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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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 - Cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING

First reading - Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 64(65):10-14

**The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain.

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

**The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.**

SECOND READING

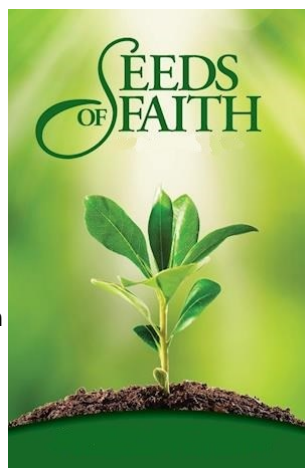
Second reading - Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the letter to St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - 1S3:9,Jn6:68

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 - Matthew 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.



He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 83: 4-5

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

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THE SEED OF EVANGELISATION



Over the last couple of years, we have heard the word evangelisation appear within the Church's lexicon. When we think of evangelisation we might cast our minds back to the heroes of the Christian faith, St Paul, for instance planting and developing churches throughout Asia Minor in the first

century. Later the great St Francis Xavier, left the comfort of Europe to spread the gospel in India and South East Asia. Even just over one hundred years ago the Frenchman Peter Chanel evangelised in the South Pacific, eventually giving his life up for the cause of the gospel.

The mission of evangelising then has usually fallen upon the shoulders of clergy or religious, but this situation has changed. With far less men and women giving of themselves to the religious life and priesthood the work of evangelisation needs to be continued by the lay faithful if indeed we feel that the Christian story needs to be re-told.

The story of the Sower in our gospel then relates how we can evangelise. The sower seems to be fairly carefree when it comes to sowing his seed, some of it is thrown on the concrete path, some of it ends up in the bushes, some in thorns, some on rocky ground, whilst some of it does end up where it should, on fruitful ground.

This metaphor for evangelisation then calls for us to be carefree with our spread of the gospel. Yet, first of all we need to understand what we mean by the gospel and our following of Christ. Perhaps in the week ahead you could even write down what makes you a Christian and what you would want people to know about that. If we're not convinced of our faith how can we expect others to be attracted to it? Second, we need to break the mindset that our faith is something that is personal to us. Sadly, in our Australian culture religion seems to be a private affair and sometimes we may even fear being "found out" as a Christian. How can we make Christ known if we keep him to ourselves?

Today then let's ask Jesus for the grace to be like the sower, carefree in casting wide the seed of the gospel, so that our return may be "hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty."

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

GENEROSITY

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me' (Matt 25:40). As followers of Christ we are called to uphold the dignity of all. If people are undergoing hard times we are enjoined to offer support and accompaniment. Christ came for all, not a select few.

Those on welfare we forget can be, and often are, parents, brothers, sisters, children, friends, even ourselves. Welfare was conceived by our better angels, it should not be torn down by our worst demons.

Cont...This Sunday's parable is about the generosity and prodigality of God. 'When the Word finds a generous response in the human heart, there is no limit to the riches of God's love and grace that can be channelled through such persons more widely into the world.'

FUTURE PARISH ARRANGEMENTS

At a meeting of representatives of the five inner north Parishes (Watson, O'Connor, Campbell, Braddon, Dickson) on 6 July the Vicar General, Fr. Richard Thompson, confirmed that it will be a few weeks before arrangements are finalised about who will succeed Fr Mannes as parish priest when the Dominican Fathers withdraw from the parish at the start of Advent. He reiterated clearly, however, that the Archbishop wishes to minimise uncertainty for parishioners as far as possible and that the parish will remain open going forward, with Mass celebrated here.

The question at the heart of our prayerful discernment during the meeting was "What is God's will for our evangelising communities for the inner north?". It became evident that each parish has a rich history and identity worth preserving and that there is a strong desire to support hopeful, faith-filled communities to remain sources of evangelisation and witnesses to Christ. However, each parish also faces the very real challenges of declining finances, worship attendance, family and youth communities, volunteer resources for administration and grounds maintenance, and finite and stretched clergy to administer the sacraments.

Although it is intended to preserve parish communities as much as possible, discussions are beginning about the possibilities of introducing shared resourcing arrangements for parish administration in the future. With fewer priests, further consolidation of mass times is likely to be required over time. The Archdiocese is working to source additional clergy, beginning with the expected commencement of three Blessed Sacrament Fathers, who will most likely live in community at O'Connor. More detailed advice about our situation at Holy Rosary will be provided as soon as possible.

Fr Mannes & Parish Pastoral Council

WHICH LISTENING GROUP DO YOU FALL INTO?

'Jesus described four types of listeners, three of whom were not listeners. They were the hard-surface, the dusty-surface and the cluttered surface types. People who either failed to hear him at all, or those who heard him but had their hearts some where else. The hard-surface types were perhaps like the

religious people who thought they had no need to listen to Jesus, because they already had the truth, and were not going to allow him or any prophet to change their minds, especially if it meant changing their privileged status... we do not have to be pessimistic about ourselves; we have all of the failings which are represented by the hard surface, the dusty surface and the cluttered surface, but we can have hope, because God who chooses to use us, is the miracle worker who even in our hearts' poor soil can bring forth more good than we could ever have imagined.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr Colin Carr OP.



ST DOMINIC'S GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To complete final stages of St Dominic's Garden volunteers are sought to spread garden soil and mulch.

Two dates are proposed for either Saturday 22 or 29 July from 9.30am to 12 noon. A final decision on when works are to proceed will depend on number of volunteers for respective dates. It is desired two teams of three (six in total) to allow works to be completed in allocated time.

If your able to volunteer for either of the dates proposed please notify Jacquie Cortese at Parish office. Based on numbers you then will be informed on which Saturday

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding its annual Winter Appeal as a leaving collection at Masses [this weekend](#). 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

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

12 July CatholicCare / Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program | 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Marriage Preparation program for engaged couples. Includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner, evening formation program and a private, follow-up couple discussion with a CatholicCare counsellor. The cost for the whole package is \$300 per couple.

Information and registration - www.marriagefamily.org.au

Enquiries: Helena Zobec marriage.preparation@cg.org.au
OR 0405 440 463

THURSDAY MORNING TEA

Time to gather again on the third Thursday of the month 20th July from 10-30 am at GangGang, Frencham Place, Downer. Newcomers always welcome.

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP

The Good Shepherd prayer group invites you to our New Life in God's Spirit seminar. It's a 7 week seminar held every Wednesday evening 7pm-9pm from Weds 19 July to Weds 30 August at St Peter Chanel's, Weston St, Yarralumla. Teachings, worship, prayer and fellowship.

Everyone is welcome to encounter Jesus in a deeper way! For more info and to register, call Susanna 0419 902 293 or Neda 0415 266 019.

PRAYERS

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

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, Una Bell, Terry Stephens, Maureen Blood, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Maria Bankovsky, Carmel Slammon, Katey Tuite, Brian & Suzanne Brown, Sr Veronica Dunphy, Nat McGahey, Richard Fennessy, Judith Martin, Gloria Sibley, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP,

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Robert (Bob) Hackett

IN LOVING MEMORY

Carmelo Abbondante, Christopher Ford

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 22 / 23 July

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M. Tran / D. Gauci
Reader - N. Clarke / R. Basu
Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - K. Linard
Reader - J. Cooke / H. Pham
Computer - J. Cortese
Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - L. Kim
Reader - J. Schwinghamer / B. Joseph
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

'It is not always granted to the sower to live to see the harvest. All work that is worth anything is done in faith.'