

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars



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## VERITAS



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**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—4.45pm

**Adoration - Holy Hour**

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

**Pray the Rosary**

Before 10am Mass on Sundays

# Most Holy Trinity



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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father,  
and the Only Begotten Son of God,  
and also the Holy Spirit,  
for he has shown us his merciful love.

## FIRST READING

### First reading – Proverbs 8:22-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,  
before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was  
firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into  
being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were  
no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains  
were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he  
made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of  
the world's dust.

When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he  
drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thick-  
ened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs  
of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries  
– and the waters will not invade the shore – when he  
laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side,  
a master craftsman, delighting him day after day,  
ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his  
world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 8:4-9

O Lord, our God,  
how wonderful your name in all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind,  
mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god;  
with glory and honour you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hand,  
put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle,  
yes, even the savage beasts,  
birds of the air, and fish

that make their way through the waters.

O Lord, our God,  
how wonderful your name in all the earth!

## SECOND READING

### Second reading - Romans 5:1-5

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged  
righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith  
and through Jesus that we have entered this state of  
grace in which we can boast about looking forward to  
God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we  
can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring  
patience, as we know, and patience brings

**Cont...**perseverance, and perseverance brings hope,  
and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of  
God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit  
which has been given us.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation - cf Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### Gospel - John 16:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you but they would be  
too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to  
the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as  
from himself but will say only what he has learnt;  
and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from  
what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said:  
*All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### Communion Antiphon - Galatians 4: 6

Since you are children of God,  
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,  
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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As our Easter season closes with the Feast of the Holy  
Trinity we celebrate our trust in God and offer them our  
praise and glory. This Sunday's feast is about the intima-  
cy of God's presence to us in our world.  
We pray this week for peace in our hearts, our families,  
our communities and our world.

## A THREE IN ONE DEAL



I'm not very good at working at puzzles,  
possibly because my attention span is  
very short and I get distracted very  
easily. One puzzle that does keep me  
up at night is the Trinity, what's going on  
there? The remarkable thing about this  
God of ours, who is one and three, is  
the seemingly contradictory manner in  
which God expresses himself.

But God should be a puzzle. The only reason I can think  
of that the doctrine of the Trinity is proposed to us, in  
and through the revelation of Jesus, is that God would  
not be God if he was as accessible as a mobile phone  
or working a microwave or doing a Sudoku puzzle.

Cont...The fact that human beings can't work God out is good news. If God were easy to understand in himself we would be equal to God and that is not the case.

Our whole understanding of God's triune life comes from Jesus. Prior to the coming of Christ Israel worshipped the one God and very little else was known about the inner world of their deity. Sure, God had demonstrated power and might against Egypt and all of Israel's enemies, God had even spoken face to face with Moses. And yet in all of these instances the mysterious Triune life of God is barely glimpsed, the only exception being the mysterious trio of visitors Abraham entertains at Mamre in ch 18 of Genesis a text woven with an air of intrigue.

In his most accessible book *Theology and Sanity* the late Frank Sheed admirably summarised how we can grasp something of the mystery of the Triune God:

**The question why, if each of the three persons is wholly God, there are not three Gods? The reason we cannot say three Gods becomes clear if we consider what is meant by the parallel phrase, "Three men". That would mean three distinct persons, each possessing a human nature. But note, although their natures would be similar, each would have his own. The first man could not think with the second man's intellect, but only with his own; the second man could not love with the third's will, but only with his own. The phrase "three men" would mean three distinct persons, each with his own separate human nature, his own separate equipment as man; the phrase "three Gods" would mean three distinct persons, each with his own separate Divine Nature, his own separate equipment as God. But in the Blessed Trinity this is not so. The three persons are God, not by the possession of equal and similar natures, but by the possession of one single nature; they do in fact what our three men could not do, know with the same intellect and love with the same will.**

As we ponder this mystery let us be mindful that the Trinity is for us a pattern as to how to live in our families, in our workplaces and in our church community to dwell, as St Augustine writes in his rule for monks, with one mind and one heart. It is in endeavouring to do this that we can emulate the God who is both communal and yet one.

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

## ONE GOD, THREE PERSONS

*Trinity Sunday. Fr Richard Conrad OP reflects on the relationships within the One God.*

A text precious to the Jews, "Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is One," is also precious to us. God is One, with an intensity that cannot be fathomed by us complex creatures. The heart of the Christian faith is a further precious truth: there are relationships "within" this One God, relationships between the Father, the Son, and the Holy

Cont...Spirit. Relationships we are invited into!

The names "Father", "Son" and "Holy Spirit" may remind us of pictures of the Holy Trinity that show "two men and a bird". We cannot do without pictures, including mental ones. But we need to know they are pictures, that no one of them can show everything, and that none of our pictures can capture God's mystery. Human parents have parents of their own; we all have childhood in common, most of us have parent-hood in common. God the Father is no one's child; his Son is not a parent. Precisely as Father and precisely as Son, they do not have anything in common. Precisely as God, they have the one indivisible Divine Being "in common". In terms of "character", a human parent and child resemble each other imperfectly. Jesus is God's Son as the Father's *perfect* expression. What he does and suffers as man shows us the one who sent him. "Anyone who has seen me has seen *the Father*." St. Paul speaks of Jesus as the *Image of God the Father*; the Letter to the Hebrews pictures him as the Father's "impress" – rather as my face is the *exact* expression of my head, closer to it than a statue or a mirror-image could be.

