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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**



Come Follow Jesus the Son

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:

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: Pf. Psalm 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: Amos 7:12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm: 84:9-14

R: Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

SECOND READING

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation: Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon: John 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

[Text - Labora - Brisbane Liturgy](#)

SENT OUT TO PREACH

The theme that linked the readings last week, that of the "rejected prophet," in some respects carries on today, appearing in both the First Reading and the Gospel.

The Gospel, Mark 6:7-13, places the Twelve in the line of this authentic prophetic tradition in that they are ordinary people sent out with the authority of Jesus to carry on the preaching, liberating, and healing role that has been his alone up till now.

PILLARS ON WHICH THE CHURCH IS BUILT

The Twelve, of course, are the "pillars" upon which the later Church will be built. Their mission here foreshadows that of the Church, establishing something essential for its life: that it is always a community on mission, entrusted with the supreme treasure of the Gospel and the healing ministry carried out in the Sacraments.

How it is to imitate these first missionaries in the "lightness" of its travel is far more of a problem, granted the massive institutional plant and wealth that the Church has acquired in the course of the centuries. There are no facile solutions to this – save perhaps the otherwise traumatic experience of persecution. But the Gospel reminds the Church that the effectiveness of its prophetic role – its critique of prevailing cultural assumptions and practice – will largely be in proportion to the "lightness" with which it travels, the trust in the goodness (hospitality) of ordinary people and the lack of self-seeking it presents to the world. This is perhaps all the more necessary at a time when the Church's credibility has been so seriously eroded by the sexual abuse crisis.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

"The Anointing of the Sick, not just the dying"

"Can you come and give me Mum the last rites?" How often I have received a phone call or text message like this. First of all, when I receive a phone call or text like this I rejoice but never know exactly what I will encounter. Often visiting the bedside of dying person isn't really the right time for lengthy catechesis about the sacraments.

Our gospel today highlights the ministerial work of the disciples, they are to preach repentance, cast out demons, and surprisingly anoint sick people with oil. This last activity of anointing with oil is one of the bases of the Church's sacrament which we now call the Anointing of the Sick. For information's sake there is no such things as the "Last rites" per se, at one point in the Church's history we referred to this sacrament as Extreme Unction, a strange title but probably just an anglicized version of the Latin *Extrema Unctio* - literally the Anointing at the end or at death.

It is at this juncture that I would like to outline the nature of this sacrament, a sacrament which sometimes falls between the cracks - it's not as dramatic as baptism or marriage, perhaps it seemingly doesn't pack the same punch as the Eucharist nor does it seem to get the publicity it deserves. Yet, I can tell you from my point of view it is the most gratifying to celebrate because when I leave a dying person I know that they are in God's embrace now.

The introduction to the book I use for visiting the sick, the Ritual, is a helpful guide for us when we want to understand this sacrament. The Ritual says first of all that "part of the plan laid out by God's providence is that we should fight strenuously against all sickness and carefully seek the blessings of good health, so that we may fulfill our role in human society and in the Church. Yet we should always be prepared to fill up what is lacking in Christ's sufferings

Cont...for the salvation of the world as we look forward to creation being set free in the glory of the children of God." The sick have a role "in the Church and it is to remind us of the essential and higher things. By their witness the sick show that our mortal life must be redeemed through the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection."

Our gospel illustrates that the Lord himself showed great concern for the sick for both their bodily and spiritual welfare and as we see today he commanded his followers to do the same through the anointing with oil.

In the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick then the Church by the prayer of its priests and the anointing with oil commend those who are ill to the suffering yet glorified Christ, associating the patient with the suffering Lord particularly. The sick person can then join his or her sufferings with Jesus and by it make reparation for their own sins and the sins of others.

So who can receive this sacrament? Well not everyone. If you're not actually sick you're not a candidate. The Ritual advises "a prudent or reasonably sure judgment, without scruple, is sufficient for deciding on the seriousness of the illness, if necessary a doctor may be consulted".

As an adjunct to this judgment the sacrament may and should be given to anyone whose health is seriously impaired; on the other hand it may not be given indiscriminately or to any person whose health is not seriously impaired." So if you've got cancer or heading for heart surgery chances are you'll be a candidate but not if you've stubbed your toe or if you've just got the common cold or man flu.

The sacrament can be repeated if the sick person recovers and then gets sick again during the same illness and it can be celebrated particularly before serious surgery too.

