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VERITAS



Second Sunday of Easter

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Mass Times

Monday - NO Mass

Tuesday & Thursday
8.00am

Wednesday & Friday
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am
Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,
5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday
4pm - 4.45pm

Adoration - Holy Hour
Friday's 6pm - 7pm

Pray the Rosary

Before 10am Mass on Sundays



Ask Believe Receive

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NOON TUESDAY

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon - 1 Pt 2: 2

Like newborn infants,
you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING

First reading - Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Act of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 117(118):2-4,13-15,22-24

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love is everlasting.*

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.'

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love is everlasting.*

SECOND READING

Second reading - 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away,

Cont...because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me,
but still believe!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel - John 20:19-31

The holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen
and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus
worked and the disciples saw,

Cont....but they are not recorded in this book.

These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon is NOT recited when hymns are sung.

Communion Antiphon - Cf. John 20: 27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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JESUS' BLESSING

On them – on us, that is – Jesus pronounces a blessing: 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe'. Why 'blessed'? Because from them/from us a faith greater than that of Thomas and the others will be required: the greater the faith the more scope for the power of God.

So the first 'edition' of John's Gospel (chapters 1-20) ends with this solemn assurance that believers of all subsequent generations are in no way at a disadvantage compared to the original disciples who saw and heard and touched the Lord. The written gospel imparts to us all the knowledge necessary for a life-giving encounter with the risen Lord.

THE LORD ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER

'To create faith, the Spirit works in a mind that is searching for truth, and is willing to accept it and submit to it. But the Spirit also uses the witness of the believing community to create faith. The faith of the disciples had a powerful influence on Thomas, inclining him to believe. His coming to faith, therefore, was not just a singular experience but something that took place within the new-born Church.

'The Spirit, working through the disciples' witness to the resurrection, and through Thomas's desire for truth, created a living faith in that once-doubting Apostle.

'In confessing Jesus as "My Lord and my God", Thomas made the most profound declaration about the person of Christ -- that he is truly God. He accepted Jesus as Lord and submitted his life to Christ's lordship. As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus we can use Thomas's words to declare our faith and submit our lives to him more deeply.' *Excerpt from a homily by Fr Michael Platts OP*



CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

Dear Parishioners,

Following our recent open parish meeting of 30th March, 2023, there was a sense that a decision regarding the consolidation of Mass times occur promptly.

Factoring in my own health and well-being, how I can be pastorally effective, and the Canonical advice I have been given regarding how many Masses a priest may lawfully celebrate on any one day, it is clear three Sunday masses are unsustainable.

Having consulted widely and with all who came to the meeting, I have decided on the following changes affecting the weekend and weekday Masses. These changes are being made in light of our own parochial context and that of our neighbours, particularly St Brigid's, Dickson and St Joseph's O'Connor.

I advise you of the following:

- 1. The 8am Sunday Mass will be discontinued. Our last Mass will be on Sunday 7th May followed by a celebration with a cup of tea and refreshments.**
- 2. From Tuesday May 9th ALL Weekday Masses will be at 5:30pm Tuesday to Friday. This is being done so we have a consistent Mass time and in light of greater inter-parish collaboration, as St Brigid's Dickson has a 9am Mass Tuesday to Thursday. Likewise, St Joseph's O'Connor has a regular morning Mass for details please refer to the Archdiocesan website: <https://cgatholic.org.au/parishes/oconnor/>**
- 3. The 9am Saturday morning Mass will be discontinued. St Brigid's Dickson has a Saturday 9am Mass followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

I understand these changes will be unsettling but our situation needs to be viewed with regard to our future parish arrangements, namely having only one priest deputed for the pastoral needs of our area. Furthermore, these changes are being made keeping in mind the desire for greater inter parish collaboration and the desire to reduce the duplication of Mass times.

In Christ and St Dominic,
God love you all. You're all in my prayers.

Fr Mannes

DEDICATED TO THE BREAKING OF BREAD

The book of Acts describes the lifestyle of early Christians. They form a pure communal society. Each person contributes the common pool and receives an allotment of food. Of special note is the "breaking of bread". It was common to use large sheets of flat bread as utensils at a meal. Pieces of bread would be broken off to pick up greasy food. Normally the host would break his portion first. Jesus established a precedent of not taking his section first, thus making himself the last to get bread. This was a wonderful lesson in charity--thinking of others first.

FIRST COMMUNION

CONGRATULATIONS

Oscar & Natalia Sorrentino who receive the Sacrament of First Communion this weekend.



GangGang

We trust everyone has had a joyful Easter. Its time to gather again for our monthly get together from 10-30 am on the third Thursday of the month 20th April at GangGang, Frencham place, Downer. Newcomers welcome. A table is always reserved and possibly indoors with this cooler weather.

OZANAM APPEAL OUTCOME

The Watson Vinnies Conference wanted to update you on how some of your money donated during the Ozanam Appeal to Vinnies conferences overseas has made a difference in the lives of poor people. One of the projects we funded in 2022 was the Milk Buffalo Project in India. Under this project, we funded the St Margaret's Women's Conference to provide milk buffalos to five women in the village of Govada in Andhra Pradesh. With the milk from the buffalos, the women can help feed their families and sell the excess to milk collection centres to provide family income.



CAR BOOT SALE

Car Boot Sale: in St Brigid's car park 8-12noon Saturday 15 April. Devonshire tea and other food for sale.

DONATIONS TO PARISH & PRIESTS

Parish details to contribute to the Planned Giving.
Bank details – Account Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson
BSB: 062786 - A/C : 000013341 - Reference: Name

Priests details to contribute to the First Collection.
Details – Account Name: Dominican Fathers Watson
BSB: 083 347 Account number: 97 310 5044
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BAPTISM

Alma & Arne Nichols

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



PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

Mary Martin, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Mimma Gia, Philip Bailey, Veronica Cornelly, Rosa Maria Santos, Peter Catlin, Beth Delos Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Sue King, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Elizabeth Webster, Una Ford, Terry Stephens, Maureen Blood, Una Bell, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Michelle Brotohusodo, Carmel Slammon, Katey Tuite, Brian & Suzanne Brown, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ramon Pajaro

IN LOVING MEMORY

Margery Ehnhuus

PRAY THE ROSARY Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am
Mass the Rosary will be recited. Please join in.

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays. Contact the office for details.

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on Thursday evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or www.wccm.org

WEEKLY READER FORMATION - Formation sessions are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. All parishioners are invited. – Meet in the church Office.

HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S FAITH CIRCLE The Holy Rosary Women's Faith Circle returns on Thursdays. Please join us as we share life, break open the word, pray for and with each other. Contact Emily at emilykathrynhall@gmail.com for further information.

VERBUM BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-35

We are starting up a new series of bible studies on **Tuesday 28th February**. Topics will include:

- St Matthew's Gospel
- The Eucharist in Scripture

Please join us at 7pm in the Parish Centre. We hope to run the bible studies throughout the year.

ROSTER 22 / 23 April

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M. Tran
Reader - Volunteer required
Computer - Volunteer required

Sunday 8.00am - Acolyte - K. Linard
Reader - Webb Family

Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - L. Kim
Reader - A.McCarthy, C.Rheinberger
Computer - J. Kim

Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - S. Sedgwick
Reader - T. de Luca
Computer - T. Malone