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VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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
All Welcome

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

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is

NOON TUESDAY

Please contact the office Ph. 6248 5925
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 26: 7, 9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
be my help.

FIRST READING

First reading - Exodus 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 99(100):2-3,5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

SECOND READING

Second reading - Romans 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Gospel - Matthew 9:36-10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon is NOT recited when hymns are sung.

Communion Antiphon - Ps 26: 4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

After a number of weeks I am happy to announce that the following parishioners have accepted a nomination to be on our new Parish Council. They are:

Stephen Sedgwick

(Parish Finance Council/5pm Sunday evening)

Roger Paul

(Parish Finance Council/5pm Saturday evening)

Emily Hall

(Parish Renewal Team/10 am)

Kate Watson

(Parish Renewal Team/5pm Sunday evening)

Lino Kim

(10am/5pm Sunday evening)

Chris Tisdell

(10am)

Nicole Webb

(5pm Saturday evening/ 5pm Sunday evening)

The Parish Council hopes to meet in mid June for its first gathering. Please pray for these generous parishioners.

PRIESTLY PEOPLE

A common priesthood readied to mediate Gods mercy to the world..

I am often amazed and astounded by what parents will do for their children. Sometime ago a priest friend of mine who has problems with his kidneys, needed a transplant. The wait for a transplant kidney was a long one so his own

Cont...mother, who was found to be a match, gave him one of her own kidneys. Not only had she given him life once, but did so again!

God sees us the same way. There's nothing the Father won't do for us, and the primary sign of his love is granting us forgiveness for our sinfulness, our ingratitude, our indifference. God's expression of his enduring care is outlined in the narrative of Exodus we have read today. God reminds Moses:

"You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine."

In this strange conversation God proposes to adopt Israel as his own child. The bible uses a variety of ways of expressing this relationship sometimes, like today, we see God adopt Israel as one adopts a son. In other parts of the bible the relationship is seen more in marital terms. Regardless of the imagery the relationship between God and Israel is one of intimacy.

Yet, God gives Israel a job to do too. He invites them to become a priesthood, a priestly nation. *"I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."* What does this mean? The purpose of a priest is to be a mediator between God and the community. This is the fundamental anthropological understanding of priesthood. The priest mediates the blessings, teachings and will of the deity to the community. God is asking Israel as a people to be the priest for the world, to mediate God's blessings, God's teaching and God's will to the rest of humanity.

This arrangement is fulfilled more eminently, however, in Jesus and his disciples. Jesus is the new Moses who assembles twelve disciples to represent the twelve tribes of Israel forming the new Israel. Thus we see in the gospel for today Jesus sending the twelve out to perform priestly ministry:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

Jesus is sending the disciples out to remind Israel of its duty to mediate God's blessing, teaching and will. By establishing the new Israel of the Church Christ sends out these emissaries to invite old Israel to fulfill its mission, with Christ at its head. The fallout of this is that we too are called to this mission as the Church of the new Israel, being priests to the world. The common priesthood of the baptised is anointed and charged to mediate God's blessings, teachings and will to humanity; to sanctify the secular order.

Today let us realise our part in this mission. Let us pray for the courage to say that we are Christian with all that entails and thus in season or out of season we may extend the life that God wishes to give his children.

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

To inspire you.... 'When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace and strength.' *Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



REFUGEE WEEK

Nightly news bulletins show families fleeing conflict, famine or both, as they search for freedom to live out their lives in peace. The theme for this year's **Refugee Week (18-24 June)** is Finding Freedom. The Refugee Council of Australia says the theme has a number of important functions, in that it raises awareness of the issues affecting refugees, it helps to make the week a national celebration, it promotes harmony and togetherness, and it broadens the impact of Refugee Week.

The theme reminds us of all that refugees have lost in being forced from their own nations.

To mark Refugee Week, the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and the Office of Justice Ecology and Peace invites us to an online prayer service. The prayer service will be broadcast live at 7pm AEST on 20 June. Please register at <https://bit.ly/RWPS23>.

TRUSTED WITH A MISSION

*Eleventh Sunday of the Year.
Fr Michael Demkovich OP calls us to respond
to the trust God has placed in us.*

'In each of our childhoods there came a moment when we were entrusted by our parents with a task, sent on an errand or instructed to 'watch' a younger brother or sister. It came at a moment when our parents sensed that we were ready to accept the assignment. It came without guarantee, without assurances, cloaked with the uncertain reality that we might just get it wrong. But it always came with trust.