St. John calls Jesus the Word of God, who became flesh. A human friend has some idea of herself and her plans; she expresses herself to herself by a kind of word in her heart. When she expresses herself to yourself, she speaks this "word" aloud. We can picture God the Father having a perfect idea of himself and his plans. As our Friend, God the Father wants to share himself and his plans with us. So he speaks his eternal Word into our world; this is Jesus, the Son of God who became the Son of Mary. Today's Old Testament reading describes Lady Wisdom, whom God possessed from eternity ("possessed" is a better translation than "created"). She is at God's side as a "master craftsman" (the Hebrew could also mean "beloved child"). So we picture Jesus as God's Wisdom: the Father is like an artist who plans beforehand whom he will craft, then puts his wisdom into action. Jesus took on the human nature he had crafted, and by his Resurrection from the dead "put the finishing touches" to this masterpiece. Your human friend speaks to you out of love, to express love, to invite love. So we picture God the Father having an eternal Love, the Holy Spirit or "Divine Impulse". In that Spirit he loves his Son, and us, eternally. Out of that Love he speaks his Word to us; Jesus is conceived by the Holy Spirit and ministers in the Spirit's power. He dies as the supreme expression of the Father's love and loyalty, so through his Sacrifice the Holy Spirit is given us – to *create* a return of love and loyalty. "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Precisely as God, the Spirit possesses the one indivisible Divine Being that Father and Son possess. He is neither parent nor child: precisely as Spirit, he has no thing in common with Father and Son. Father, Son and Spirit are perfectly One, *and* indescribably distinct. Each is divine in exactly the same way; each is personal in an unimaginably different way.

So the Spirit does not come to us as a further word. Instead, he comes: Like the wind, that is, the air that keeps us alive all the time, and now and then gives us a push.

As the Living Water that refreshes us. As the Anointing and the Fire that make us radiant. As the Dove that brings peace, and as the Paraclete, the Friend to stand by us. As the Spirit of Truth (truth in the sense of loyalty) who enlarges our hearts to welcome Jesus, the Father's one Word. As the Love who makes us one, and in whom we give every honour and glory to God the Father, through, and with, and in Christ, now and for ever.

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

## ST DOMINIC GARDEN

Based on a proposal initially discussed with Fr Kieran, Fr Mannes has approved a project to establish a garden in honour of St Dominic and incorporating a remembrance wall in the Church grounds over the next 16 months. The garden will be created in time for the Parish's 60th anniversary in October 2023. The approved concept plan and a project brief is on display in the church foyer. Fundraising is planned to offset costs and details will be provided closer to each event/activity. For further details and/or to make a donation to the project, please contact Jacquie in the Parish Office on 6248 5925 or email [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au).

## 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)

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding its annual Winter Appeal as a leaving collection at Masses on 18-19 June. If you require a receipt, please donate to our volunteers in the foyer; there will be an eftpos machine for those wishing to use their card. There will also envelopes in the pews for those unable to donate on the day. These can be returned the following week. Winter is a very difficult time for those struggling in our community and your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

## TRIVIA NIGHT

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Trivia Night on Friday 21st July 2022, 6.30 for 7 pm start, at the Canberra Labor Club Belconnen. Tickets are \$20 per head, payable at the door, cash or EFTPOS; to pre-book a table of 10 contact Daphne on 0407835846. Theme for dress/ costume is any cartoon character/ Disney/Frozen etc. There will be a front door raffle, best costume prize, best dressed table prize, lucky door prizes and more. All proceeds go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. So bring your friends for a night of friendship, fun and a good laugh!

## SAVE THE DATE

Caring for Creation Conference on 17 September at John Paul II College in Gungahlin. Holy Spirit Parish, Gungahlin is holding a conference on how to achieve the goals of Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home. The Pope has called all our Parishes, schools, families and individuals to help save the planet and one another from greed, consumerism and climatic change. Our Bishops have called us to respond to: The Cry of the Earth – The Cry of the Poor. Everything is connected. Saturday, 17 September is the day to work together to change ourselves, each other and the planet. Save the date! Contact: [alisonmweeks@bigpond.com](mailto:alisonmweeks@bigpond.com)

Parish details to contribute to the Planned Giving.  
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## 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, Jim Smith, Beth Delos Santos, Patricia Zorzi, Gwen Gleeson, Sue King, Anthony Parsonage, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Eddie Pook, Fr Rafael Cabezon

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.  
Albertina Dos Santos, Shirley Arnold, Judith Kedge, Patricia 'Patty' Hyde, Dorothy Oliver

**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 18 / 19 June 2022

**Saturday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - M. Tran  
Reader - P. Farrelly  
**Sunday 8.00am** - Acolyte - K. Linard  
Reader - E. Smith, J. Smith  
**Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - R. Tanzer  
Reader - J. Cooke, S. Coles  
**Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - S. Sedgwick  
Reader - C. Paton, Catherine Paton

## MORNING TEA

Come in from the cold to Gang Gang, Frencham Place Downer on the third Thursday of June, the 16th, from 10-30 am to join fellow parishioners for morning tea. Everyone welcome.

*To follow Jesus requires a detachment from what the world values highly.*

Priests details to contribute to the First Collection.  
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