

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 & 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

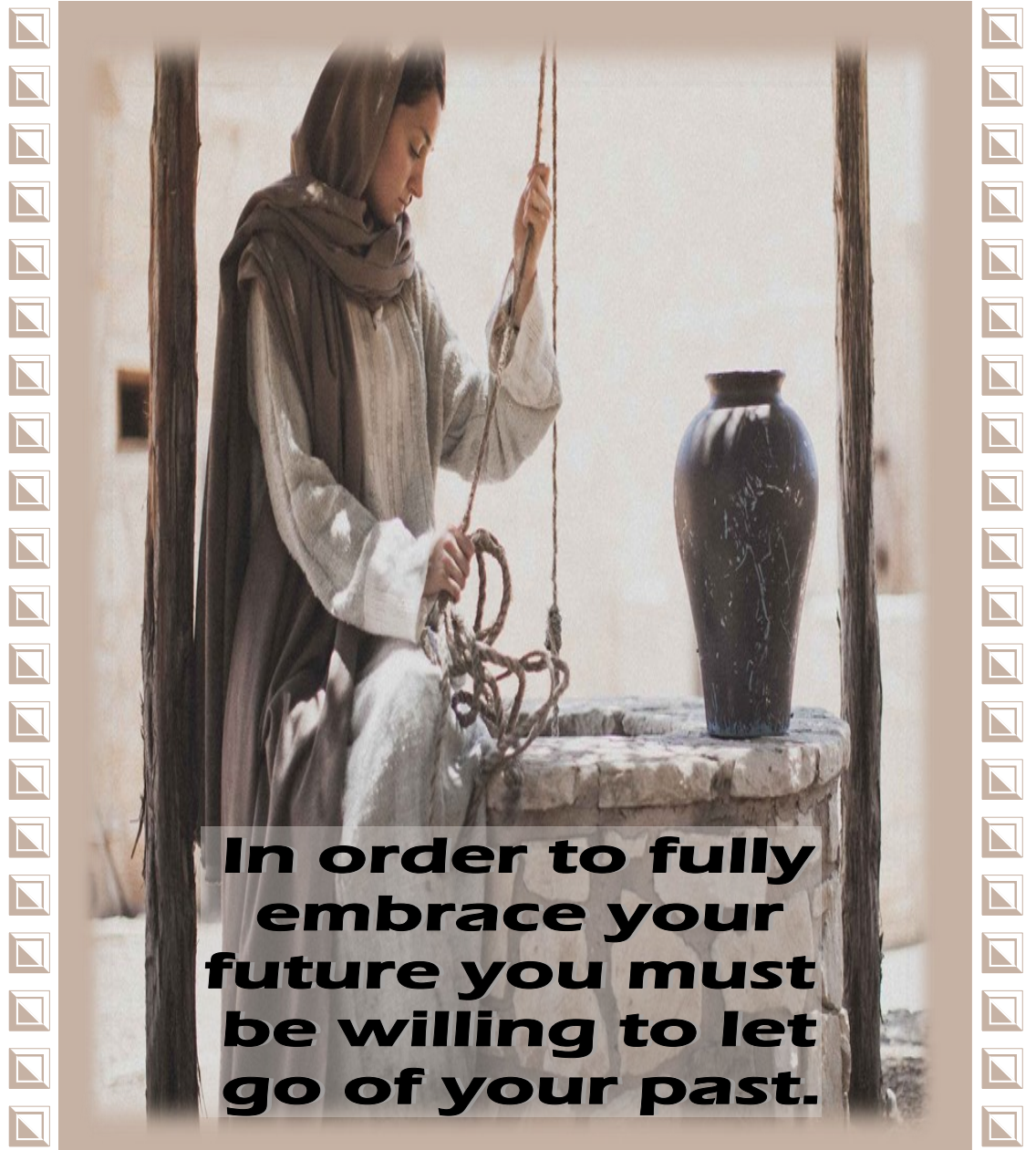
Saturday 12pm—12.30pm

and 4pm—4.30pm

ACU Chapel Signadou

Thursday—12.30 pm

Third Sunday of Lent



**In order to fully
embrace your
future you must
be willing to let
go of your past.**

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

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

ENTRANCE	My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
COMMUNION	For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.
READINGS	Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2. 5-8 Gospel: John 4:5-42

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	Anna Lechowicz, Laurie Drew, Robert O'Brien, Bev King
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In Memory	Domenica Cortese, Noel Dawes, Noel Falk
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PROJECT COMPASSION



Father of four, Barry, embodies resilience and strength. Growing up in a tough environment, he had to look inside himself to make the right choices for himself and his family. Barry, and others like him, were able to take part in a cultural healing program called Red Dust Healing. This program encourages participants to examine their

own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within, addressing family and personal relationships and what may be life-long patterns of violence, abuse and neglect. Today, thanks to the Caritas support, he's an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Barry, and his 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.

