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## VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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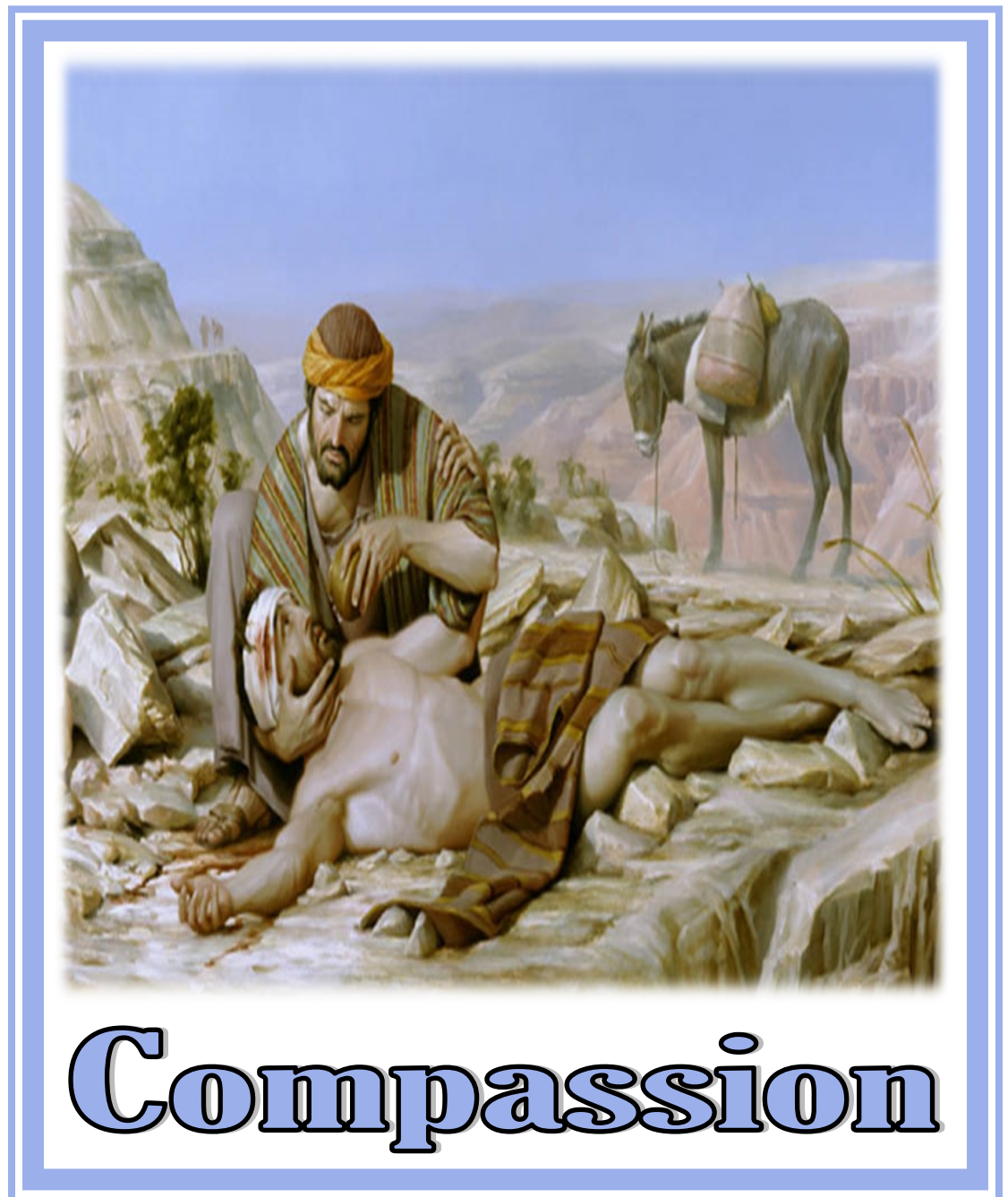
**Mass Times**  
Monday - NO Mass  
Tuesday & Thursday  
8.00am  
Wednesday & Friday  
5:30pm  
Saturday - 9:00am  
Vigil - 5:pm  
Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,  
5:00pm

**Reconciliation**  
Saturday  
4pm—4.45pm

**Adoration - Holy Hour**  
Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

**Pray the Rosary**  
Before 10am Mass on Sundays

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Compassion

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](mailto: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 - Deuteronomy 30:10-14

#### A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 68(69):14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37

*Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

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.

