, but refrain from touching. Holy Communion should be received only in the hand, NOT on the tongue. Distribute the Sacred Host only & NOT the Precious Blood.

PSALM: 32:4-5. 18-20. 22

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you..

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

THANK YOU & FAREWELL

This will be Fr Kieran's last weekend in Canberra as he flies out Adelaide on Monday. We wish him all the best in future and our many prayers go with him in this new phase of his life. God bless and safe journey.



BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Monies Received
\$52,426.25 (ACT Parishes)
\$19,233.20 (NSW Parishes)
\$16,100.00 (Individuals)
\$5,000.00 (Wagga Diocese)
\$5,000.00 (Doonside Parish)
\$10,000 (Order of Malta)
Total \$107,759.45

The Order of Malta also gave \$10,000 in Food Vouchers to the Coastal Parishes. The Archdiocese is extremely grateful to her parishes for their generosity & spirit.

Monies Disbursed
\$37,259.45 (Batemans Bay)
\$16,000.00 (Moruya Parish)
\$31,500.00 (Cobargo/Narooma Parish)
\$18,000.00 (Tumut/Batlow Parish)
\$5,000.00 (Pambula Parish)
Total \$107,759.45

ST BERNARD'S CHURCH BATEMANS BAY

On behalf of the Parish of St Bernard's, Batemans Bay and the beneficiaries, we wish to sincerely thank you all for your prayers and financial support to our community during the bushfire disaster. Your generous contributions went to 11 of our parishioners who had lost their homes to the bushfires and we would like to thank you for your much appreciated donations. The bushfire crisis had a huge impact on our community and while devastating, the outpouring of kindness and generosity has been heart-warming, spirit lifting and truly extraordinary.

Fr Martins Aloga, Parish Priest

GETTING READY TO PRAY

The Promise-Maker is at it again, as is the first promise-keeper. Abram hears the calling-God and the dramatic request to leave both his familiar homeland and the security of his lineage. Both of these are precious treasures in the time of Abram. He is given a promise of a new land and a new kind of family lineage. So, he did go out from his familiar homeland!

There is the added promise that his family would be the very one by which other families and nations would be blessed. As "Abba," he would be father of the nation Israel and the Father of Faith, by his trust that what he heard was real, was true.

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The marvel is that he believed in a communication that was not the usual manner of relating. He became a "second Adam," who heard and obeyed and presented Israel a model for their listening to God and living according to what is heard.

Reflection

The Gospel presents us with the mysterious communication followed by a faithful response, and Jesus' enactment of it.

The transfiguration is an intimate picture of Jesus again listening to who he is and a sharing that identity with his friends. They enjoy being with Jesus and each other, but this event calls them to a deeper acceptance of Jesus and what their relationship with him is going to cost. They are truly met.

Being truly met is to be moved to respond and to change our outlook and our goings out. Vision moves to mission, to a doing of something. But how does one know really that the vision, the voice, the call, the intuition, are all real? Maybe we're just talking to ourselves and saying what we want to hear in the first place?

I love being a Companion of Jesus, a Jesuit and a priest. I would say I heard a call, trusted it was from God. Like Abram, Moses, Elijah, Jesus and all his followers including you this reader, how did they know?

Is it success that ratifies a calling? I am adequately successful (they haven't kicked me out, yet, from Creighton). I am quite a happy fellow; does that qualify me as certain of being called? Maybe the Transfiguration was nothing more than a trans-hallucination and the frightened three were under the spell or subtle influence of a quite powerful personality. Perhaps Abram was just out standing in the Mediterranean sun too long.

The presence of other real possibilities makes a wonderful framework for that which is central to these readings and our prayer. Abram left, and the disciples left the mountain of the vision. So, in Scripture and in our lives, vision leads to mission. If there is a calling-conference from God, it will never be to just sit there and enjoy the good feelings or the sense of being special. Intimacy is a prelude to a distributing of life in some fashion or other.

We will know that there is a calling and not a dreaming by the fruitfulness of the life after the appearance, or urging, of a "still small voice." This fruitfulness might not be in the ways of the world. It is a deepening of trust in the Caller and a living that trust whatever happens. Psalm 33

Lord, let Your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you
Larry Gillick, SJ <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

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.

Control your own destiny or someone else will.

GOOD THAT WE ARE HERE

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Fr David Rocks OP ponders the fleeting goodness of the world and the enduring goodness of God.

