

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

Under the care of the Dominican Fathers



## VERITAS



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## Fourteenth 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 - 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.

10 - 11 July - **The shareable link for your event is:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BSFAF>

17 - 18 July - **The shareable link for your event is:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BSFAK>

23 - 24 July - **The shareable link for your event is:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BSFAP>

**QUERIES CAN BE ANSWERED ONLY IN OFFICE HOURS**

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

## FIRST READING

### First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm: 122

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of his mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he shows us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cont...

Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy.

## SECOND READING

### Second Reading: Corinthians 12:7-10

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

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation: Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### Communion Antiphon: Matthew 11:28

Come to me, all who labour and are burdened,  
and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

[Text - Labora - Brisbane Liturgy](#)

## FAITH

The rejection here of Jesus by the people of his hometown foreshadows his later rejection by the people as a whole. Their lack of faith and their hostility towards him mean that he can work no miracles there. This indicates the importance of faith and hope. Jesus is not simply a magician who performs at will. The human response of faith is necessary.

[The Summit Journal](#)

## SUNDAY

Our relationship with each other, our country and our planet is the theme of both NAIDOC Week and this coming week's celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

NAIDOC Week provides an opportunity for all Australians to join in celebrating the culture and aspirations and hopes of Indigenous and Torres Strait Islanders.

**This year the theme of the National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week (4-11 July) is short, sharp and challenging.** It is 'Heal Country!' It calls on all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

NAIDOC Week, of course, is built on the determination of many Indigenous people who recognised that they were neither respected nor heard to work for change. They spoke truth to power, a truth that has rarely been acknowledged. The organisation grew out of the recognition that it is inappropriate to celebrate Australia Day on the anniversary of the arrival of the First Fleet, an event which marked the beginning of their dispossession. They began to organise in order to find practical recognition by other Australians of their right to participate in society as equal members, but faced opposition at every corner. On the question of Australia's national day they still face opposition, but have now built considerable support in the wider community.

NAIDOC Week was born out of that movement. It continues to provide an opportunity for all Australians to join in celebrating the culture and aspirations and hopes of Indigenous and Torres Strait Islanders. And to listen to their voice.

As our country faces the continued challenges of COVID-19 and natural disasters, let us pray for all Australians and for the country that sustains us. [Fr Andrew Hamilton](#)

## WEAKNESS

Are you weak enough?

"My grace is sufficient for you,  
for power is made perfect in weakness."

A couple of weeks ago I had the privilege of being at the diocesan clergy conference. It was a great time of fraternity and fellowship.

One evening whilst we were at a recreation some of the priests were discussing how their ministry was going, some were tired, some were engaged in new endeavours and others were busy ministering in their own way. I am not sure how this came up but we began to talk about what the priesthood meant to us personally. All agreed it was an honour to be ordained for ministry but that none of us were really worthy of it. One senior priest piped up and asked us were we "weak" enough to be priests. What an odd phrase I thought, but then it struck me, this is exactly what Paul is mentioning in his epistle for today's Mass. Paul's little discussion about his own troubles arises in the context of a number of passages whereby the Apostle is trying to establish his credentials as an agent of Christ to the Church at Corinth. Paul carefully enunciates how qualified he is to represent Christ to them, how he was truly a son of Israel, a son of Abraham, and that he is more Christ' servant than the other apostles since he has suffered a lot more. Our passage which we read in this weekend's liturgy is a moment where Paul realises that he is boasting too much.

Cont... It is because of this superior mindset that Paul remarks:

***That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated.***

We are not quite sure what this "thorn" in the flesh was, was it some moral failing? Was it a physical handicap? What we are made aware of is the fact that whatever this mysterious thorn was it grieved Paul personally and may have been a source of embarrassment for him. In any account it humbled him.

Are we weak enough to serve Christ? Are we weak enough to represent him to others? Often in scripture weakness is fertile ground for God to act. Weakness, moral failure, physical handicap, economic hardship, all are decent foundations for God to manifest his glory. There are countless stories in scripture which bear witness to this odd phenomenon. For instance:

Moses was a murderer (Ex 2:12), he also had a speech impediment (Ex 4:10) yet he was called to lead Egypt out of slavery.

Gideon was from the poorest family in his tribe but called to lead Israel to war (Judg 6:15)

King David was the youngest in his family a mere runt (1 Sam 16:11), but he was also a murderer and an adulterer (2 Sam 11:1-27)

Jeremiah was only a youth yet called to be a prophet of Israel (Jer 1:6)

Mary was only a young girl but by God's grace became the Mother of God (Lk 1:26-38)

Peter was a humble fisherman (Mt 4:18)

In our own weakness God's glory can shine. We may think that we are nothing but it is that humility, that knowing of our station in life that God can produce miracles. If God could use the abovementioned characters in scripture just imagine what he can do in you. But are you weak enough?

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

## PEOPLE SIMPLY DIDN'T GET IT

'Have you ever wondered what it must have been like to meet Jesus? It would have been such a privilege to have heard him, to have seen the things that he did. Yet time and again in the Gospel, we find that when Jesus speaks to people, or when he teaches and preaches, people simply didn't get it.

'In today's Gospel Jesus is acclaimed as one with wisdom and an ability to work wonders that does not match with his background as the simple carpenter, the son of Mary. The people are so distracted by their own ideas about who and what Jesus is, and cannot allow themselves to really listen to what he says, and look closely at what he does. They are not attentive enough to be able to truly see, and through seeing, truly believe.

