

Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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VERITAS

Third 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

IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



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,
TryBooking link -

Fourth Sunday of Easter (24/25 April)

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter (1/2 May)

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

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: Cf. Psalm 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm: 4:2. 4. 7. 9

Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love
when you speak.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.' The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Luke 24:46-47

The Christ had to suffer
and on the third day rise from the dead;
in his name repentance and remission of sins
must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

While there was much joy in relatively 'normal' Easter celebrations, the pandemic continues with us into its second year. This week let us pray for all the doctors, nurses and medical staff that have continued to see to our health, despite the risk of Covid-19. We pray for the efficient and fair roll-out of vaccines in Australia and our South Pacific neighbours.

ALLELUIA

On a visit to Australia on Sunday, November 30, 1986, Pope St John Paul II spoke these lines:

We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through his own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of his Paschal Mystery – the mystery of his Death and Resurrection. **“We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!”**

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Absence makes the heart grow fonder so the old adage says, and this is definitely the case with this mysterious word ‘Alleluia’. From Ash Wednesday till the Easter Vigil we are not permitted to use this familiar word in our liturgy. In the past there were even ceremonies which ritually buried a scroll with this word on it, as if to say Alleluia dies during Lent. Now in the aftermath of the Resurrection Alleluia is back on the liturgical menu.

But what does this word mean? It’s strange that a number of words we use in the liturgy have never been ‘translated’. Although our liturgy has been predominantly transferred to the vernacular, there are some words which perhaps are ‘untransferable’, and it is in this ‘untransferability’ that lends them a bit more mystique.

In the old Greek version of the Book of Tobit, in the Septuagint Greek translation of the Hebrew psalter, and in the original Greek of the Apocalypse it is transcribed *Allelouia*. In accordance with that most ancient transcription, our Latin Vulgate gives it as Alleluia in the Old Testament and in the New. Thus it was given in the earliest Christian liturgies of which we have record.

So what does it mean??? Allelu-ia. is composed of the divinely acclaiming verbal form Allelu and the divine pronominal term la.

So, preserving its radical sense and sound, and even the mystical suggestiveness of its construction, it may be literally rendered, “All hail to Him Who is!”--taking “All Hail” as equivalent to “Glory in the Highest,” and taking “Who is” in the sense in which God said to Moses: “Thus shalt thou say to the children of Israel; WHO IS hath sent me to you.”

As such, when was the expression introduced into the Hebrew liturgy? — Besides reasons proper to the text of the Psalter, and those drawn from a purely philological consideration of the word itself, the data of ancient Jewish and Christian tradition all point to the conclusion that it belonged, as a divinely authorized doxology, to the Hebrew liturgy from the beginning. As to when it was first formed, there seems much reason for holding that we have in it man’s most ancient formula of monotheistic faith--the true believer’s primitive Credo, primitive doxology, primitive acclamation. That in part would explain remarkable fondness for its liturgical use. As a rule the Church uses it wherever joy, consequently triumph or thanksgiving, is to be emphatically expressed.

As an Easter people then let us never cease in saying “Alleluia”.

God love you all. You’re all in my prayers. Fr Mannes OP

WHAT TO BELIEVE

“The gospel opens with two people who followed Jesus, but felt discouragement. Events have dashed their hopes. Now they walk away from the Christian community in Jerusalem. Luke symbolised the broken movement in Cleopas and his companion.

“But, as Jesus once gathered followers with his preaching and great signs, he would do again. He came near and engaged them in a faith dialogue without revealing himself. How does he begin? By being present and listening to stories of discouragement. On a human level, the two companions had every right to feel discouraged. After all, they placed their trust in reputation of Jesus, only to have that trust crushed by the actions of the religious leaders.

“Jesus also listened to the companions’ lack of trust. They heard the witness of the women to his resurrection but through their actions (ie. walking away), they showed disbelief. In light of past days events, the women’s claim did seem hard to believe.”

An extract from a reflection on the Gospel by Larry Broding

THE FOUNDATION OF OUR STORY

Have you noticed that during Eastertide, we don’t often read from the Old Testament? Our usual pattern of readings is changed. Instead of an Old Testament reading, the first reading for Mass is now taken from the Acts of the Apostles, Luke’s second great volume about the story of the church – our story. But the Old Testament doesn’t disappear as something less important in the face of the Good News of Christ’s resurrection: it couldn’t possibly. And, it is notable that the importance of the Old Testament as the foundation of our story is still clear in these new texts; the writings of the New Testament draw on the Old; we learn of Christ in the ancient texts. St Jerome, the great biblical scholar, warns that ‘ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ’ and this is exactly what Jesus thinks on the road to Emmaus. “O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things...?” And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. (Luke 24,25-27)

The message is clear – read the Bible and come to know me.

