

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

Under the care of the Dominican Fathers



## VERITAS



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## Second Sunday of Easter

**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH**

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**Mass Times**

Monday - NO Mass  
Tuesday & Thursday  
6:45am

Wednesday & Friday  
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am  
Vigil - 5:pm

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

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm  
and 4pm—4.30pm

**Adoration - Holy Hour**

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

**Pray the Rosary**

First Saturday each month 3.30pm

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



**BOOKINGS FOR WEEKEND MASSES ARE ESSENTIAL.**

If you are feeling unwell please **DO NOT** come to church.

Please scan the QR Code & record your name, alternatively please write your name and contact number on the register provided.

**PLEASE** sanitise your hands on entering the foyer or parish centre.

Please **DO NOT** return your bulletin to the basket, if you are not taking it home put it in the bin.

## QR CODE

It is now **MANDATORY** for parishioners & visitors to use the **Check In CBR App**. to attend Mass. If you do not have the CBR App, you will need to either log in with a family member or friend or complete your details on the parish Tablet at the Sign-In desk. All names are still needed to be recorded for numbers as the capacity is capped at 200.

## TRY BOOKING

Parishioners, Second Sunday of Easter (10/11 April)  
TryBooking link is below:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BPYRN>

Third Sunday of Easter (17/18 April) TryBooking link is below:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BQDAI>

Because of COVID restrictions, the number of people who may attend our Church is limited, please book for WEEKEND Masses. NO bookings are taken for WEEKDAY Masses. If you wish to attend Mass this weekend please BOOK NOW. Bookings close at 6 pm on Thursday so we can prepare the attendance lists. **PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY** for Mass as we need to check you in individually and if you have a smart phone, use the Check In CBR app when you arrive at the church.

**QUERIES ABOUT BOOKINGS CAN BE ANSWERED ONLY IN OFFICE HOURS**

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Entrance Antiphon: I Peter 2:2**

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

## FIRST READING

**First Reading: Acts 4:32-35**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Responsorial Psalm: I 17:2-4. 15-18. 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.'

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.

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant success.  
Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the Lord God is our light.

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

## SECOND READING

**Second Reading: I John 5:1-6**

A reading from the first letter of St John

has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is What loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

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 those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

A reading from 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, 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: Cf. John 20:27**

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

Labora - Brisbane Liturgy

## BEHIND LOCKED DOORS

The first Christians were victims of state terrorism. The sudden arrest and death of Jesus provoked a climate of fear and apprehension among the apostles. They assemble inside a locked room - probably that of the Last Supper. The terror is so great that one apostle, Thomas, is reluctant to approach them even in seclusion. The locks are not only on the doors but on their minds and faith. Jesus breaks through with a powerful witness of love. He gives them power to unlock souls as well as portals.

## COMMUNITIES OF MISSION AND MERCY

*Second Sunday of Easter*

*John Farrell O.P.*

*throws light on our mission as disciples of the risen Lord.*

The first meeting between the Risen Lord Jesus and his disciples is not given to us in the Scriptures.

Peter had never denied that Jesus was the Christ, The Son of God, but had denied three times that he, Peter, was a disciple of Jesus.

We are not allowed access to the intimacy of that meeting. Yet it is referred to quite prominently in the Scriptures: the disciples coming back from Emmaus are told; "Yes, the Lord is risen and has appeared to Simon". And St Paul tells us that Christ appeared first of all to Cephas, to Peter. The power of that encounter of Peter with Divine Mercy Victorious, his Risen Lord the same Jesus, re-forms and redirects Peter. The same too with St Paul on the Damascus Road, "the foremost of sinners" who becomes the greatest of the apostles.

Perhaps the re-creative power of divine mercy is not just that it deals with the past - though it does - but with what we are now in the eyes of divine mercy and what, in the same mercy, we will be enabled to become.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday when we celebrate our constant reception of the power of the Risen Jesus in our midst, as in today's gospel. We testify to our baptismal character as children of God as in the second reading. We commit ourselves as disciples to continuing the mission of the apostolic community in Jerusalem, as in the first reading, to be visible Christian communities of mission and mercy.

