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HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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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

VERITAS

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is

NOON TUESDAY

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or Email: watson@cg.org.au



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 27: 8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.

FIRST READING

First reading - Jeremiah 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35

R# Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.

I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:

Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.

SECOND READING

Second reading - Romans 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - John 15:26,27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Gospel - Matthew 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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 144: 15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

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DO NOT FEAR

Sunday's Gospel is governed by the recurring refrain, 'Do not fear'. Jesus, he says, tries to get the disciples to distinguish appropriate from inappropriate fear. 'Disciples need not fear those who can kill the body, because their entire physical existence is precious in God's sight.' Rather, Fr Byrne says, 'the only valid fear for disciples should be that of falling out of God's favour and so of losing, not one's body, but one's soul.'

We pray this week for the courage to give public witness and proclaim the Gospel.

PERSECUTION



Perhaps there is a belief amongst some that the Christian faith will make their lives better in this world, help them to find peace, give them some kind of tranquility. These thoughts have some merit. Indeed, some of the beautiful sayings of Jesus and some of the lovely imagery of the Old Testament do furnish us with consoling ideas and

sentiments. However, if we look at our readings for today there is another side to our Christian commitment.

Jeremiah in the first reading is tasked by God to preach disaster and repentance to the people of Israel, but he is

Cont...denounced. The context of Jeremiah's pronouncements come within an ever increasing threat being made by the Babylonian empire which was literally on Israel's doorstep ready to invade. Jeremiah sadly had to predict that Israel would yield to Babylonian domination, but the people of Israel, especially Israel's authorities, did not want to hear this prediction of doom. Nevertheless, Jeremiah is chosen by God to announce this situation to God's people.

Jesus, who is the fulfilment of the prophet Jeremiah, likewise foretells great suffering for the disciples who follow him. Last week we saw these disciples chosen and commissioned to preach the good news, heal the sick, raise the dead and exorcise demons. Jesus however predicts for them that this work will not be all plain sailing:

"do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell." (Mt 10:28)

Jesus is giving the disciples a reality check. Following Jesus is not for the comfortable, or for those who wish to be tossed upon the seas of a cozy relativism, subjectivism, or the latest offerings of society. Rather, the outlook of the disciple is to see beyond the whims of this world. Jesus teaches that the real judgment won't come from governments, the Police, or the judiciary but from God himself.

As we ponder these serious sentiments in our readings today let us realise that whilst many of the positions we may take as Christians will not always fit in with what society believes let us recall indeed those consoling words Jesus pronounces for us today:

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's will. 30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows (Mt 10:29)

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

HE CARES

*12th Sunday of the Year
Fr Matthew Jarvis is inspired by an emoji.*

Facebook introduced a new reaction emoji: Care. It's the smiley hugging a heart. Long gone are the days when a tragic or angry message would get the ambiguous 'Like' as the only non-verbal reaction: was that sympathy or Schaden freude, we used to wonder. Facebook later introduced a limited range of alternative reactions – Love, Haha, Wow, Sad, Angry – but now we can show we Care.



As a Christian, I know that 'God is Love' (1 Jn 4:8,16), yet somehow Facebook's Love emoji (just a heart) strikes me as less expressive of God than the Care emoji. There's something about the way the Care face smiles, scrunches up its eyes, and presses the heart close to itself, that illustrates God.

This is not everyone's idea of God. The idea that God cares for us, or indeed for anything in this world, can strike atheists as absurd, even offensive to human suffering. They cite Charles Darwin's complaint about a nasty kind of parasitical wasp: 'There seems to me too much misery in the world. I cannot persuade myself that a beneficent and omnipotent God would have designedly created the Ichneumonidae with the express intention of their feeding

Cont...within the living bodies of caterpillars...'
Is this what God care looks like? It's tempting to tell God to go away then.

And yet, Wittgenstein's comment against geocentrism can make us think again. To scientifically uninformed people who insist the sun goes round the earth because it looks like it does, he asks rhetorically: what would it look like to us if the earth went round the sun? This is what it looks like! (If Wittgenstein were on Facebook I would respond: Haha. Wow. Like.) We just need the bigger picture, using some maths and science, to see that our instinct misled us.

