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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

4pm—4.45pm

Adoration - Holy Hour

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

Pray the Rosary

Before 10am Mass on Sundays

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 or Email: watson@cg.org.au

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon - Ps 46: 2

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING

First reading - 1 Kings 19:16,19-21

A reading from the first book of Kings

The Lord said to Elijah, 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.'

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,

SECOND READING

Second reading - Galatians 5:1,13-18

A reading from St Paul to the Galatians

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: *Love your neighbour as yourself*. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not

Cont...always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - 1 Sam 3:9; John 6:68c

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel - Luke 9:51-62

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me', replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say goodbye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 102: 1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

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CAN I COMMIT?



Whether it's a marriage, a job, a kitchen appliance the notion of commitment for a long term engagement is something that is entirely lacking in today's world.

On the job front now it is unusual to work at the same place for too long.

A variety of employers and experiences on the CV is deemed more attractive than the steady, committed employee of the past who stayed at their department, company or firm for 30 years. Loyalty means nothing, diversity of experience and an assortment of employment situations is now the trendy thing to do. The business journal *Forbes* magazine notes:

Cont...It used to be that longevity at a company was a valued attribute and considered a major asset. It implied loyalty and commitment. Ten years with a company? Great. Twenty years? Even better. Today the tables have turned -- now a diversity of experience trumps longevity.

Similarly on the marriage front. The average marriage now lasts about nine years, but another disturbing trend has appeared recently. According to the ABS "the proportion of divorces among couples who had been married for 20 years and longer has been increasing in recent decades. In 1980 and 1990, 20% of divorces were couples who had been married for 20 years. This had increased to 28% in 2010 and 27% in 2020."

Despite all these worldly trends Jesus maintains that commitment and loyalty are of great import. Even our first reading from the First Book of Kings illustrates that when God has called the individual there is no turning back, no wriggling ones way out, or dropping the ball. Elijah recruits Elisha as his successor under God's command and yet even Elisha wants to "go back" "'let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant."

Jesus too requires a commitment and even he experiences rebuffs and challenges to his recruitment policy.

The first man Jesus meets is perhaps too eager to join the apostolic group, and what does this first man say: "I will follow you wherever you go!" Jesus challenges him however. Being a follower of Christ is not always a comfortable existence, perhaps the wannabe disciple's got his big screen TV, a nice social group, and feels himself generally entitled. Jesus however alludes to this when he mentions that the 'son of man' has nowhere to place his head. The foxes have their holes and the birds have their nests. By saying this Jesus indicates that we can either take it easy and live our lives paying little attention to the faith (this means staying in our holes or nests warm and snug), or we can meet the challenge of discipleship, stepping out into the cold, head on, believing that Jesus will help us in following him by his grace.

The second man desires to follow Jesus but has to bury his father. Jesus rebukes this guy, not because burying the dead is a bad thing in itself, but it is a poor excuse compared with the importance of being associated with Jesus himself. In this second man's situation the "disciple-wannabe" fails to understand who it is that is inviting him.

Sometimes we fail to see in the difficult, or puzzling experiences of our lives, the voice of Jesus calling us to more, calling us to a deeper faith in him, or calling us to follow a path we had not planned on. Perhaps we've blocked Jesus' call to us because we've got our buds in our ears, or we're glued to Instagram or Facebook the expression: "let the dead bury the dead" may mean that sometimes we just have to leave matters to themselves or even fail to resolve them because our Christian vocation takes precedence. Deep down we

Cont...are challenged about whether our faith in Christ informs our decision making and the way we live our lives, or whether it is what we do on Sunday only.

The third person in our gospel also desires to follow Jesus, but on his own terms. The thought of leaving home and family for the Jew was unheard of. Home and family came first. Yet, once again, the enthusiast doesn't fully understand what he is volunteering for, or who it is who calls him. In Jewish culture the son of a family could only leave his father to study the Jewish law or when he married. In this last episode the person who desires to follow Jesus does neither of these things. The enthusiastic man is willing to follow something greater but is lukewarm in the way he goes about it. One might observe that perhaps this man's enthusiasm was superficial and short-lived. Maybe he wanted only a short time commitment; this perhaps is the essence of our modern outlook short commitments that don't close all the doors of opportunity in my life. Fundamentally Jesus wants all or nothing, he doesn't want people who follow him to just drop out or follow in a shallow way. Jesus wants disciples who are willing to walk with him no matter what. Much like a marriage our Christian commitment must be for better or worse, in good times and bad, for richer or poorer, furthermore it is not just till death, but forever.

