

Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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Year B

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



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.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Psalm 26:7,9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me,
O God, my Saviour!

FIRST READING

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,
who withers green trees and makes the withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm: 91:2-3. 13-16

Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cont...

to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon: John 17:11

Holy Father,
keep in your name those you have given me,
that they may be one as we are one,
says the Lord.

Text - Labora - Brisbane Liturgy

There is nothing wrong with being
a little more giving than others,
after all, there has to be someone
who gives light in a darkened room.

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



A couple of years ago my uncle was shaving in the bathroom when he was brought to the ground by some kind of force, it was revealed later that he had a brain tumour. As his disease grew he became more enfeebled, eventually he had to go to a nursing home as my aunt could no longer look after him at home. Now my uncle and aunt had been married for over 30 years,

my uncle's illness, however, proved to be the time where their love grew stronger. Eventually my uncle couldn't talk much but my aunt would come to the nursing home everyday to be with him, often she would be there from the morning till late at night. My uncle would rarely utter a word, but my aunt perceived that her beloved husband knew she was there. Even though there was no verbal communication just the presence of the husband for his wife and the wife for her husband was enough to express the love they had for each other. Finally my uncle died, but the love he had for my aunt and the love she had for him lives on and will one day be restored in the resurrection.

The feast of the Sacred Heart then celebrates nothing less than God's infinite love for us. It is the love that is given to us even when we do not realise it. The Sacred Heart reflects more clearly God's love for us in Jesus Christ, a love to which each of us is invited. Furthermore, the love that we are shown in Christ is something we have to put into practice-in the classroom, in the schoolyard, in our offices, and in our families.

Yet, devotion to Jesus' Sacred Heart is not as popular as it once was, and yet there is a great need for it. In the past there used to be many organizations which would proudly have the Sacred Heart of Jesus as their inspiration. The image of the Sacred Heart nevertheless points to a basic yearning of the human person - the need to be loved, cherished and cared for. At the end of the day that's all we humans ever want. Deep down all of us really wants to be wanted, to be included, to be an insider not an outsider. Our faith then must be founded somewhat in the meaning of the Sacred Heart, for the Sacred Heart is nothing other than God's desire to fill our desires.

Similarly, the love that is shown to us by Christ must be in turn be shared with others. Love, as St Thomas Aquinas says, is diffusive of itself. That is, love of its very nature, is something that is shared. There are two main commandments the Christian is obliged to follow - to love God and to love neighbour. In our love for God, and God's love for us, we are compelled to then go out and love our neighbour.

But how should we love others? There are many ways. However, one particular way in which we can love our neighbour is by putting ourselves at the service of those less fortunate than ourselves. That means getting our hands dirty, or perhaps mixing with those we don't like or would never socialize with.

While I was training for the priesthood I did some work on a soup van, delivering hot meals to people shut in boarding houses and other such places. It was in this ministry that I was confronted with the notion of Christ's love

Cont.... It was in this ministry that I had to socialise with people I would never normally socialise with - the alcoholic, the drug addict, the mentally ill. Christ's love wasn't me sitting in my pristine white habit singing God's praises, rather it was to be found in the gutters, boarding houses and hovels around urban Melbourne. Christ's love was chatting with the schizophrenic shut in or taking a man who had been beaten up to the emergency room of St Vincent's hospital.

Christ's love is found everywhere, in you and me, in what God does in us and in what we are doing for others, we just need to unleash it!

God love you all. You're all in my prayers.

Fr Mannes OP

THE POWER OF SMALL DEEDS

Eleventh Sunday of the Year.

Fr Richard Finn OP helps us to see the power of small deeds in building the Kingdom of God.

The prophet Ezekiel once imagined Babylon as a mighty, brightly - coloured eagle, which swooped down on the cedar tree of Israel and broke off its topmost shoot, Israel's hapless king Jehoiachin. The prophet was under no illusions when it came to the aggressors' overwhelming force. But Ezekiel's story turned to prophecy: God himself would take a tender shoot from the treetop. Where Babylon had brought low its royal captive, God would raise up a mighty tree offering shelter for all kinds of birds and wild animals.

