

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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## VERITAS

# Fourth 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**



**Your goodness  
will lead me home.**

### ANZAC PRAYER



God of love and liberty,  
we bring our thanks this  
day for the peace and  
security we enjoy,

which was won for us through  
the courage and devotion of those  
who gave their lives in time of war.  
We pray that their labour and sacrifice  
may not be in vain,

but that their spirit may live on in us  
and in generations to come.

That the liberty, truth and justice  
which they sought to preserve  
may be seen and known  
in all the nations upon earth.  
This we pray in the name of the one  
who gave his life  
for the sake of the world,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 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

Booking for Mass and Recording your attendance at Mass.

During the extended COVID time, we have all had to make lots of adjustments, including how we manage attendance at the Church.

We are still legally obliged to restrict the numbers of people who may be together in the Church at any time to 200, and also to keep track of who they are. People attending are also required to check in on arrival, using the Check-In CBR app if they have a smart phone, otherwise they need to record their names and contact information on a sign in sheet. We then need to transcribe this information into the Check-In CBR system, so it really helps us if you can use the Check In CBR app. This does sound restrictive but we have all benefited from the way COVID has been managed in Australia. (We are also liable to very heavy penalties if we don't follow the requirements),

As far as planning and managing the actual numbers is concerned, recently we started using an online booking system called Try-Booking so that people can book ahead online for the weekend Mass they plan to attend. From this information we are able to print a list of those who plan to come and use this as the start of the Mass sign in sheet you have all become familiar with. This saves us a great deal of time, speeds up the arrival process, and also helps us manage the numbers better. We are not charged by TryBooking for using the system for free events.

If you use a computer, smart phone etc, do please consider booking ahead for the Mass you plan to attend. There is a new Try-Booking code each week that links to the booking form for that week. We will advise you in the bulletin of this code. On arrival you will simply need to tick your name from the list we have printed off from TryBooking, PLUS check in using the Check-in CBR app. Of course this isn't compulsory, and mostly our numbers don't exceed the maximum of 200, but it does help if you can use this system.

Please remember that the Welcome Ministers are volunteers who have come to Mass but give their time to sign people in.

Thanks for helping us in this way.

**TryBooking link -**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter (1/2 May)**

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

**Sixth Sunday of Easter (8/9 May)**

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

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

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Psalm 32:5-6**

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Gospel Acclamation: John 10:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

## FIRST READING

**First Reading: Acts 4:8-12**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Responsorial Psalm: 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29**

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

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.

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

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

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

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

## SECOND READING

**Second Reading: John 3:1-2**

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

**Gospel: John 10:11-18**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

## GOSPEL

**Cont...**The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Communion Antiphon:**

The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

[Labora - Brisbane Liturgy](#)

## GOOD SHEPHERD

This coming Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday when we hear the words of John 10:11-18 'I am the good shepherd: . . . who lays down his life for his sheep'. Unlike the hired man who is not that invested in the care of his animals that he is willing to die for them, Jesus is willing to sacrifice his life. He does this, not only because of duty (a command from the Father), but because of his unconditional love for us. It is an extraordinary gift Jesus has given us. This week, let us pray for all those who are our good shepherds.

As Australians prepare to commemorate Anzac Day on Sunday, we remember all those who have taken up arms in defence of their country, especially the few remaining servicemen and women from WWII. **This week we pray for all envoys of peace of agents of reconciliation**, and we acclaim our belief in the ultimate power of love.

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



How often in our lives have we failed to listen to the advice of others, especially people in authority like parents or teachers, or mentors of some kind, maybe we refuse to listen to our spouse or our children, we just think we know what's best - what do they know? This failure normally arises because of pride.

Pride is the queen of all sins, she reigns unhappily over the other deadly sins. It is her false glamour that is the backbone of our lust, our greed, our envy, our unjust anger. Pride, St Thomas Aquinas says is contrary to reason since by it a person aims higher than his state will allow. Aquinas points out further that right reason requires that every person will should tend to that which is proportionate to them. Therefore it is evident that pride denotes something opposed to right reason, and this shows it to have the character of sin. Our pride causes us to become our own god! This is how we feel, we have the authority to sin, to break God's law, to fail to love him as we ought. By our pride we put ourselves on a pedestal and accept our own worship. We can no longer love God, because our love has turned in on ourselves.

Jesus in our gospel today speaks to a proud generation. A generation that thought they knew better. Even though he had told them already who he was they, because of the proudness of their hearts, they failed to see clearly who he was, and if they did know they did not have the humility to accept it. They were happy with the status quo, Jesus rocked the boat too much!!!!

So the lesson that comes out of this gospel hinges on humility. It is only by having the humility of a sheep that we can rightfully call Christ our shepherd. "The sheep that belong to me **listen** to my voice" only by humility can we be more open to his voice calling us to aim higher in our spiritual lives.