As for me in my poverty and pain  
let your help, O God, lift me up.  
I will praise God's name with a song;  
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

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.

For God will bring help to Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah  
and men shall dwell there in possession.  
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;  
those who love his name shall dwell there.

*Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

## SECOND READING

### Second reading - Colossians 1:15-20

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born

**Cont...**from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation - cf. John 6:63c,68c

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### Gospel - Luke 10:25-37

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke



#### Who Is My Neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He

replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

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.

## JESUS WITHOUT THE CHURCH?



I'm spiritual but not religious. This common saying is an interesting distinction in the enterprise of faith. What people mean is that though they have beliefs related to the transcendent or supernatural, organised doctrine or central teaching authorities are not welcome.

A further species of this overriding genus is the people who say they love Jesus and admire his teachings but they don't want the Church. This novel distinction however cannot be maintained when one investigates Jesus' actual teaching and actions, as well of those of his closest associates.

For instance in the 16th Chapter of St Matthew's gospel we have Jesus actually explicitly refer to the creation of a visible community of believers, lead on earth, by a disciple, Peter:

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Matthew 16:18-19 RSV

Here Jesus explicitly does two things, sets up an institution called the church, or in Greek "ecclesia", which literally means the calling out of the people into a public space for a gathering of importance. In the context of Christ's intention here a gathering of those God has called to witness to him in the public square. The Church then is an invitation by Christ to witness to the power of God publicly. Further to the Matthean text Jesus invests in one of his closest followers supreme power, nothing less than the keys to the kingdom of heaven with the added power of adjudication and administration of the ecclesia on earth, the power to bind and loose.

Our reading from St Paul's letter to the Colossians likewise teaches the important point that one cannot arbitrarily subtract Christ from the Church equation, nor vice versa, Paul writes:

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth.... Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

If Christ the image of the unseen God is the institutor of the Church as described by St Matthew, and that furthermore he is the Church's head, how can they say that they want Christ but not the Church? The logic is twisted, how can the head be without a body, or a body without a head?

Perhaps what these people refer to is that, in effect, they do not want a church with other people in it, or structures, or rules and regulations, or even a morality. But simply this is not what Our Lord gave us. Can we say

**Cont...**that the body of Christ has sometimes acted strangely or even in a manner contrary to the desires of the head? Sure. Even in our own bodies what we want to do and what our body does can be at odds. But in essence it is all the same unit, my body is me. And the same is with Christ. We are Christ's body, also known as the Church. By baptism we are incorporated into the very life of Christ and made sons and heirs of the Father really and truly, but all of this comes within the very structure Christ himself organised. To be baptised is to be a part of the community of the church, to become a cell along with all the other cells of Christ's living body on earth. Not a cell on its own outside the body.

To add more to this understanding we can also say that the Church is the sacrament of Christ to the world. The Church, like the sacraments, is a tangible, visible thing that can be experienced much like one of the seven sacraments. It is through this visible body of people united to Christ the head that the world may come to know Jesus. Each and every Christian is an individual sacramental unit which can pass on the grace and knowledge of Jesus. Much like last week though it depends on whether we live the life of our head daily in our lives. If we do so authentically and heroically we may perhaps win those doubters who do admire Jesus the head but not his body.

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

## FR BERNIE MAXWELL OP

On Tuesday afternoon (5<sup>th</sup> July) at 4:30pm Fr Bernie Maxwell passed into eternal life. Fr Bernie had been living for the last one and half years in Calvary Nursing Home at Ryde (NSW). Fr Bernie I understand had a fall recently and was admitted to hospital, there he endured an infection which precipitated his demise.

Let us pray for the repose of Fr Bernie's soul and give thanks to God for the many years of service he gave to the Church both here in Canberra, in the other places he was assigned, and in his military chaplaincy. May he rest in peace.



