

Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

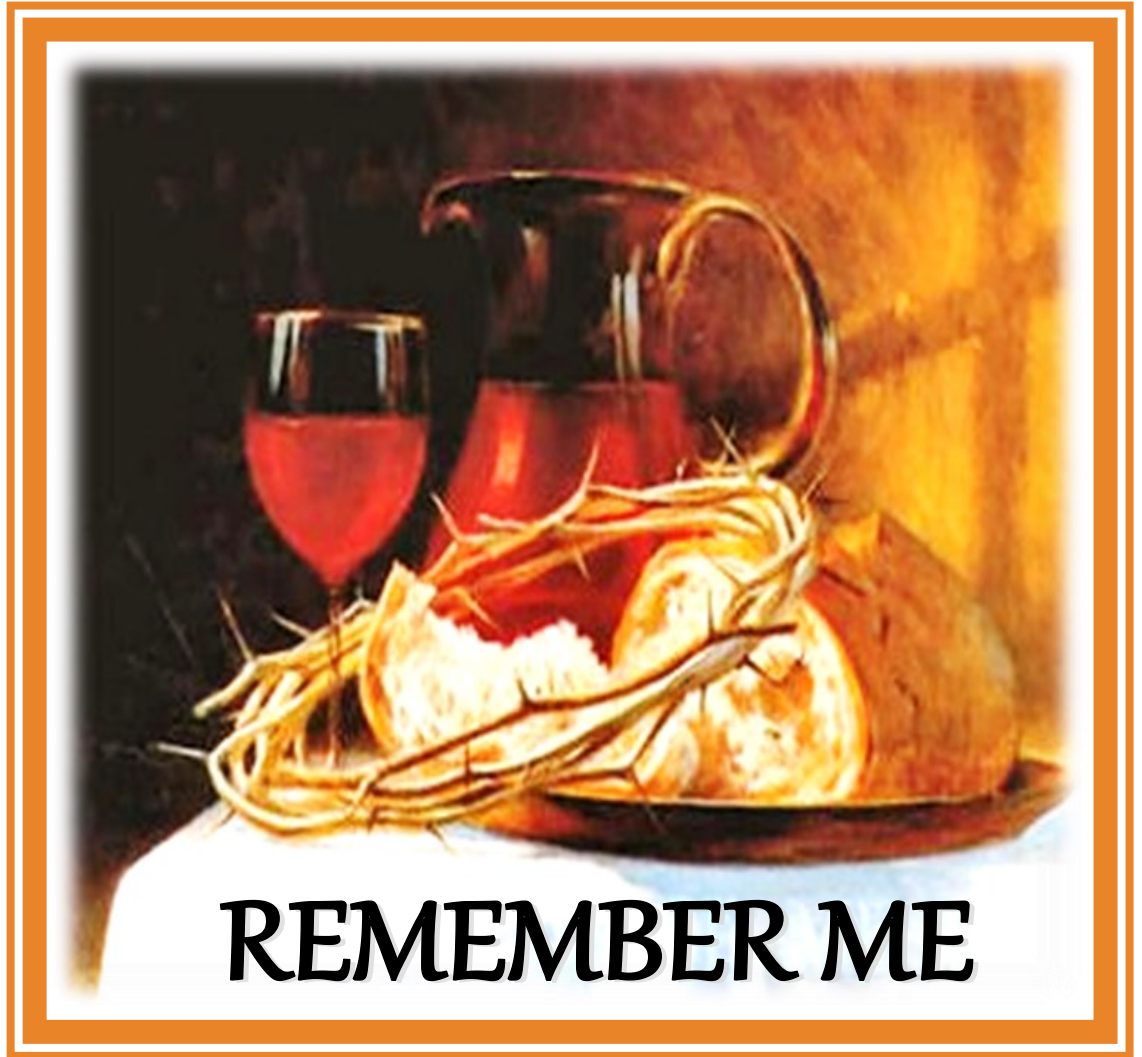
Adoration - Holy Hour

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**



REMEMBER ME

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 & TRY BOOKING

We are using the online booking system TryBooking (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.

Government Requirements - What are your 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 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. PLEASE make sure you arrived before Mass begins.

TryBooking links for the month of June.

12 / 13 June - The shareable link for your event is:

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

19 / 20 June - The shareable link for your event is:

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

26 / 27 June - The shareable link for your event is:

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

QUERIES CAN BE ANSWERED ONLY IN OFFICE HOURS

CONGRATULATIONS FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS

Congratulations to all the children who are receiving their Eucharistic Lord for the First time this weekend.

