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## VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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**Mass Times**

Monday - NO Mass

**Tuesday & Thursday**  
**8.00am**

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**

Before 10am Mass on Sundays

# Fifth Sunday of Easter



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

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is **NOON TUESDAY**  
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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 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.

## FIRST READING

### First reading - Acts 14:21-27

A reading of the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 144(145):8-13a

*I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your reign.

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age.

*I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

## SECOND READING

### Second reading – Apocalypse (Revelations) 21:1-5

A reading from the book of Apocalypse

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of

Cont...the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation - John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### Gospel - John 13:31-33,34-35

A reading from the Gospel of John

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.

'My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,

everyone will know that you are 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.

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As Eastertide continues, we are invited to live as part of God's glorious plan to bring about a new creation. Jesus' new commandment to 'love one another just as I have loved you' is the key to transforming our world.

## LOVE IS ALL WE NEED...



It seems like we're travelling a little backwards in our gospel selections for Easter. Our gospel offering this weekend is found in the thirteenth chapter of St John's gospel at the Last Supper and acts as a prelude to what is known by scholars as Jesus' 'High Priestly prayer'. This lengthy discourse

which concludes in chapter seventeen outlines the future of the apostolic group Jesus has built around him. Crucial to Jesus' designs for this group is the commitment to "love one another", a commitment easy to say but often difficult to practise.

Loving one another is a practice which we always need to be aware of in our spiritual lives.

Cont...How do we learn to love others? First by praying for them. This is what Jesus does during this lengthy speech, he says:

"I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word," John 17:20

Jesus' love for us first starts in intercessory prayer. By bringing the needs of our neighbour to the attention of God is a great act of charity, sometimes far better than physical assistance. Yet, the Church also places before us the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, should we think that our actions can take a back seat.

Nevertheless, it was St Paul though who amplified what truly loving one another means in a Christian context when he penned his famous hymn to love in his First Letter to the Corinthians:

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."  
1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Today as we meditate on what loving each other means let us relish the words of the Apostle to the Gentiles and put these crucial behaviours into practice. If we are to love sincerely our attitudes must be marked by patience, kindness, humility, courtesy and cheerfulness. Let us pray for these dispositions of heart so that we may more authentically follow Our Lord's command to "love one another".

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

## THE CALL OF JESUS IS DEMANDING

'No doubt like most of us Judas was a complex mixture of motivations with his inherent goodness competing with the attraction of sin and easy solutions.

'By contrast, the call of Jesus is demanding; it drags us often kicking and screaming far beyond our self-constructed comfort zones, and we see this in the very example of Jesus' life. After Judas leaves the room, Jesus goes on to exhort his followers to a very different kind of discipleship – the way of love. And as the yardstick for how far they should go, he gives the example of his own life. "I give you a new commandment: love one another: just as I have loved you, you also must love one another."

'This is the way of service to others, self-sacrifice and self-giving. The letting go of the selfish ego to embrace God and neighbour is the way of true freedom and transfiguration.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr David Barrins OP

**Reflection** - Jesus wanted the disciples to love one another and all followers with a binding love. It is this same kind of love that binds families together. When other people turn their backs and walk away, it is symbolic of Jesus' love that families are bound by a love incomparable anywhere else in our own experience. We fail at times, but rarely in any other setting do we see anything close to the unconditional love God has for us, as we see in the love parents show their children.

## CANCELLATIONS

Father Mannes will be attending the Archdiocesan Clergy Assembly from 17 to 19 May and there will be no Masses or Adoration in the week of 16 to 20 May (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday).

In addition, the Office will be closed on 17 May as Jacquie will be at the Archdiocesan Secretaries Conference. Any urgent matters phone 0448 737 700.

## PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving - Weekly Envelopes: On 30 June 2021 the Planned Giving - Weekly Envelopes) On 30 June 2021 the quota that all parishes had paid for many years to the Canberra Catholic School Building Fund ceased. Parish contributions to this fund were from the Planned Giving (Weekly Envelopes and electronic contributions). With the Fund no longer in existence there is no provision for a percentage of contributions to be claimed on tax returns and therefore no need for tax receipts to be issued. However, if you need a receipt for your personal (not Tax) records please E-Mail the Office and request one.

Weekly Envelopes for 2022-2023 will be available 18-19 and 25-26 of June. Contributions to the Planned Giving can be made using envelopes or by Credit Card, Direct Debit or EFTs (there is no charge for using any of these three methods). Many parishioners are no longer using envelopes taking advantage of the Tap & Go facilities.

Parishioners are encouraged to give consideration to switching to other methods to contribute.

## LAUDATO SI' CELEBRATION



In 2015, Pope Francis addressed an Encyclical *Laudato Si'* ('Praise be to you') – *On Care for our Common Home*, 'to every person living on this planet', saying that he'd like to 'enter into dialogue with all people about our common home'. *Laudato Si'* provides a coherent approach to

creation, God's plan and humankind's place in the plan.

A celebration of *Laudato Si'* is being held in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn in mid to late May, including a Mass in St Christopher's Cathedral at 10.45am for 11am, Sunday 22 May (all welcome to help celebrate God's creation). The Archdiocese is starting to develop and to encourage plans of action on Care for Our Common Home.

