

Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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Year B

Fifth 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

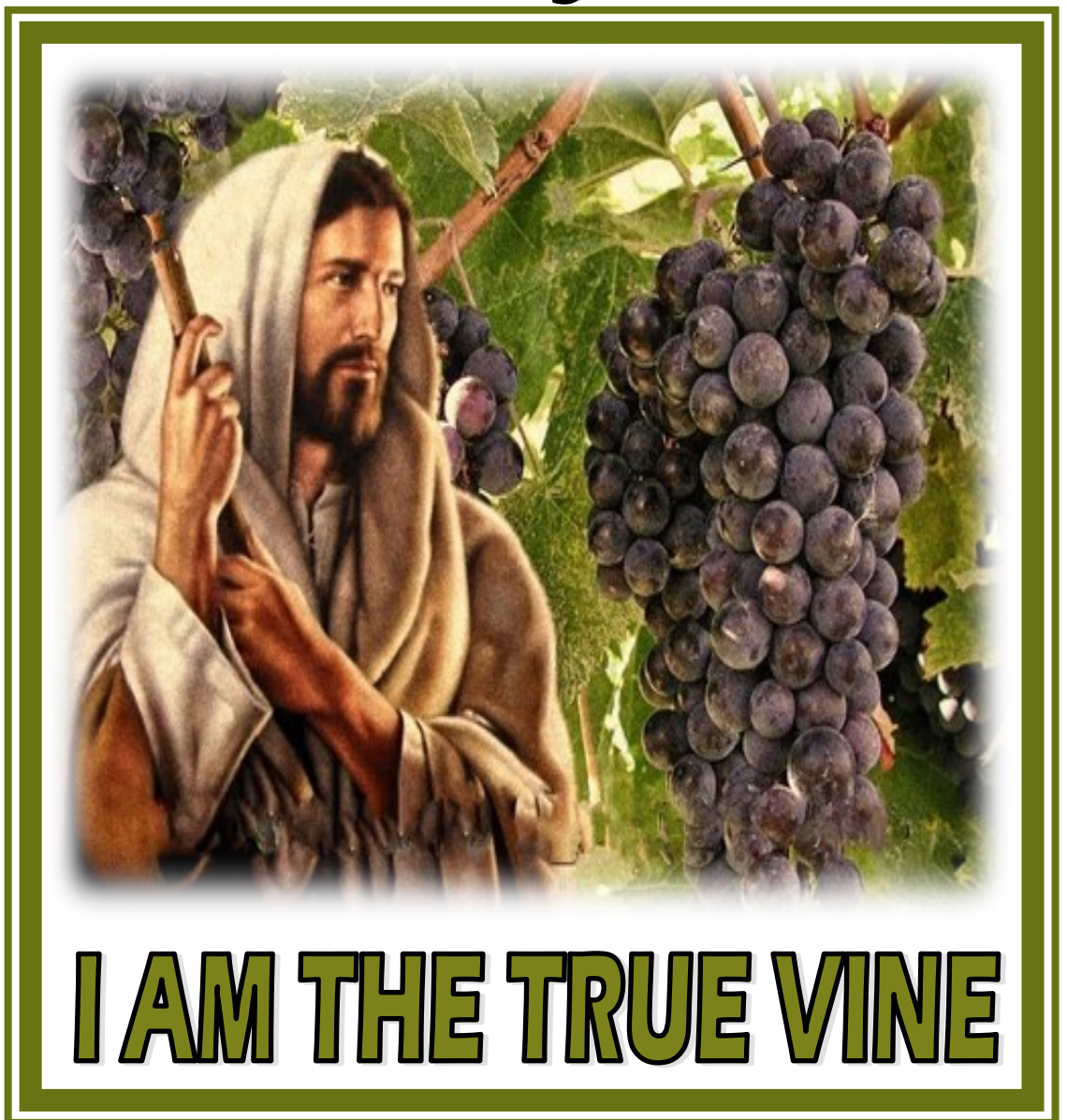
Adoration - Holy Hour

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**



I AM THE TRUE VINE

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.

BOOKING FOR WEEKEND MASSES

If you use a computer, smart phone, tablet etc, do please consider booking ahead for the Weekend Mass you plan to attend. We are using the online booking system Try-Booking (which costs us nothing) and this means we can print off a list of people who have 'booked' for each Mass. This saves you and us time, speeds up the arrival queue at Mass, and helps us manage the numbers at each Mass as we are now required to do.

There is a new TryBooking code each week (codes for coming weeks are listed below).

If you have booked, when you arrive at the church please tick your name on the pre-printed list in the foyer.

If you haven't booked, you need to continue to provide details about yourself on the list.

In either case, you still need to use the Check-In CBR app (QR Code) using a smart phone, getting a friend to add you to their CBR app or sign your name on the list in the foyer, which needs to be entered into the CBR app.

What are your personal responsibilities

- Use the Check In CBR app to check in before entering a business or venue, or before being seated.
- If you don't have the Check In CBR app you must provide your details to the church so they can check you in.
- Take personal responsibility for your own COVID safety.

To comply with Government rules we need helpers to be Welcome Ministers to check parishioners in.

Remember that the Welcome Ministers are volunteers who have come to Mass but give their time to welcome you, and to help sign people in.

TryBooking link -

Sixth Sunday of Easter (8/9 May)

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

Ascension of the Lord (15 /16 May)

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

QUERIES ABOUT BOOKINGS CAN BE ANSWERED ONLY IN OFFICE HOURS

DATA PROJECTOR

The parish is in urgent need of helpers to operate the computer for the data projectors at weekend Masses. PLEASE if you can help especially at Vigil, 8.00am and 5.00pm Masses contact the office.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Psalm 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

FIRST READING

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm: 21:26-28. 30-32

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

'These things the Lord has done.'