Extract from a homily by Bruno Clifton O.P.

THE STRANGER

Gospels come to life as we imagine ourselves taking part in them. In this Gospel, with the disciples walking on the road, we might picture ourselves represented, on our life’s journey.

It might even help, to think that they were a married couple. One, ‘Cleopas’, is named, and the other might be the ‘Mary of Cleopas’ mentioned as standing by the cross with Mary his mother. These followers of Jesus had seen him dead and buried, so vividly that they just couldn’t see him with them alive. He was a stranger they met. We have seen Jesus dead, on our many crucifixes. We have to realise that, just like them, we may be unable to see him alive.

They have a story to tell, of their honest loss of their hopes in him. Is it our story? Are we living with lost hopes? Until, prompted by this gospel, we waken up and realise it?

Our lives may be crowded with duties and customs and routines; our minds, full of disappointments; our consciences, depressed, with sins. There seems little room for hope in all this. What can we do? Step number one on our way is to realise that there is something we can do. Step number two is to realise that is something we must do. Steps number three, and following, will be to listen carefully to what this stranger has to say.

The Gospel goes on to tell of the next great step they took. They invited the stranger into their home. We can have him as a guest in our homes. We learn this first by having him as our host, going to church, as his guests. There we even have the bread broken for us, the same bread, they said, he left, as he disappeared. We don’t simply look behind the bread for him, we take and eat the bread, to take him home with us, and live with him there.

Extract from a homily by Duncan Campbell O.P.

ALPHA



Next month our parish is starting an Alpha course on Sunday afternoons. Alpha is an 11 week series exploring life and Christianity in a friendly, open and informal environment.

Each Sunday we’ll be starting with afternoon tea together, followed by exploring a different topic through a short film and then meeting in small groups to share and ask questions. It’s a fantastic place to meet people, build relationships, ask questions, and discover new things about our faith. Everyone is welcome, there is no cost and it’s a great place to invite people who are new to faith, haven’t been to church for years or who are interested in exploring Christianity. Come and see, and come back if you like it!

You can just turn up but registration is helpful for catering purposes. Starting Sunday 2 May, 3-5pm, in the parish centre. Please register on the sign-up sheets in the church foyer or with the parish office. Contact Roger Paul (rpaul2572@gmail.com or 0421 612 572) for more information.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

VINNIES KNOCK ON EFFECT CAMPAIGN - Tony Malone from our Vinnies Conference is presenting to masses this weekend about the Knock On Effect campaign and recruitment of new members. If you are interested, he can be reached on 0431 542 531 or at tonymalone@grapevine.com.au.

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

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=eVBQR0hnZ05CL1YzVWU93YmJLNm53UT09
 The Meeting ID is 983 138 1937 and the passcode is 815443.

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 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 Email : salmiss@salesians.org.au - Donations are tax deductible.

Give now: <https://www.givenow.com.ausalesianmissionstimorleste>

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.

ACU PUBLIC LECTURE

On Monday May 17, 2021 the ACU Centre for Liturgy is proud to present an online public lecture by Monsignor Professor Kevin W Irwin on "**Liturgy and Sacraments in a COVID World: Renewal not Restoration**". The public lecture will run from 10am-11:30am AEST via Zoom and you will find more information on Foyer noticeboard. Register can do so www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecf

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE NOON TUESDAY

Ph. 6248 5925 or Email: watson@cg.org.au

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.

BAPTISM

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



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

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

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A cobbled Covid Concert presented by **KALEIDOSCOPE PRODUCTIONS** in aid of Home in Queanbeyan. Queanbeyan Uniting Church, Rutledge St. Sat 24th April at 2pm & Sun 25th April at 3.30pm. Entry by donation.

ROSTER 24 / 25 April 2021		
Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	Sr Veronica	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	T. Klekner	M. Falk
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer	
Readers	A. O'Donnell	L. Fardel
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	J. Scwinghamer	T. Malone
Counters	J. Smith	W. Wade