## FR RAFAEL CABEZON OP

I know that many of you have been concerned for the health and welfare of Fr Rafael.

Recently Fr Rafael has been in and out of hospital and in respite care. I am happy to let you know that Fr Rafael has now moved into permanent aged care at the

**El Alamein Village: Sir Leslie**

**Morshead Manor** on Archibald St,

Lyneham. Fr Rafael now may be able to receive visitors though a RAT must be done on entry to the facility. Let us continue to pray for Fr Rafael's health and wellbeing as he enters this new stage of his life.



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**It takes nothing to join the crowd.  
It takes everything to stand along.**

## JESUS REFUSES BOUNDRIES

'The story of the Good Samaritan illustrates the contrast between two different conceptions of the moral life. The first is seen in the behaviour of the priest and the Levite. When they come across the man left beaten by robbers they both pass by on the other side of the road, fearing that he might already be dead. Both wanted to be obedient to the Jewish law, in this case the purity law which restricted contact with a corpse. But out of fear of violating an obligation imposed by the law, they failed to put into practice the heart of the law.

'Their conduct can be contrasted with the behaviour of the Samaritan traveller who, moved with pity at the sight of a fellow human being in need, acts with spontaneity and resourcefulness.

'Jesus refuses to answer this question in terms of identifying boundaries which separate neighbour from non-neighbour, whether these boundaries are defined by faith, national identity or special election by God. Now my neighbour is the first person I encounter who constitutes a claim on my love. At the same time it is in the person in need that I encounter Jesus Christ who identifies himself, in particular, with the lowly and the suffering.'

*Excerpt from a homily by Fr Thomas Skeats OP*

## PLENARY COUNCIL

This week the **Fifth Plenary Council of Australia's second and final assembly** is being held. All Masses and the day's opening session from Monday to Friday will be Live - streamed. See [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) for more information. We pray this week the Holy Spirit is with all members as they vote on more than 30 motions that have emerged over the past four years.

## PILGRIMAGE

The Catholic Parish of Pambula invites members of your community to join with Archbishop to commemorate St Mary MacKillop to Eden on Saturday 13th August. Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Christopher and visiting priests at 12.00noon. Following mass, lunch will be provided by the Parish of Pambula. Numbers for lunch would be appreciated. Details contact Bernadette Wood (Chair) Pambula Parish Pastoral Council. Phone: 0429 774 119 Full details of the Pilgrimage are on the noticeboard in the foyer.

## 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. For further details to the project, please contact Jacquie - Parish Office on 6248 5925 /email [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au) . To make an online donation please use the Parish banking details below - Reference GARDEN

## 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, Frank Zobec, Mary Martin, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Mimma Gia, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Rosa Maria Santos, Philip Bailey, Beth Delos Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Peter Catlin, Sue King, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Eddie Pook, Awny El-Ghitany, Mary Lou Pentony, Elizabeth Webster, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Patricia Zorzi, 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.

Fr Bernie Maxwell OP, Gwen Gleeson, Bill Tanner, John Wyatt, Rod Cooper, Doris Jacobs

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Isidoro & Maria Martiniello

**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](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 16 / 17 July

**Saturday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - M. Tran  
Reader - J. de Riva O'Phelan  
**Sunday 8.00am** - Acolyte - K. Linard  
Reader - E. Smith, J. Smith  
**Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - T. Johnson  
Reader - C. Rheinberger  
**Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - L. Kim  
Reader - C. Paton, Catherine Paton

## ACU WITH ST THOMAS MORE FORUM

**Mary Eberstadt at Parliament House—Monday 24 October 2022 | 12 – 2.30pm - Limited Seating Book Early Online Bookings:** <https://bit.ly/maryeberstadt> - **What are the roots of today's political rage?**

Democracy is facing new challenges in today's society from radical and extremist movements such as identity politics, QAnon, white nationalism and others. Mary Eberstadt draws on the situation in the United States, where she lives and works, to offer insights on Australian politics. **Venue:** Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600 **Cost:** \$95 plus booking fee Includes a two-course lunch with wine and a copy of Mary Eberstadt's *How the West Really Lost God*.