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

**Cont...** This voice is echoed through our Mother, the Church. The Church's pastors, particularly, are endowed with the charism of calling the sheep, calling them to Christ. Jesus says to his disciples "he who hears you hears me" (Lk 10:16). Yet this charism of teaching and calling is fraught with danger as the pastors themselves are more concertedly called to the humility of the sheep so that they may more faithfully hear the words of Jesus too. Hence the shepherds of the Church, that is bishops and priests, who are entrusted with the duty of leading are also supposed to listen to the voice of the supreme shepherd, Christ the Lord. If they do not they will be seen by Jesus, and the flock they lead as "strangers", and thus Jesus says of the shepherd who is alien to his sheep that "they do not recognise the voice of strangers". Humility and a patient listening then are key to the healthy functioning of the sheepfold!

Our listening to the voice of Christ the Good Shepherd also takes on a moral tone too. Often people think that they can pull a "swifty" with God and do some nice things for people, a bit of charity work here, or a kind act for someone there, and then God will overlook their corrupt ways. These deceitful sheep hide their deviousness, their lustful advances, their shonky deals, their dishonesty in a tax return or in a business deal, they are nothing but thieves and brigands who enter the sheepfold in another way. One or two small kind acts just won't cut it, our Christian lives must always aim at being consistent not foolhardy or slap dash, and we do not fool God by our deceit.

Our Lord says this to those who deceive themselves

**"Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers.' (Mt 7:21)**

It is only by listening to Christ's voice in daily, humble prayer that our pride becomes humility **when we look not** to do our own will but the will of God, this is the subject of one of our most treasured prayers, the 'Our Father'.

It is God alone, by grace, who elevates us to participation in his life, let us then be mindful to ask for this in humility **and listen to his voice** seeking that His will first of all may be done in our hearts, and thus it may be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

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

## THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

'I know my own, and my own know me' (John 10:14): these own (whose reciprocal knowledge of him and intimacy he equates with that of his Father and himself) are his disciples. The culmination of his life opens in 13:1: "Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end." 'And as a token, of the love for them their Shepherd washes their feet; he relates his last discourse; and the lifting up to crucifixion becomes his accepted destiny. 'The Shepherd has the yet higher dignity of being the Lamb of God - indeed, his being the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, confirms him as Shepherd of us all. We members of his flock are all called on to wash one another's feet, that is, to serve the 'neighbours' God provides. 'So we his sheep, the people of God, his flock, his fold, subordinately exercise the role of shepherds. We too must live in humble service; and daily lay down our lives for one another, in union with the Lord who laid down his life in the passage towards glorious life for him and for us.'

[Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Theodore Taylor OP](#)

**No one who lightens the burdens of another,  
is useless in this world .**

## PARISH

**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>

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

## 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](mailto:rpaul2572@gmail.com) or 0421 612 572) for more information.

Alongside the Alpha being run here at Rosary, Holy Cross Church across the road is running a Youth Alpha for 11-17 year olds, which some young Rosary parishioners are participating in. There is also a Kid's Club being run for younger children whose parents would like to participate in the Alpha at Rosary. If you are interested in these, please contact the parish office.

If you would like some more information on Alpha, see the Alpha website at <https://www.alpha.org.au/>. There are also a couple of online videos that you might find useful: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fViYK\\_Xb3Wg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fViYK_Xb3Wg) and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22SOif6-TxE> (in which Kate Watson, a parishioner and member of our Alpha team, and her husband, Revd Tim Watson (Rector of Holy Cross Church), talk about their Alpha experience).

## INVEST IN YOUR MARRIAGE

### Invest Your Marriage! Starting Tues 11<sup>th</sup> May

Holy Rosary Parish couples of every age and stage are warmly invited to join a 7 week course designed to strengthen your most important relationship. *The Marriage Course*, run via zoom by the Archdiocese, 7:15-9:30pm Tuesdays, starts May 11<sup>th</sup>. Participate together over a glass of wine from the privacy of your own home. Watch presentations with other couples but discuss content privately with your spouse. The cost is \$70 including two workbooks. Register for free 30min info session 7.30pm Tues 27<sup>th</sup> at [bit.ly/TMCinfnight](https://bit.ly/TMCinfnight)

Register and pay for course at <https://bit.ly/TMCRegister>

General info at <https://themarriagecourse.org/>

Enquiries [steph.ransom@cg.org.au](mailto:steph.ransom@cg.org.au)

## COVID 19 VACCINATION

### Get vaccinated for the common good:

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at:

<https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

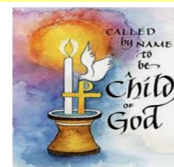
## BAPTISM

*Cecilia Nguyen*

will be baptised this weekend.

May her life be filled with God's peace,  
and her 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, Maureen Dawes, Mary Lou Pentony, Zelma McManus, Elizabeth Webster, Bob Hackett, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Anne Corver, Terry Stephens, Beth Delos Santos, Joe Schimizzi, Bernard Druett, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Patricia Sargent

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

Trevor Lambert, Kevin de Luca, Vivian Lynda Ruiz, Paul Neddrie, Moya McGrath, Hilda Gudencio, David Morgan

## 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](http://www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecf)

ROSTER 1 / 2 May 2021		
Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	K. Markcrow	M. Kraaz
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	K. Linard	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	C. Barbaro	P. McDonald
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	P. Tran	
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