This image is echoed in Jesus' parable of the mustard seed. God, as is His wont, favours the underdog. He chooses the apparently insignificant to be the bearer of His burgeoning providence. The insignificant seed is Jesus Himself, the Galilean maverick. The seed grows to become the great tree in which all the birds can roost, when the nations find their place in Christ's kingdom, the New Israel of Jew and Gentile. Unfortunately for us, the images of the seed and the full-grown mustard plant are not snapshots from before and after the resurrection. The tiny little seed isn't a matter of remote Christological history. Our entry into the spacious kingdom of God is through baptism into the apparent insignificance of Christ's life and death, a conformity to Him whose earthly life and death form the pattern of our true humanity. So, Christ is still the mustard seed with whose exemplary humility we make our own. We talk glibly enough about the 'great and the good', but: can you be great and good in this fallen world? There are powerful temptations to climb the greasy pole or stay at the top by less than honourable means. The rewards of high office easily become an end in themselves, false gods of wealth and prestige. Perhaps the challenge of the parable is to think small enough, to be willing to shed our delusions of grandeur. This is what it is to think of others with due regard for their dignity as well as ours. Yet, if the mustard seed is not entirely past history, neither is the great tree merely a pious hope for the future. Through our seemingly small acts of charity we take our place even now in that kingdom. The tree grows as we shrink. Blessed John Henry Newman wrote: 'One little deed, done against natural inclination, for God's sake, though in itself of a conceding or passive character, to brook an insult, to face a danger, or to resign an advantage, has in it a power outbalancing all the dust and chaff of mere profession.' If we ask what Newman's 'power', is a power for, it is surely a power for making holy, the power of sanctification. But it is not immediately visible to us; we rarely become holy overnight - and that may be where the other of our two Gospel parables becomes relevant. The kingdom is in some way like a man who sows seed which then grows unseen of its own accord. All the man should do is wait for the harvest. But that takes faith - what is sown so small grows unseen. And, yet, for those who wait faithfully the harvest will be rich.

Fr Richard Finn OP <http://english.op.org/torch>

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.

LITURGY ROSTER

The new Liturgy Roster will be prepared by the end of June. Please consider volunteering for one of the following: Acolyte, Reader, Data Projector, Welcome Minister, Counter. Due to covid the current volunteers could use some help; there is a need to have more volunteers to share the load. Please contact the office to volunteer or leave your name and contact telephone and email on the sheet in the foyer.

ST THOMAS MORE FORUM

The Pell Case: Lessons for Church and State

Friday 25 June 2021 | 7 for 7.30PM - Keynote Speaker: Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO Rector of Newman College at the University of Melbourne. Venue: Mercure Hotel, Limestone Avenue, Braddon. Cost: \$90.00 (Dinner and wine) Canapes and complimentary glass of sparkling wine on arrival, followed by a two course dinner with a bottle of red and white wine per table and tea/coffee and cake. RSVP: Noon Friday 11 June 2021 Enquiries: Parish Office on 0416 823 447 or forum@stthomasmore.org.au

COFFEE CLUB

Time to catch up again for morning tea at 'Gang Gang' Frencham place, Downer on the 17th June, the third Thursday, from 10-30am.

Newcomers welcome.

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>

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The Meeting ID is 983 138 1937 and the passcode is 815443.

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

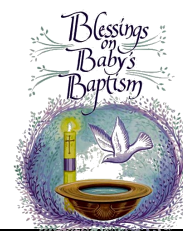
Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.

Colette Dawes, Betty Rutter, Graeme Baker, Ernesto Di Pauli

BAPTISM

Claudia Harrigan - Smyth Sebastian Pauier

will be baptised this weekend.
May their lives be filled with God's peace,
and their hearts with God's love....
on this Baptism day and always.



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>

At the end of the day, I am thankful
that my blessings are bigger than my problems.
Looking behind I am filled with gratitude.
Looking forward I am filled with vision.
Looking upwards I am filled with strength.

ROSTER 19 / 20 June 2021

Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	P. Farrelly	
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	Webb Family	
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	C. Rheinberger	A. McCarthy
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	S. Sedgwick	
Readers	M. Brothosodo	T. De Luca
Counters	J. Smith	C. Ryan