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

SECOND READING

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children,

our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel: John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon: Cf. John 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Labora - Brisbane Liturgy

FACE TO FACE

In the Acts of the Apostles the suspicion of the early Christians in Jerusalem towards Saul is treated as perfectly understandable. After all, here we have someone who persecuted the early Church, who, only shortly earlier, was persecuting *them* and who approved of the killing of Stephen, one of their number. But now, after his dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus where he encountered the Risen Christ, he declares himself to be a member of the Church. His zeal to stamp out the followers of Jesus Christ has been transformed into zeal for proclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Saul would later be known as Paul, and would become one of the great saints of the Church and author of the celebrated letters, works that have been accorded the great honour of being included among the scriptures. Because all this is a well-known part of the story of the early Christian Church, we may lose sight of how astonishing it is. It's the sort of story that, if we were to come across it in a novel or film, we might think far-fetched. But when we see how truly extraordinary what happened to Saul was, we may begin to gain some insight into what an earth-shattering experience it must have been to have encountered the Risen Christ in the way he did. And if that is what happened to Saul when he encountered the Risen Christ, might it not perhaps also happen to you or to me when we encounter the Risen Christ in our daily lives?

FACE TO FACE

Cont... As a Catholic I believe that I encounter the Risen Christ in the sacraments, in my fellow human beings and in prayer. But, as anyone who knows me will testify, I do not seem to have ever manifested such a radical transformation as Saul did. My zeal seems so mediocre compared with what his extraordinary zeal was like. Indeed, we may all feel pretty inadequate in comparison with Saul after his conversion! But, even so, what happened to Saul tells me something of the beauty, the wonder, the value of what it is to be a follower of Christ, to be a branch belonging to the vine that is Christ. It tells me something of the depths of the reality I celebrate in my Christian faith, where I profess faith in Christ who died and who rose from the dead, and who is with us to the end of the age.

As Saul would later write: 'For now we see in a mirror dimly; but then face to face.' I have yet to see the Risen Christ in that direct fashion, face to face. But I think Saul did, or, at least, experienced something very similar. If it had that effect on him, we should clearly await this wonderful communion with the Risen Christ with great joy and expectation.

Fr John O'Connor <http://torch.op.org>

ALPHA

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.

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=fvYK_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).

BAKERS FOR ALPHA

We're asking for volunteers to help bake for the Alpha Course running on Sundays over the next 8 weeks. It starts at 3pm with afternoon tea, and we would be very grateful if two or three people could offer to bake a slice/cake/scones each week for the adults and children. Part of the delight of Alpha is the hospitality and this is a fantastic way of supporting mission in our parish. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer. Thank you!

ENGAGING YOUR FAITH

Catholic Theological College -

Series of short sessions: online via Zoom - **Engaging Your Faith** - Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$20 per session, running 11th to 31st May - Booking, payment and further information:

www.ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/

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 **Thursday** evenings at 7.30pm in the 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 - Formation sessions have are 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.

INVEST IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Help for marriages under stress:

The BreakThrough Online Course created by SmartLoving will enable you to identify your conflict triggers, learn strategies to de-escalate an argument and find constructive ways to re-establish connection. Restore hope for your relationship's future. Visit: smartloving.org/breakthrough
Divine Mercy Discount - 50% | until May 10, 2021.

DEANERY PLEINARY ZOOM MEETING

Register for the Northern Deanery Plenary Zoom meeting taking place at **5pm Friday 28 May 2021**. Register at <https://cgcatholic.org.au/pleinary/> All participants will need to have read the Working Document "Continuing the Journey" available at pleinary.council@catholic.org.au

MEN'S CATHOLIC GATHERING

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31st July. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection.

Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. Cost: FREE

Registration: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

Program: Available from Saturday 31st July 2021

TROPICAL RETREAT IN NATURE

A Five Day Walking Retreat - Seville Mercy Conference Centre
The retreat will offer the following:

- Experience of indigenous culture
- Dreamtime Walks at Mossman Gorge
- Day on Fitzroy Island
- Visit to St Monica's cathedral -Creation Windows
- Trip to Atherton Tableland
- Trip to Cairns Botanical Gardens & Gondwanan Heritage Garden
- Access to Seville's grounds and Mercy Creek Rainforest walk based in Cairns and Far North Queensland 12 - 18 JULY 2021

John 15:4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you.

**No branch can bear fruit by itself;
neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.**

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> 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.

BAPTISM

Jackson Edward Crisp

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, Maureen Dawes, Mary Lou Pentony, Zelma McManus, Elizabeth Webster, Bob Hackett, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Terry Stephens, Joe Schimizzi, Anne Corver, Bernard Druett, Patricia Sargent, Veronica & Paul Cornelly

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

Moya McGrath, Hilda Gudencio, Cecille Banico, David Morgan, Paul Neddrie,

Quote

'Whatever Christ attained at Easter, he shares at Pentecost with his friends. The Church is the Easter/Pentecost process – the most exciting thing happening on earth!'

ROSTER 8 / 9 May 2021

Saturday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	J. de Riva O'Phelan	Volunteer

Sunday 8am

Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	E. Smith	J. Smith

Sunday 10am

Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	C. Rheinberger	

Sunday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	K. Watson	
Counters	I. Buckley	Volunteer