We pray God's Blessings on their families, their teachers and all who have helped them prepare for this special day.

We pray too for the children that they may come to receive Jesus with faith and love today and always.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Psalm 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

FIRST READING

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bull-ocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm: 115:12-13. 15-18

I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people.

I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation: John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven,
says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16. 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with

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Cont...couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon: John 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Text - Labora - Brisbane Liturgy

GOD AND FOOD. EATING IN THE CHURCH

God loves a party, and it will come as no surprise then that he loves a good meal now and again too. We see this from time to time in the scriptures from the days of Abraham to the Apocalypse. God is always talking to us through, let's face it, our stomachs! In Genesis the Trinity drop in for a meal at the groves of Mamre, of albeit simple fare-bread and water, some nice roast calf and creamy milk. Yum.

Again, we find in Exodus the preparation of the Passover meal - where lamb or goat is consumed - God is at work here too. At Sinai the covenant is made between God and the Israelites at an exclusive penthouse suite on Mt Sinai-the floor was made of sapphire. It is understood that the seventy elders were invited to an audience with God at which "they beheld God, and ate and drank. "

Passing on to the Levitical practices of the Jewish cult and we see that God is constantly communicated with by means of sacrifices whereby the clergy (of course) are apportioned the choicest parts of the sacrificed animal - what a tasty way to end worship.

The New Testament does not let us down with regard to the Lord's love for food and parties. Jesus could be found in attendance at banquets, wedding feasts, picnics and other get togethers, there is even some evidence that Jesus was a cook just look at Ch 21 of John - apparently the Lord had a thing for charcoaled fish.

Saints and sinners are all invited to dine with the Lord, as our sequence the *Lauda Sion* says "*sumunt boni, sumunt mali*". But most important of all Jesus desires our company too. The sacred banquet held before the passion is the banquet *par excellence*.

It is at this sacred event he not only acts as host this time, but as the food as well. St Thomas Aquinas rightly says in the eucharistic hymn he wrote for this feast, the *Pange Lingua*, '*se dat suis manibus.*' He gives himself with his own hand.' At the Holy Mass we too look on with the disciples, we too receive Him from His own hands.

St Thomas Aquinas tells us that this Eucharistic food is given to us for two reasons. The first reason, it would seem relates to the Church, the second concerns the end of Time.

Cont... Let us look at the first idea. Jesus gives us his body and blood to nourish our spiritual life on earth. What does he mean here? Aquinas indicates in his Commentary on St John's gospel that the person who "eats the flesh of Christ and drinks his blood...shares in the unity of the Church, and this is accomplished by the love of charity." When we receive the Blessed Sacrament we are filled with the virtue of charity, which is nothing other than friendship with God and with one another. But we also identify ourselves more clearly as Christ's body, the Church. By our reception of Holy Communion we state again our fidelity to the unity of the Church. We eat his body and drink his blood as an expression that we are in union with his body the Church. Sadly this is why we cannot yet extend eucharistic hospitality to other churches because we have not established that unity for which Jesus prayed. Now to Aquinas' second understanding of the Eucharist. Commenting on Jesus words: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" St Thomas indicates that first of all this spiritual food is different from material food, since material food does not give us eternal life. In the reception of holy communion Thomas teaches, Jesus does not so much become a part of us but we become more deeply a part of him.

Through this sacred gift then we become united more intimately with him. Thomas comments further saying that the effects of this union with Jesus in Communion "is...capable of making man divine and inebriating him with divinity."



This, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ is the fundamental reason Jesus gives us his body and blood. By eating his flesh and drinking his blood we too can participate, insofar as it is possible as human creatures, in the divine life, being one body in the body which is Christ's Church.

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

1. Gen ch xiv, 2. Ex ch xii, 3. Ex ch xxiv:11., 4. Lev vi
5. St Thomas Aquinas, *Commentary on St John's Gospel*, (Albany, Magi Books, 1980) 386.

WE BECOME HIM

We use the phrase 'Body of Christ' in three distinct but interconnecting ways. The first use is to refer to Jesus himself, stressing the full humanity of the Incarnate Son of God. He was formed in his mother's womb, was born and grew. He suffered, was tortured, murdered and was dead and bodily buried. But he is no longer dead, but Risen and glorified in his body. He is alive and with us. 'The second use of this phrase is to refer to the men and women and children who form the embodying of the life of Jesus in each and every generation. He, the living Lord, is the Head of his Body the Church. By baptism every Christian has the serious vocation of being the embodying of Jesus in the place, situation and time of their own lived life.