Of note is that one should request the sacrament whenever they feel the need to it but it has to be serious, though not always terminal. In fact, the celebration of the sacrament should be done when a person is fully conscious and aware of the celebration. I have often been called to anoint someone who is in a coma, who knows what sentiments they entered the coma with but one can only commend them to the Lord. The best practice is to request anointing when one is aware and fully able as best they can in their enfeebled state to participate in the rite. It is of great import that if a patient is terminally ill they be anointed fairly soon before a graver deterioration robs them of the ability to receive the sacrament fruitfully.

As we reflect on this often forgotten sacrament let us be aware that in this celebration of the Lord's care for those who are ill that the sick and enfeebled have a prominent place in the Church. Let us be mindful that we can request this healing oil when we are confronted with serious illness and that one need not be at death's door. Recall that it is the anointing of the sick, not anointing of the dying. Today let us commend all who face serious health problems to the Lord that the divine Physician may stretch out his healing hand upon them to cure them or to give them the courage and patience they need in their discomfort.

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

A Bake for Babies cake stall will be held in the main foyer of Calvary Public Hospital Bruce on Thursday 22 July, 9am-3pm. A large variety of baked goods, aprons, tea towels and jewellery will be available. Funds raised will be used for the Newborn Intensive Care Foundation to provide vital equipment for the Special Care Nursery at Calvary Hospital. This stall is being held with the support of Calvary Public Hospital, its staff & members of the Hospital Auxiliary.

CARRYING FORWARD CHRIST'S MISSION

'In reality, the unity which God wills for humankind is broken in many different ways. The poverty gap between rich and poor has widened in the past decade. In developing countries destitution, malnutrition, vulnerability to disease, remain scandals that may implicate Western nations as the beneficiaries of an unjust economic order. Within so-called 'developed' nations migrants and asylum-seekers may be isolated and humiliated, a far cry from the compassion which is to be shown to strangers by members of the Promised Land. Their advertised exclusion supposedly serves our national or cultural unity - whatever that is. As I write this sermon, I can only guess if and how these questions are addressed in the new papal encyclical from Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth).

'Yet the very existence of such an encyclical can inspire hope. It reminds us that the prophetic mission of Amos (First Reading) to speak the words given to him by God is not a dead letter or dead end. That mission to Israel continues, culminates, in the advent of the Divine Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, whose preaching is carried forward in today's Gospel by the apostles. The encyclical reminds us that His and their mission is likewise carried forward in the Church. Her vocation is inescapable. For - mercifully - whatever our disunity, whatever the false compromises, God has acted decisively to restore our full unity in Christ. As the *Letter to the Ephesians* insists, God chooses us to be His adopted children in Christ so that all things are brought together at the end under His authority.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr Richard Finn OP

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Information Evening A reminder to all Parents of children making their Confirmation this year, that there is a Parent Information Night on Thursday 15th July at 5.30pm. Children are required to attend this meeting with their parents.

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?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86247979958?pwd=ZnFjN3l3MDdDdDQk5FenhXcjA2K054UT09)

[pwd=ZnFjN3l3MDdDdDQk5FenhXcjA2K054UT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86247979958?pwd=ZnFjN3l3MDdDdDQk5FenhXcjA2K054UT09)

Meeting ID: 862 4797 9958 - Passcode: 675081

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

It's your road, and yours alone. Others may walk it with you, but no one can walk it for you.

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, Denis Lawrence

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, Rocco Barbaro

In Loving Memory

Richard Pavey,
Piere Que, Matha Tit, Antony Bach

One Month Memorial Mass for Rocco Pasquale Barbaro will be held on Tuesday 20 July at 6.00pm.

CHANGE OF DATE

"Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce Dinner"

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

COFFEE CLUB

Enjoy a winter cuppa with fellow parishioners on Thursday 15 July from 10-30am at 'Gang Gang' in Frencham place, Downer. We meet here at this time every third Thursday of the month. Newcomers always welcome.

ROSTER 17 / 18 July 2021

Saturday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	Sr Veronica	
Welcome Minister	K. Murphy	A. Moore

Sunday 8am

Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson

Sunday 10am

Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	C. Barbaro	P. McDonald
Data Projector	J. Cortese	
Welcome Minister	K. O'Brien	C. Bergin

Sunday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	D. Gomez	
Readers	C. Paton	C. Paton
Data Projector	D. Cheyne	
Counters	I. Buckley	