It is often said that the mass is made up of two parts: the liturgy of the Word and then the Liturgy of the Eucharist. But following Pope Benedict's encyclical on Mercy, "Deus caritas est", it seems to me the mass is made up of three parts; The service of the Word, the service of the Eucharist and the service of living out daily the Christian merciful life. Having heard our Master's voice, and having received his blood for the forgiveness of sins and having become one body with Him we go out to embody that mercy and transfuse it as reconciliation within our world. A Eucharistic way of living demands of us who have received mercy a transfigured existence and a commitment to transforming the world in accordance with the gospel.

Saint Paul writes: "I appeal to you brethren by the mercies of God to present your bodies as a living sacrifice holy and acceptable to God which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to the world but be transformed.." (Rom 12.1). And so we might equally see this Christian living as the first part of the mass. We return weekly to Sunday mass to place our living sacrifices into his one great sacrifice of Calvary and to listen once more to his words.

"You must be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful. Judge not and you will not be judged." (Luke 6.36). "I was hungry and you fed me. I was naked and you clothed me." (Mt. 26.44). "The merciful need have no fear of judgement." (James 2.13).

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

Happiness does not depend on what happens outside of You, but on what happens Inside of You.

## STEPPING STONE TO SANCTITY

Praying for God's mercy is a great stepping stone to sanctity. (Rom 5-5) When we ask for mercy, we ask for and receive the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Mercy. It is the Holy Spirit who transforms us, who is poured into our hearts and makes us holy. The Holy Spirit transforms our earthen vessels, all our misery, into His temples! Holiness is not so much the vessel as the content within the vessel; that is, the living presence of the Holy Spirit within us. The more we ask for God's mercy, the more we are transformed into vessels of that mercy, vessels, that can carry it to a world that is terribly in need. And there is no doubt that the world's greatest and most urgent need is God's Divine Mercy.

This urgency is one of the most important messages from Our Lord to Saint Faustina, a message for the whole world, recorded in Saint Faustina's diary when He said to her:

"Speak to the whole world about My mercy;  
let all mankind recognise My unfathomable mercy.

It is a sign for the end times;

after it will come the day  
of justice.

While there is still time,  
let them have recourse

to the fount of My mercy;

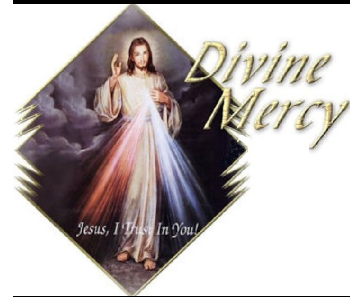
let them profit from the

Blood and Water

which gushed forth from

My merciful Heart

for all mankind". (Parg.848)



*True freedom is not just making sure we're free of others' concerns, but able to act well, for the benefit of ourselves and others.*

*Our position as Catholics should be collaborative and communal, not antagonistic and individualistic.*

## APPEAL FOR TIMOR LESTE FLOOD VICTIMS

Intense rain and storms sent surging torrents of rain through towns and villages turning the streets of Dili into canals. Roads and bridges have been destroyed and deaths now exceed 100. Support is urgently needed as the schools are converted to evacuation centres.

Dili's population of more than 220,000 is currently in lockdown to tackle the nations rising COVID transmission. Catering for the victims in the aftermath of the floods presents new challenges in addition to the existing health crisis.

Don Bosco Training Centre Comoro is a major relief centre providing shelter and food for those who have lost their homes and possessions. The gymnasium and classrooms are being used for emergency accommodation by more than 3000 displaced persons.

Tina Newton (Director of Salesian Missions) said there is an urgent need for food, clean water and medicine.

Donations can be sent to: Salesian Missions Australia - P O Box 264 ASCOT VALE Vic 3032

Website : [www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au](http://www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au)

Email : [salmiss@salesians.org.au](mailto:salmiss@salesians.org.au) - Donations are tax deductible.

Give now: <https://www.givenow.com.au/salesianmissionstimorleste>

**OUR PARISH CURRENTLY SUPPORTS THE DOMINICAN SISTERS IN OECUSSE WHICH IS ALSO AFFECTED BY THE FLOODS. IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A DONATION TO ASSIST THIS COMMUNITY. PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.**





## EASTER CARDS

Is there someone you'd like to pray for, or to invite to Alpha? Prayer cards are available at the exits to the church for you to write down their names and to remind you to pray for them and/or to invite them.