'In Matthew's Gospel Jesus is moved by the need he sees in the crowd of people. This reality has not changed over all these years. The crowds of people in our 21st century still face the same uncertainty as they did in Jesus' day.

'Today Jesus calls us! Just as he summoned the twelve, so too this day he summons us. And though we may not be the bravest, most confident, most loyal, most persistent, neither were the twelve. Jesus calls us not because we are perfect but because we are ourselves. The message he has entrusted to us is not one that demands us to look beyond the rainbow, but it tells us to look within, 'The Kingdom of God is within'.

NO FEAR OF FAILURE

The Church has known many setbacks in history, many unpropitious sets of circumstances in which to work. She has known situations where whole populations have fallen away, leaving only tiny remnants to carry the precious burden of revelation, the message of salvation, through history.

Let them do their worst. They will not say 'No' more vociferously, or (for that matter) with greater indifference, than many of the participants in the Passion of Christ. Whatever happens, our task is to be faithful to the mission our Lord has given us, and, if we are young, to consider by what means we can best serve the Kingdom of God -- it may be to live and work directly for the Church as a priest or in a religious order, perhaps helping to revive one that has become moribund yet represents something valuable. If we are middle-aged, and at the height of our influence in our particular milieu, 'being faithful' will mean using that influence. If we are old, it will mean counselling others by what we say and do, and praying that the Church be kept Catholic and not fritter away her commission in platitudes and blandness.

Extract Fr Aidan Nichols OP

Pope John Paul II - PARISH AS COMMUNITY

'Often lost and disoriented, contemporary men and women seek communion. Having frequently seen their social context shattered or dehumanised they yearn for an experience of authentic encounter and true communion. But is not this the parish's vocation, that is, to be a family home, fraternal and warmly receptive, a fraternity animated by the spirit of unity, the family of God in a concrete place. The parish is not principally a structure, a territory, a building. The parish is first of all a community of the faithful. That is the task of the parish today: to be a community, to rediscover itself as community. One is not Christian by oneself. To be a Christian means to believe and to live one's faith together with others, to be Church, to be community.'

PLANNED GIVING

Please let the office know by telephone: 6248 5925 or email: watson@cg.org.au if you would like to continue with using Planned Giving Envelopes.

Other options available for Giving are monthly Direct Debit or Credit Card donations (please contact the office for further details), Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) as per banking details below, Tap & Go or Cash donations can be made in the donation boxes provided at the exits.

Thank you to those parishioners who have contributed to the running and upkeep of the Church and Fr Mannes.

A TASTE OF ITALY

Following of the success of our taste of Vietnam function, we are planning the next Parish dinner as a 'Taste of Italy' on **Saturday 22nd July** at 6.00pm in the Parish Centre. In addition to great Italian food we are hoping to conduct the wine tasting that had to be postponed earlier this year. Entry by ticket only for catering purposes. Available for purchase after some Masses or the Parish office. Tickets \$20.00 adults and \$5.00 per child. Money raised will go to finishing off St Dominic's Garden.

MORNING TEA / SAUSAGE SIZZLE

On Sunday 25th June there will be a Morning Tea / Sausage Sizzle after the 10am Mass. All welcome, please bring a plate to share.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding its annual Winter Appeal as a leaving collection at Masses on 15-16 July. There will be volunteers to take your Cash or electronic donations and provide receipts. Winter is a very difficult time for those struggling in our community but the assistance you provide to Vinnies can make a great difference. During the winter of 2022, Watson Vinnies was able to assist a woman in our community who was about to take custody of her very young nephew and needed to set up her house for a small child. Vinnies was able to arrange the supply of infant clothes, furniture and other supplies through another charity program. Vinnies volunteers then dropped off these goods to her before her nephew arrived which meant the woman was well prepared for her new role.

CHRISTMAS IN JUNE

Join us for a winter carol service, mulled wine, roast dinner ... and lots of Christmas cheer!
Friday 30 June, 6.00pm - Holy Cross Hackett.
\$20.00 Adults / \$5.00 Children - All welcome
Book online - www.holycrosshackett.org.au/christmas

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, Sr Veronica Dunphy, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP,

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.
Mary Martin, Dominic Pangello

IN LOVING MEMORY

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, 10.30am - 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

Bible Study had restarted. Text Fr Mannes for details on 0414 396 532

ROSTER 17 - 18 June

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M. Tran / D. Gauci
Reader - N. Clarke / R. Basu

Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - Hugh
Reader - J. Cooke / K. Bergin
Computer - J. Cortese

Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - S. Sedgwick
Reader - J. Schwinghamer / B. Joseph
Computer - C. Bailey

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

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