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VERITAS



Sixth Sunday of Easter

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Mass Times

Week Day

Monday - NO Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday
5:30pm

Weekend

Saturday - Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 10:00am & 5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday
4pm - 4.45pm

Adoration - Holy Hour

Friday's 6pm - 7pm

Pray the Rosary

Before 10am Mass on Sundays

ACU MASS - 12pm Wednesday
ACU Signadou Chapel

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



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NOON TUESDAY

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Is 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING

First reading - Acts 8:5-8,14-17

A reading from the Act of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20

R: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

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

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

SECOND READING

Second reading - 1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel - John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments

and keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon is NOT recited when hymns are sung.

Communion Antiphon - John 14: 15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father
and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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Fr Mannes will be at the Archdiocesan Clergy Assembly from 16th to 18th May. Daily Mass on the 16th, 17th & 18th will be cancelled.

EUCCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY

Behold, I make all things new.

(Rev. 21:5)

A women's Eucharistic Retreat Day with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia.

Saturday 24th June - 10.00am - 4.00pm

St John Vianney School, Waramanga

Registration :

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

Questions: sydney@op-tn.org

Nashvilledominican.org - [@dominicansistersaustralia](https://www.facebook.com/dominicansistersaustralia)



Happy Mother's Day

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT



As we march on towards the conclusion of our Easter festival and its culmination in the feast of Pentecost our readings begin to focus on the role of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, as he is described in the Nicene Creed, is equally "Lord" with the Father and the Son having the fullness of the same divine nature. God the Holy

Spirit is then described as the "giver of life". The description of this divine Person recalls the Spirit first of all hovering over the primordial chaos at the start of time bringing order and life, and later this same Spirit is breathed into the nostrils of Adam as we read in the Book of Genesis. The Holy Spirit is the giver of life then, the one who quickens us, enlightens us, encourages us.

It is this same Holy Spirit who is promised to the newly baptized Christians we see in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. This scene from Acts ch.8 narrates the scriptural basis for our celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

What do we see? St Luke writes that people in Samaria were beginning to embrace the Christian message and indeed had been brought into the Church through baptism:

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Luke observes that there is indeed a post baptismal calling down of the Spirit on new Christians. Furthermore, this calling down of the Spirit is performed through the simple gesture of laying on of hands: *Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.* This laying on of hands is supplied by none other than Peter and John, intimate disciples and now apostles of the Lord. The newly confirmed Christians then are made co-workers with the ordained ministers of Christ's church.

This narrative then illustrates for us what the Church continues to do even today in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation can sometimes be seen as a sacrament without much attention paid to it, seemingly a rite of passage for senior primary school students heading off to high school. Yet, this sacrament is so much more. It is nothing less than the giving of the Spirit to mature Christians so that they may be empowered to serve the Church and proclaim Christ unashamedly to society. Confirmation is then the icing on the cake, it is the final sacrament of initiation and concludes one's apprenticeship in faith. Henceforth, the newly confirmed person is sent on his way to be an apostle as one actively living their faith in the world.

A part of Confirmation's purpose is to ready the people of God to live their Christian lives more actively and to be readied for every good work proposed to them by the Church. With this in mind I refer you to my pastoral letter in this week's bulletin concerning the reviving of our Parish Pastoral Council. The PPC has been in abeyance for the last five years. With the change in administration of the parish at the end of the year I see it as a duty to my successor to be guided by an enthusiastic, Spirit-filled, and mission oriented group of parishioners who can chart the course of the parish over the next couple of years. My letter outlines that I have sought nominations already from members of our Parish Finance Council and from our

Cont....Renewal Team, two (2) from each group.

I will be looking for nominations of one person (1) from each of our Mass times to fill the quota of parishioners needed to make up the PPC.

I ask you to pray about this that the Spirit raise up for us good leaders for our community who will seek to serve and build on what past generations have established. Please do read the Pastoral letter and if you would like to nominate someone, or nominate yourself, please do not hesitate to inform me of your intentions, either directly through my email address or through the parish office.

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dear friends,

I am writing to inform you of my intention to revive the Parish Pastoral Council. After an absence of almost five years it seems appropriate now to work towards setting up this integral part of our parish community.

The church's law makes provision for a PPC which recognises the importance the faithful have in the mission of the Church.

In our Archdiocese it has been required each parish have a Parish Pastoral Council since the 1989 Diocesan Synod.