Alpha is a journey towards a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. It enables people to ask their questions, share ideas, build friendships and experience the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. It involves food, a talk / video and good conversation. Our parish ran two Alphas last year and is planning to run another one after Easter. Please contact the Parish Office—[Watson@cg.org.au](mailto:Watson@cg.org.au) - for further information.

## PARISH

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION** - Parish School of Religion has recommenced in the Parish Centre from 9am. All children between from Year 3 – 6 are welcome – especially families wanting their children to prepare for sacraments, where the child does not attend a Catholic school. Contact Nicole Webb - 0414139170.

**PRAY THE ROSARY** - First Saturday each month 3.30pm

**HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP** meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th **Thursdays** in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.

**BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP** will meet on **Tuesday** evenings during Lent in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 / Michael Flynn 6257 1038 / [www.wccm.org](http://www.wccm.org)

**CRAFT GROUP** meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre every **Wednesday except the Third week**,

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

### WEEKLY READER FORMATION

Weekly Reader Formation sessions have resumed on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. All parishioners are invited. – Meet at the door of the office at 7.30pm OR join us online using Zoom. Zoom details are - <https://zoom.us/j/91493407836>  
pwd=eVBQR0hnZ05CL1YzWU93YmJLNm53UT09

The Meeting ID is 983 138 1937 and the passcode is 815443.

**PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is NOON TUESDAY**  
Ph. 6248 5925 or Email: [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au)

## SCRIPTURE UNION

Scripture Union Primary Age (SUPA) Clubs are run in Primary Schools across Canberra. Over 70% of kids who attend our clubs are not connected with a church and many have never heard of Jesus.

We are recruiting leaders to teach children the Good News through fun activities, craft, games and play. SUPA Clubs give volunteers a great opportunity to build relationships with kids from week to week while journeying with them as they get to know Jesus.

The primary schools we're looking for SUPA Club leaders for are: Turner, Amaroo, Chapman, Girls Grammar, Gordon, Gowrie, Hawker, Hughes, Kaleen, MacGregor, Malkara, Maribyrnong, Sutton, Torrens

Time Commitment: Ongoing commitment in school terms of 1 hour once a week (plus prep time)

All ministry positions working with children require a:

SU ACT Volunteer Application form an interview reference checks. ChildSafe Training - which we provide for free Working with Vulnerable People Card prior to commencing ministry. To register your interest or find more information please contact Cate at [cate@suact.org](mailto:cate@suact.org) or 0477 091 973. Alternatively you can visit our website: <https://suact.org.au/supa-club-volunteers/> Thank you!

## COFFEE MORNING

Time to gather again for third Thursday coffee morning from 10-30am at 'Gang Gang' Frencham Place, Downer on 15th April. Everyone welcome.'

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return your Project Compassion box or share pack envelopes as soon as possible. Place the Box in the Sacristy and the Share pack envelopes on the second collection slot.

## ADORATION

Would you like to spend some special time with our Lord? Visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will be held each Tuesday from 12 noon until 1:00pm in the Church.

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

Alexia Harris, Maria Martiniello, Greg O'Neill, Ruth Burke, Moya McGrath, Carol Hallam, Mary Martin, Barbara Wilson, Mark Thompson, Ursula Ramsay, Edith Jensen, Frank Zobec, June Pollard, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Mimma Gia, Awny El-Ghitany, Rosa Maria Santos, Margaret Sullivan, Mary Lou Pentony, Zelma McManus, Elizabeth Webster, Bob Hackett, Paul Neddrie, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Terry Stephens, Joe Schimizzi, Anne Corver, Bernard Druett, Anna Linard, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Patricia Sargent

### Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.

Kevin de Luca, Vivian Lynda Ruiz

### In loving Memory

Labib Jazrawi, John Serge, Frank Mare, Margherita Mare, Marianna Mare

### DOMINICAN FATHERS

#### FIRST COLLECTION CHANGE OF BANKING DETAILS

Account Name: Dominican Fathers Watson

BSB: 083 347

ACN: 97 310 5044

### Joy in life comes from trusting God.

#### ROSTER 17 / 18 April 2021

Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	P. Farrelly	
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	E. Smith	J. Smith
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	M. Fitzgerald	K. McCluskey
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	S. Sedgwick	
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	T. de Luca
Counters	J. Smith	C. Ryan