LENT

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.

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. Talk to Maureen on 61617100 for more information.

PSALM: 94:1-2. 6-9

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me,
though they saw my work.'

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

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.

HOLY WEEK / EASTER ROSTER

The Rosters are now in the foyer for parishioners who would like to volunteer over Holy Week/ Easter Liturgies. Special help is needed after Holy Thursday and on Holy Saturday morning.

The Mass timetable is available on the exit tables.

CHRISM MASS



Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 6th April, at 6:00pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the **Holy Oils** used in the various sacramental rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone welcome.

GRACES FLOW

'... examining ourselves this Lent, our spiritual life might be... (more) like a stagnant pond, foul and festering than a graceful, gravity-defying fountain, catching the light, cooling the air, delighting the ear. But the graces given to us, say, at Confirmation were not given only for that day. They have not dried up, though perhaps run deep underground in our daily Christian life and in seasons of aridity. These life giving waters still flow. ...These flowing gifts of courage, wisdom and right judgment are open to us even in - no, especially in - times of dryness, lack of vision, lethargy and self-doubt.' There is a permanent novelty about sacramental grace: a continuing presence yet freshly poured out as we turn to draw water from the wells of salvation abiding within us.'

http://torch.op.org/preaching_sermon

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

Why did the Samaritan woman come to draw water at noon, the hottest time of the day?

What are the places in my life where I am embarrassed, where I avoid interaction with others?

What are the noonday wells of my life?

Imagine yourself as the woman in this passage. Jesus approaches you and tries to reveal his thirst to you—perhaps his thirst for intimacy with you—but you put him off. You are not worthy. It won't work. When he offers to satisfy your thirst, you put him off. You are convinced he can't satisfy your needs, at least not at this well and without a bucket.

Ask: How do I put Jesus off, with excuses, problems, or barriers? Examples might include saying, "I don't have time," "I haven't done this before," "My stuff is too complicated," or "I don't know how to find you in this mess."

When Jesus shows the woman that he knows her, she comes to understand she is in the presence of someone special—perhaps the One she has thirsted for all her life.

Do I let Jesus show me that he knows and understands me?

The grace will come when I see that I have been at the well a long time and have long been thirsty. When I can name the new thirst, the Water that now satisfies that thirst, I can overcome my remaining resistance to trust. When I see that Jesus reveals himself to me by revealing me to myself, thereby showing me my need for him as Saviour, I will rejoice and tell the whole world, too.

Andy Alexander, SJ, Maureen McCann Waldron <https://www.loyolapress.com/>

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

In today's Gospel consider the thirst of the Samaritan woman. She went every day to the well to draw water. Yes, this was a physical necessity. But again there is something deeper here. The woman had many disappointments in her life. Like all of us, she was thirsty for meaning in her life. She was thirsty for love. Jesus pointed out to her that she had been married five times and now was living with a sixth man. Her life-thirst was not being satisfied. She was unhappy. She wasn't finding authentic love. She didn't find anyone or anything to satisfy the deep longing of her heart until she met Jesus.

Our Lord spoke to the Samaritan woman about the living water. He would give, the water that would truly quench her thirst and become in her "a spring of water welling up to eternal life." This is the water we all thirst for, the living water of the Holy Spirit, the water that satisfies our infinite thirst. Pope Francis wrote about this in these words: "Man of every time and place desires a full and beautiful life, just and good, a life that is not threatened by death but that can mature and grow to fullness. Man is like a traveller who, crossing the deserts of life, thirsts for the living water: gushing and fresh, capable of quenching his deep desire for light, love, beauty, and peace. We all feel this desire! And Jesus gives us this living water: He is the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and whom Jesus pours out into our hearts. "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly," Jesus tells us."

Lent is a time for us to quench our thirst, to rediscover the meaning of our life in Christ. This is a special time to encounter Jesus like the Samaritan woman at the well, and to be transformed by our encounter with Jesus, like she was. The Lord wants to give us living water. This is why He came to earth, that we might have life and have it abundantly. Sin is an obstacle to that full life in Christ, so we have this time of Lent for our deeper conversion to the Lord.

The Church invites us to drink from the living waters of the Holy Spirit. Then, like the Samaritan woman, we are no longer thirsty. In fact, we are transformed into missionary disciples, who go forth to bring the Good News to others, like the Samaritan woman did and like Mother Teresa did, going forth then to spread the love of Christ and satiate His thirst for the salvation of souls.

Excerpt <https://todayscatholic.org/the-woman-at-the-well/>

MARCH TOWARD THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION



During March we are encouraged to reflect on discrimination against different groups in society and to disown it.

The first of the month was Zero Discrimination Day, while 21 March, which calls on us to eliminate Racial Discrimination, is also the 60th anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre.

On that day South African police fired on people demonstrating against Apartheid. A total of 250 women, men and children died. In retrospect it can be seen as a turning point in the long path of South Africa to being a multi-racial society.