'What is true of the individual is even more vibrantly true of the Body of Christians under the active Headship of the Risen Jesus. Every parish community, or other grouping of Christians, has the on-going duty of being an embodying of Jesus in this particular place and time. 'The third use of the phrase 'The Body - and Blood - of Christ' is to refer to the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of every Christian community. 'The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist'. Whereas other food is eaten so that it becomes us, with this food which Jesus himself gives us we become him because it is him we are receiving.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr John Farrell OP

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL INVITATION TO NEW MEMBERS

The Parish Finance Council (PFC) is seeking new members. The role of the PFC is to advise the Parish Priest in his role as steward and administrator of Parish property. The PFC operates under rules issued by the Archbishop. Membership of the PFC is one of the many ways of participating and sharing responsibility for the life and mission of the Parish.

Areas that the PFC engages in, include: overseeing the Parish budget; considering proposals for major items of expenditure (by, for example, analysing affordability, reviewing quotes, analysing whether to buy or lease equipment); liaising, as appropriate, with the Archdiocesan Office, the Australian Catholic University, Rosary Primary School and others (such as other groups within the Parish); overseeing maintenance of Parish property; and reviewing Work, Health & Safety matters.

In supporting Parish life and its mission, the PFC deliberations keep in mind the best interests of the Parish, its parishioners and those who work for the Parish.

The Archdiocesan rules list some of the skills and competencies that are useful for Parish Finance Councils: accountancy, business expertise, law, property management, architecture, building, maintenance and information technology. They also encourage a balance of male and female members and, where possible, across a range of ages to ensure that a variety of perspectives is available.

The PFC typically meets 4 to 6 times a year, with each meeting going for about 1½ hours.

There are currently 5 members of the PFC: Fr Mannes (Chairman), Anne O'Donnell, Chris Ryan, Maree Catlin and Roger Paul (Secretary). The PFC would welcome more members. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the Parish Office. Or if you have any questions or would like to find out more about what the PFC does, please contact Roger at rpaul2572@gmail.com or on 0421 612 572.

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 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** .

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.

*You cannot do a kindness too soon
for you never know how soon it will be too late.*

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, Ursula Ramsay, Edith Jensen, June Pollard, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Mimma Gia, Awny El-Ghitany, Bob Hackett, Rosa Maria Santos, Margaret Sullivan, Maureen Dawes, Mary Lou Pentony, Zelma McManus, Elizabeth Webster, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Terry Stephens, Joe Schimizzi, Anne Corver, Bernard Druett, Patricia Sargent, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Peter Caitlin

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

Colette Dawes, Betty Rutter

In Loving Memory

Vincenza De Lorenzo

PLANNED GIVING (ENVELOPES)

The majority of Parish income relies on contributions to the Planned Giving via Envelopes, EFTs, Credit Card or Direct Debit. If you are not contributing, please consider joining and contact the Office to advise your method of contribution. There is no charge if using credit card, direct debit or EFT. Envelopes for 2021—2022 will be available for collection on 26/27 June .Thanks to the parishioners who have continued to contribute this year.

Please let the office know as soon as possible if you do not require envelopes for the 2021/22 year.

WINTER WOOLLIES STALL - Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Winter Woollies Stall on Thursday 17 June, 8am-4pm. There will be a wide variety of hand-knitted and crocheted goods including beanies, jumpers, mittens, children's clothes, rugs, quilts etc, all at bargain prices. Come along to the Main Foyer, Calvary Public Hospital, cnr Belconnen Way & Haydon Drive, Bruce. All proceeds go towards the purchase of medical equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff.

ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S TASKFORCE - On 16 July 2021 the Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce will host a dinner at the Southern Cross Club Woden to celebrate women's ministry. Scholar and teacher, Sr Margaret Beirne RSC will give a talk on St Mary Magdalene. Three course meal \$65. All welcome. Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>

ROSTER 12 / 13 June 2021		
Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	J. de Riva O'Phelan	
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	K. Linard	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	M. Fitzgerald	K. McCluskey
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	D. Gomez	
Readers	J. Curnow	
Counters	I. Buckley	Volunteer