Due to the absence of a PPC at Rosary for some time, the re-establishing of this pastoral organisation is a matter of priority as we move towards the administrative changes in the parish on November 26th.

That being the case, I have decided to nominate some parishioners to be an interim Parish Council during the handover to the next administration. I will be seeking nominations from both our Parish Finance Council and from our Renewal group, two from each team. I then will be seeking a nomination of one (1) person from each Mass time.

Criteria for nominees

- A healthy, vibrant, and deep, prayer life.
- A skill set which will contribute to the well being, renewal, and mission of the parish.
- A desire to promote a mission oriented community not just a maintenance one (knowledge of Divine Renovation will be an advantage).

Thank you, you all continue to be in my thoughts and prayers

Fr Mannes OP

TAIZÉ PRAYER

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2023

Jointly hosted by: St Margaret's Uniting Church, Hackett ~ Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Watson ~ Holy Cross Anglican Church, Hackett

Holy Rosary Church, Watson Sunday 21 May, 6.30pm

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

The Parish will once again hold our Cancer Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 25th May at 10.30am.

Entry is by donation and all money raised will go to the ACT Cancer Council for Cancer Research.

Everyone is welcome - young and old.

Please come and support this function and have some fun.

HEARING THE GOSPEL

'When we hear today's Gospel, we may be reminded of the times that people have told or asked us about whether we love them or not, or whether we are willing to make sacrifices in the name of some form of love. The big difference is that it is Jesus who is presenting us with this statement: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments.'

'Gone are the dubious or uncertain grounds for making or breaking a promise, as we know that Jesus will never let us down. And we know that not only does Jesus love us, but that he knows us more than we can even know ourselves. So it stands to reason that he knows what is best for us; hence his commandments. They are not there to imprison us or to force us to co-operate in things whose value we doubt, but instead they are there to help us lead the life that will lead to eternal happiness. *Excerpt from a homily by Fr Rudolf Loewenstein OP*

PARISH GARDEN UPKEEP

Wanted Volunteer(s) for Parish Garden Upkeep.

Parish is looking for Parishioners who are keen gardeners in the upkeep of its gardens. Current areas requiring this service are Roses around Parish office and Stage 1 of St Dominic's Garden adjacent to Parish Centre carpark. Stages 2 A/B of St Dominic's Garden will not come into line until spring or early summer 2023. These areas are either been established or under construction. If you can spare 1 or 2 hours per month for the upkeep of Parish gardens, please see Jacquie Cortese at the Parish office for further details.

CATHOLIC MEN'S BREAKFAST

Tuesday 23 May | Catholic Men's Breakfast | 7:00 – 8:45 am. Have breakfast at Haydon Hall with like minded men and a Catholic Author, Speaker, and Entertainer, Chris Padgett. From the Diocese of Syracuse (New York), Cost: \$38. (Tables of 8 for schools only at \$220) Enquiries Frank Stanford fstanford200@gmail.com 0417 664 110 Registration: <https://bit.ly/ChrisPadgett> Any enquiries can be directed to **Lara Kirk lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869**

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Tuesday 23 May | Marriage & Family Life Cocktail Dinner | 6:45 pm. Enjoy a fun night out with parishioners from across the Archdiocese while Catholic author, comedian and theologian - Christopher Padgett - helps us laugh our way to a more hopeful vision of the Church's proclamation of marriage and family life. All welcome – single, married, young and old. Tickets are \$45 and include wine soft drinks, hot finger food and dessert.

Venue: Veritas Building, ACU Watson,.
Enquiries: Lara Kirk lara.kirk@cg.org.au
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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
Reference: Your Name - Donation

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, Maria Bankovsky, Carmel Slammon, Katey Tuite, Brian & Suzanne Brown, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.
Dan Quigley, Sam Oliva, Reid Wood

IN LOVING MEMORY

Edna O'Brien

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

On recess at the moment. It will restart in late May with the Eucharist in Scripture.

ROSTER 20 / 21 May

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M. Tran / D. Gauchi
Reader - E. Smith, J. Smith
Computer - Volunteer required

Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - K. Linard
Reader - C. Rheinberger, A. Verzoza
Computer - J. Cortese

Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - L. Kim
Reader - J. Curnow, K. Watson
Computer - J. Kim

MORNING TEA

Time to gather again for morning tea on 18 May from 10-30 am at GangGang, Frencham place Downer. A table will be reserved away from draughts from the doors. Look forward to meeting regulars and new parishioners always welcome.



DIVINE RENOVATION - Parish Renewal Book Group
Tuesday nights at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.