'Pride is certainly not good news, because it gives us the illusion that we already know it all, and prevents us being disposed towards receiving from God. The next time we are tempted to think that we know all there is to know about Jesus, let us pause for a moment and think again.

Let us dare to take a second look, and strive to live the Gospel at a deeper level, asking that we might receive that life which Christ has promised us. [Excerpt Fr Robert Gay OP](#)



**ETERNALLY LOVED** - We see Jesus Christ, true God and true man, grappling with the limitations of his own humanity and that of others. He preaches in his home town, but does not succeed in convincing those whom he probably knew from when he was a boy. We are told: 'And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them.' This may mean that Jesus, shocked and disappointed, felt that a miracle would not be worthwhile because of their degree of unbelief, but did not wish the sick to suffer because of what was lacking in others. 'For Christians, to be mindful that we are limited creatures is not to put ourselves down, but is meant to be a source of comfort. In a world where profit and loss, efficiency and productivity, dominate, there is something truly wonderful in knowing that our relationship with God does not work like this.' *Excerpt from a homily by Fr. John O'Connor OP*

**SHARING THE TRADITION** - Prophets and prophecy have always been part of the heritage of the people of Israel. The prophets of the Hebrew scriptures were charged with the difficult task of speaking God's words to a people who did not always want to hear such a difficult message, often about their own failings. Prophets were not people who foretold the future but those who had a clear understanding of what God wanted and called the people back to fidelity to God's plan and covenant when they had strayed. Even today, there are people who speak out against the status quo, who refuse to accept that the ways things are is the way things should be. Sometimes, the way things are is not the way God intended! *The Summit Journal*

## FLORIADE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Floriade: Rosary School and the Parish are participating in the Floriade Community Garden initiative. The Parish has had five garden beds installed on the Anfill St/Phillip Ave corner which will have tulips and perennials planted in them. Icon Water will be looking after the watering of the gardens but we need some parishioners to maintain the garden beds by removing any debris that accumulates in them. This is only lightweight work and if you are interested in assisting with this activity, please E-Mail or phone the Office and a roster will be prepared for those involved.

## 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.

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86247979958?pwd=ZnFjN3l3MDdBOk5FenhXcjA2K054UT09>

**Meeting ID: 862 4797 9958 - Passcode: 675081**

**DO NOT USE** - Meeting ID: 836 8415 0853 & Passcode: 202919

## In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

Maria Martiniello, Greg O'Neill, Ruth Burke, Frank Zobec, Carol Hallam, Mary Martin, Barbara Wilson, June Pollard, Ursula Ramsay, Edith Jensen, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Mimma Gia, Awny El-Ghitany, Bob Hackett, Joe Schimizzi, Rosa Maria Santos, Margaret Sullivan, Mary Lou Pentony, Zelma McManus, Elizabeth Webster, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Peter Catlin, Terry Stephens, Bernard Druett, Patricia Sargent, Anne Corver, Veronica & Paul Cornelly

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

Alexia Harris, Fr Kevin Condon OP, Fr Brian Maher, Vivian Lynda Ruiz, Caterina Agresta, Graeme Baker

## In Loving Memory

Francesca Barbaro & Family, Domenica Agresta & Family

### CHANGE OF DATE

#### "Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce Dinner"

Due to COVID considerations the Mary Magdalene dinner will now be held **on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**, still 6.30pm at the Southern Cross Club, Woden. Your ticket remains valid for Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> September. If you require a refund, no problem, contact [elisabeth\\_doherty@hotmail.com](mailto:elisabeth_doherty@hotmail.com) or ring 0432 608 310. Limited tickets still available. Three course meal \$65. Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>

**VATICAN CITY** — While the suffering brought on by the coronavirus pandemic continues to make headlines, there is another serious illness plaguing the world today that deserves attention, Pope Francis said. "What is the biggest disease in life? Cancer? Tuberculosis? The current pandemic? No. The greatest disease in life is the lack of love — not being able to love," the pope said.



## ROSTER 10 / 11 July 2021

### Saturday 5pm

<b>Acolyte / Server</b>	<b>T. Johnson</b>	
<b>Readers</b>	<b>M. Dawes</b>	<b>J. de Riva O'Phelan</b>
<b>Welcome Minister</b>	<b>K. Murphy</b>	<b>A. Moore</b>

### Sunday 8am

<b>Acolyte / Server</b>	<b>F. Bertrand</b>	
<b>Readers</b>	<b>E. Smith</b>	<b>J. Smith</b>

### Sunday 10am

<b>Acolyte / Server</b>	<b>R. Tanzer</b>	
<b>Readers</b>	<b>A. O'Donnell</b>	<b>L. Fardel</b>
<b>Data Projector</b>	<b>J. Cortese</b>	
<b>Welcome Minister</b>	<b>K. O'Brien</b>	<b>C. Bergin</b>

### Sunday 5pm

<b>Acolyte / Server</b>	<b>L. Kim</b>	
<b>Readers</b>	<b>J. Schwingamer</b>	<b>T. Malone</b>
<b>Data Projector</b>	<b>J. Kim</b>	
<b>Counters</b>	<b>I. Buckley</b>	<b>Volunteer needed</b>