"No more birthday party for me". Such were the words of one of our youngest parishioners as he watched the banners coming down, the characters being put away, and the room returning to how it always looks. It's wonderful when you're always learning, when experience and discovery are almost indistinct concepts. Good things come to an end - that's not the easiest of discoveries. When you've been on the birthday party circuit, marking those all-important milestones at the beginning of life, when "I'm three" "I'm four" "I'm five" "I'm big" are important and veracious statements of achievement and self-realisation; when you've been looking forward to your turn and then realise it's over and it had to pass, it stings a little. Back to the mundane. Plenty more to discover, lots to look forward to - you'll be even bigger next year. But nothing is quite the same as your birthday, and it's still a long way before Christmas. Still, it is good that we have been here. That is a nice thing to discover.

Treasured memories of grace-filled moments are priceless. They are milestones for us, reminders of God's favour. They justify our hope and inspire greater faith. It is good that we have been here. They are, however, insufficient. There is a certain lack of completeness. Wonderful as these moments were, and can be, their fleetingness betrays the greatest single flaw - they are not eternal. But that leads to hope, that something even more wonderful will come upon us. Oh that we could have that experience now! Oh that we could experience that sweet bliss forever!

Good things must pass away so that the everlasting joy can be received. Peter wanted the fullness of the glory then and there, on the high mountain. How quickly it was gone, yet how full would be its return. Until then, there would be a path to travel, marked by the Lord's Cross. Peter, not alone among the disciples, recoiled from the Cross. This moment of transfiguration gave him a profound hope, for he writes: "We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain." (2 Peter 1:16-18). Truly this was a treasured memory for Peter, an experience that would give him the resources to endure the trials he would be called to face in the future. It would help him to learn the lessons of the Cross, and to open himself to acceptance of it in every facet of his being.

Truly it was good for him to be here. In the presence of the transfigured Lord, he personally encountered the Law and the Prophets, those great symbols of hope for God's people that were not a fulfilment themselves, but are fulfilled by Christ and his embracing of the Cross. For us, it is good that we are here, in this graced season. Through self-denial, we encounter the fleeting goodness of the world, and receive the opportunity to reach for an eternal reality. We do so secure in the knowledge and experience of God's goodness, and with a profound insight into the depth of his love for us.



All of our experience of passing joys and sorrows points to the reality that we will have our own encounter with death. The Christian life sets out to prepare us for that encounter. The disciples saw the glory and the majesty on that high mountain, but there was still a way to go. You and I have still a way to go until the encounter with the Cross. We may not know the when and where, but it is good for us to be here. There's plenty more to discover, and much to learn. The courage to endure will be granted through prayer.

<http://english.op.org/torch>

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

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.

DIALING IN GOD

Instead of listening to music or talk radio in the car, decide to take that time for prayer and listen to God.

At first, it is a difficult transition: the silence is deafening. But soon you can enjoy the quiet time and pray for people who you know need your prayers. Pray for yourself and your family.

Thank God for your many blessings.

You can find that you are tranquil and peaceful time enables you to better listen to God.

Within you there is a stillness and sanctuary to which you can retreat at any time and be yourself.

ROSTER

14 / 15 March

Saturday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	R. Paul	
Readers	T. Dennis	P. English
Presentation of Gifts	U. Ford	
EMOE	T. O'Neill	

Sunday 8am

Acolyte / Server	N. McGahey	
Readers	T. Klekner	C. Widdowson
Presentation of Gifts	Walpole/Jones	
EMOE	Volunteer	

Sunday 10am

Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	R. Ciaccia	I. Ciaccia
Presentation of Gifts	Ciaccia Family	
EMOE	R. Zochling	J. Munro

Sunday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	D. Gomez	
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	T. de Luca
Presentation of Gifts	Turrisse Family	
EMOE	J. Curnow	D. de Luca

COUNTERS

EVENTS

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

14 MARCH - ST PATRICK'S DAY 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 2020 at 12pm. The service is a celebration of Irish Australian Culture. This year we have the wonderful Dr David Caldicott as our keynote speaker. David is an Emergency Medical Consultant at Canberra Calvary Hospital and a Clinical Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Medicine at the ANU. All are welcome, please come and join us at the Senior Hall, Marist College, Marr St, Pearce.

14 MARCH - AMICUS DINNER

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

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. Entry by donation.

1 MAY - KARINYA HOUSE ANNUAL MOTHERS DAY GALA DINNER

Join us for a night of fun & celebration, and help make a difference. At the Canberra Southern Cross Club at 6:30pm. Cost \$125 per person (Tables of Ten). Contact 0429 945 804 or you can book online at karinyahouse.asn.au/events More information is on the noticeboard.