The Archdiocese will also be starting fortnightly online sessions starting on 14 June 2022 to facilitate dialogue on the important issues highlighted by the document. To express interest in taking part, email [laudatosiACT@gmail.com](mailto:laudatosiACT@gmail.com).

Further details of *Laudato Si'* inspired activities, from what Pope Francis is encouraging to what the Archdiocese and Blackfriars Parish is doing, to be shared in future bulletins.

## PARENTS & BUBS ALPHA



Do you want to grow further in your faith? Do you want to meet other local parents? Then why not give Alpha a try. Please join us in the Parish Centre, 10am Friday mornings for coffee and croissants as we explore the person and message of Jesus Christ. Babies and toddlers welcome. For information contact Emily on [emilykathrynhall@gmail.com](mailto:emilykathrynhall@gmail.com)





## BIGGEST MORNING TEA

After our Covid lockdowns and restrictions the Parish will once again hold our Cancer Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 26th May. 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 parish function and have some fun. For catering purposes, if you would like to attend, please indicate on the sheet in the foyer. It would be appreciated to indicate whether you can help or bring a plate.

## VOLUNTEERS

The Archdiocese require that all volunteers for the Parish have a current signed Code of Conduct. The Code of conduct and now due to be re-signed by volunteers. The link to the website: <https://cgatholic.org.au/professional-standards/child-protection-code-of-conduct/> Paper copies are available in the Sacristy. The acknowledgement form will need to be kept on the Parish files please make sure to give a copy to the Office.

**2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS ARCHDIOCESAN SYNTHESIS REPORT** - Fr Richard Thompson will be presenting this Report to the Archbishop during the 1100 Sunday Mass at the Cathedral 15 May. This Mass is live-streamed. The presentation of this Report completes the local consultation phase and is a synthesis of all the local submissions received. This Report is now added to all the Reports from every Australian diocese and from that compilation the bishops will arrive at an Australian synthesis to present at the 2023 Synod on Synodality in Rome. The local Synthesis Report will be available to all from 16 May 2022.

## SMARTLOVING BREAKTHROUGH - An Online Course for spouses in troubled marriages.

If your marriage is under stress or you feel disconnected from your spouse, but don't know how to ease the pain, join us for this online course.

- Identify your conflict triggers.
- Learn strategies to de-escalate an argument.
- Restore hope with practical relationship strategies.

[smartloving.org/breakthrough](https://smartloving.org/breakthrough) Divine Mercy Sale 50% Off (ends May 31) Use coupon code: **DivineMercy**

**RIGHT TO LIFE DINNER** - Archbishop Prowse will address a Celebration Dinner of the ACT Right to Life Assn. 1 June. All welcome. Please book online at Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/dinner-to-celebrate-50-years-of-the-act-rtl-association-inc-tickets-329248088897e-50-years-of-the-act-rtl-association-inc-tickets-329248088897> or Ring Bev 0418 718 713.

**MORNING TEA** - Time to gather again at 'Gang Gang' Frencham Place Downer from 10.30am on the 19th third Thursday of the month. Do join us for morning tea. Newcomers welcome.

**We cannot Change the past,  
but God is Changing us for the future.**



Happy Birthday Fr Rafael  
(14th May)  
Wishing you a birthday  
filled with God's blessings,  
thanking God for the gift  
of your faith-filled life,

and Praying that the Holy Spirit will strengthen you as  
you serve our Parish. Have a blessed Birthday.

## PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Greg O'Neill, Ruth Burke, Frank Zobec, Mary Martin, Edith Jensen, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Mimma Gia, Rosa Maria Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Philip Bailey, Peter Catlin, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Mary Lou Pentony, Elizabeth Webster, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Patricia Zorzi, Gwen Gleeson, Sue King, Anthony Parsonage, Jim Smith, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Fr Rafael Cabezon

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.  
Sr Liz Lusby OP, Denis Lawrence, Evelyn Roque, Eugene Lipinski, Patricia Brown, John Davenport, Bill Sutcliffe, Judith Kedge

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Edna O'Brien, Patricia 'Patty' Hyde

## BAPTISM

*Kira Alicia Tomas*

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.



**BIBLE STUDY** Verbum: Bible study for Young Adults (18-35) Monday nights at 6pm (except public holidays) in the Parish Centre a group of young adults from around North Canberra come to study the scriptures and pray. Currently the group is looking at St Paul's Letter to the Galatians.  
**PRAY THE ROSARY** Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. You are welcome to join in.  
**HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP** meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.  
**CRAFT GROUP** meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays.  
**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 Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - [www.wccm.org](http://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

## ROSTER 21 / 22 May 2022

**Saturday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - M. Tran  
Reader - K. Markcrow, M. Kraaz  
**Sunday 8.00am** - Acolyte - K. Linard  
Reader - E. Smith, J. Smith  
**Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - H. Beasley  
Reader - J. Cooke, C. Bergin  
**Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - P. Tran  
Reader - J. Curnow, K. Watson

**THANK YOU** to all those who were concerned about my absence but I am now home. Jim

**THANK YOU** to Ashlee-Jo Cortese for her help with her crafty skills preparing last week's Mother's Day Cards.