Jesus always gives us a bigger picture, revealing God's truth and love for us. In today's gospel, he is teaching his closest disciples that, despite persecutions they will suffer by following in his footsteps (Mt 10:25), they must overcome their human instinct to fear. He says it three times: 'Do not be afraid.' We can survive any earthly suffering, even bodily torment and death. Our only fear must be 'fear of the Lord', a deep humility before God the Almighty Creator, not because we imagine he wants to hurt us but because in his love he has given us a terrifying opportunity freely to return or reject that love. Our first parents rejected God's love, though not irredeemably. Death entered the world through the original sin of Adam, St Paul teaches, and in Adam we all died (Rom 5:12): we lost our inheritance of grace, our original friendship with God. Christians, then, do not deny suffering or death – an undeniable part of our picture of the world – but we do have an account of where it came from, and how God still cares for us.

Jesus uses the image of sparrows dying or being sold two-a-penny – that looks like cruel Nature as described by Darwin. But, as Jesus tells it, 'not one falls to the ground without your Father' (Mt 10:29). Translations sometimes add 'without your Father knowing' or 'without your Father's will', and either works: God knows all things, and his providential will encompasses all things. The early commentator Origen clarified that God's direct will is not in play when the sparrow falls; God only permits death, never actively desires it.

So this is what God's care looks like: not preventing all suffering but holding all things in being and never letting sin or death have the last word. Supremely, we see this on the cross of Christ, when Love Himself submits to death and rises triumphant, offering us the 'abundance of grace' (Rom 5:17). Now we can look back on Adam's sin as a 'happy fault which earned for us so great, so glorious a Redeemer'.

St Peter, having run away from the crucifixion, was reestablished in love by the Risen Christ, and strengthened his brethren with these words (1 Pet 5:6-7): 'Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you. Cast all your cares on him, for he cares about you.'

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Our Vinnies Conference is urgently in need of some new recruits to assist with family visitation and other activities. Please contact our Vinnies President, Tony Malone, on 0431 542 531 for more information.

HELP WITH TRANSPORT

'HELP' We are appealing to parishioners who live in the Watson area and who regularly attend the 10 am mass on Sundays. A female parishioner is in need of a lift to and from church at this time. If you can assist please ring the parish office or Carmel Lewis on 6249 8884 Thank you.

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.

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.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT

Vocations Discernment Day Galong: 6pm Friday night 30 June to Saturday 4pm 1 July. For young men wishing to discern a call to the priesthood; with good food, and insightful presentations at the peaceful rural St Clement's retreat center. For flyer contact vocations director Fr Emil 0414523036 or emil.milat@cg.org.au. Cost \$50. RSVP by 11am Monday 26 June.

PAMBULA PILGRIMAGE

The Catholic Parish of Pambula invites members of your community to join with Archbishop Christopher Prowse and other pilgrims, as he leads a pilgrimage to Eden on Saturday 19th August.

Archbishop Christopher will lead the pilgrimage leaving from St Christopher's Cathedral at 7.30am on Saturday 19th August and travel to Eden by private vehicle. It is hoped that pilgrims will travel from parishes and school communities within the archdiocese to join with the Pambula Parish community in Eden, to celebrate this important event and place in our church history.

Pilgrims are encouraged for the final sector to journey on foot, with fellow pilgrims, walking in prayer and solidarity. It is suggested that pilgrims, where possible park at the Eden AFL ground in Barclay Street, Eden. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered to Pilgrims along this walk.

A summary of the program for the day:

- 11.00am (optional) Pilgrim's walk from Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Refreshments will be available at Church.
- 12.00 noon Concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Christopher and visiting priests
- 1.00 pm Lunch will be provided by the Parish of Pambula. As we are organising lunch, it would be appreciated if you could advise if you are attending so catering can be arranged, please book in via our website Catholic Parish Pambula or on the following link Archbishop's Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage. If there are any special dietary requirements, contact either Sue Heffernan (0405 251 947) or Bernadette Wood (0429 774 119)

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, Nat McGahey, 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

BAPTISM

Averie Juano

will be baptised this weekend.
May her life be filled with God's peace,
and her heart with God's love...
on this Baptism day and always.



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 1 / 2 July

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M. Tran / D. Gauci
Reader - E. Smith, K. Markcrow

Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - K. Linard
Reader - M. Fitzgerald, K. McCluskey
Computer - J. Cortese

Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - L. Kim
Reader - T. DeLuca, M. Brotohusodo
Computer - J. Kim

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