Fear of Others

Sharpeville indicated that the roots of racial discrimination lie in the fear that people of one race often harbour for those of one another.

It also demonstrates that racial discrimination in society expresses itself naturally in rage and state violence. That explains why it is so important to call out racial discrimination and contempt for people of different races when we find it. Left unchecked such feelings can easily lead to violence and repression.

Racial discrimination is unjustifiable because it is built on a shallow and dangerous understanding of what it means to be human.

It assumes that the most important and defining quality of people is their race. From that belief follows the conclusion that race controls the way in which people should be treated. In fact, although racial identity is an important aspect of human lives, each person has a unique and high value simply by virtue of being human. Because we share a common humanity we are all entitled to an equal respect that does not privilege one group over others on the grounds of race, wealth, religion or political allegiances.

Denial of Shared Humanity

To discriminate against people on any of these grounds means denying the claims that their shared humanity makes on us and our society. It is not morally justifiable.

In Australia many people complain of meeting different kinds of prejudice and discrimination in their daily lives. Some are abused and discriminated against on the grounds of their race, others on the grounds of their religion, their political views or their gender.

Sometimes people who protest against different forms of discrimination find themselves in conflict with one another. One group will wish to ban words and conduct that they find discriminatory and harmful; another group will see the proposed ban as discriminatory against themselves. This conflict has been evident in the public debate about religious freedom.

Mutual Respect

Ideally these disputes will be resolved by negotiation inspired by mutual respect. In polarised public conversation, however, mutual suspicion can replace mutual respect, and people can defend their own rights at the expense of the rights of others. In any society discrimination against minority groups in society displays a lack of respect for the humanity of the people who are discriminated against. Discrimination often does need to be addressed by laws against it. But such laws cannot create respect, which can only be instilled through examples of respectful conversation shaping public life and personal relationships. Respect is the business of the whole community.

Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ - Australian Catholics

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.


MERICI COLLEGE ENROLLING NOW CAMPAIGN

A wonderful opportunity for prospective families to see the College in action, meet our students and attend the Principal's Address, Year 7 and 11 Information Evenings and lots more. We are enrolling now for 2021 and beyond!
Please visit www.merici.college for all dates and information for our Open Day, Be a Merici Girl Days and Talk and Tours. Register online now! Open Day and Year 7 2021 Infor Night: 7 May. Be a Merici Girl Days: 30 Apr, 4, 5, 12 May
Talk and Tours: 22 Feb, 4 Apr, 9 May, 15 Aug, 24 Oct

NEW PARISHIONERS would you like to join our Parish? If you wish to register as Blackfriars Parishioner please fill out a card which you can find on the entrance tables and place on the second plate or give the card to Father.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR MANNES

May your birthday be full of blessings and God's graces.

May you find happiness in everything you do. Wishing you a Happy Birthday. 



ROSTER

21 / 22 March

Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	A. Blakey	M. Cox
Presentation of Gifts	Blakey Family	
EMOE	K. Murphy	
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	B. Bandle	C. Bandle
Presentation of Gifts	Bandle Family	
EMOE	E. Smith	
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	A. O'Donnell	L. Fardell
Presentation of Gifts	Walpole/Jones	
EMOE	B. Affas	A. Northcote
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	S. Sedgwick	
Readers	K. Watson	M. Tuckwell
Presentation of Gifts	B. Dobrowolska	
EMOE	M. Proctor	K. Sneddon
COUNTERS	R. Walpole	J. Smith

EVENTS

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.

Encounter Timor Leste with Palms - 13-25 September 2020

On this 13-day tour you will experience the diversity of our close neighbour, from bustling Dili to its remoter communities, where dedicated organisations and Palms personnel are building self-reliance and sustainability together. Gain a deeper understanding through new sights, smells, sounds, tastes, textures and experiences, challenging old ideas. It might even inspire you to join Palms and work overseas yourself. We are also offering an Encounter on the Thai-Myanmar in November.

For more information call Robert at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email robert@palms.org.au

There's a story of a shepherd boy watching his sheep one Sunday morning and hearing the bells of the church, thought, "I'd like to communicate with God! But, what can I say?"

He'd never learned to pray, so he began to recite the alphabet, repeating it several times.

A man passing by heard the boy's voice and saw him kneeling with folded hands, eyes closed, repeating the alphabet.

He interrupted the boy.

"What are you doing?" he asked. The boy replies, "I was praying sir."

Surprised, the man said, "But why are you reciting the alphabet?"

The boy explained, "I don't know any prayers.

But I want God to take care of me, and to help me care for my sheep.

And so I thought, if I said all I knew, God could put the letters together

into words, and God would know all that I want and should say!" The

man smiled and said, "Bless your heart, God will!"

And he went on to church knowing in his heart that he had heard the finest sermon he could possibly hear that day.

To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary.

To one without faith, no explanation is possible.

St Thomas Aquinas