While this expectation may seem too much for us, it is not really, this is because it is Christ himself who gives us the means and wherewithal to walk the walk and talk the talk. Once again, our response to Christ in faith must be done so with a fervent belief that god's grace can, and will, bring us to the joy of the kingdom, as long as we clear away all obstacles.

Sometimes family, possessions a feeling of entitlement, or perhaps the impatience of things, become a barrier to our following of Jesus. To be successful Christians, that is to pursue holiness of life we need to cut these things out or prudently put them aside. Sometimes this may mean preferring Christ over family or apparently important things. Sometimes it may be following our Christian vocation under tremendous temptation to give up. Maybe it's simply being Christian but not seeing the point because we haven't become a saint in like a week. Holiness and discipleship are life time commitments; the Christian life is a marathon not the 100m sprint!!!!

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

¹ <https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbescoachescouncil/2017/09/19/company-loyalty-does-it-carry-weight-in-the-job-search/?sh=611a1b3d19e0>

² <https://aifs.gov.au/facts-and-figures/divorces-australia>

13th SUNDAY

The Gospel 'begins at a turning point in the Gospel of Luke: the moment when Jesus begins the long journey to Jerusalem that makes up the second half of his public ministry'. This weekend is also a turning point in the liturgical year. The Easter Season and major feast day commemorations of the Ascension, Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi are over and we are now in 'Ordinary Time'. Let us use this time to focus on the commitment needed to respond to the Lord's call.

DO THE NEXT THING

'Historian and theologian, Donald Nicholl, in his book *Holiness*, outlined the first step for would-be saints. "Whatever your life, do the next thing that you are supposed to do, but do it now and without delay." Our lives are full of good intentions, things that we know we should do, but somehow they find their way to the back of our minds and the bottom of our priorities.'

'Discipleship is about attentiveness; attentiveness to what the Lord requires of me today. We can never have the same certainty about what the Lord requires of us tomorrow or the day after!'

'Jesus used dramatic highlighting to summon his disciples to the demand of the present moment. When a disciple asked for a delay to bury the dead, his response seemed unfeeling: "Leave the dead to bury their dead. Your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God." Such gospel stories challenge our priorities. Unconsciously our own selfish preferences are at work within us. Before we can commit ourselves to anything, let alone to Christ, we must first recognise, and then leave, the less worthy demands that creep into our lives.' [Excerpts from a commentary by Fr David McGough](#)

HOLY ROUNDABOUT YOUTH

Holy Roundabout Youth, Sunday 26 June - Fire Pit Night, Year 6 & High School, outside Holy Cross Church, 5.30-7pm. More info? Email Kate, watsonkate77@gmail.com

TRIVIA NIGHT

Calvary Auxiliary Public Hospital Bruce is holding a Trivia Night on **Thursday 21st July 2022**, 6.30 for 7pm 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 gather your friends for a night of friendship, fun and a good laugh!

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.

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.
Bank Details – Account Name: Dominican Fathers Watson
BSB: 083 347 - A/C: 97 310 5044 - Reference: Name - Donation

PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Greg O'Neill, Ruth Bourke, 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, Beth Delos Santos, Patricia Zorzi, Sue King, Eddie Pook, Anthony Parsonage, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Fr Rafael Cabezon

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.
Gwen Gleeson, Bill Tanner, John Wyatt

IN LOVING MEMORY

Alexia Harris

BAPTISM

Milena Lucia Cauchi

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



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. Please 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

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 2 / 3 July

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M. Tran
Reader - P. Farrelly, M. Dawes

Sunday 8.00am - Acolyte - K. Linard
Reader - N. Clarke, G. Thompson

Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - H. Beasley
Reader - C. Barbaro, P. McDonald

Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - P. Tran
Reader - M. Brotohusodo, T. de Luca

There will be a Parish Morning Tea after the 10.00am Mass in the Parish Centre this Sunday. All welcome

