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VERITAS



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**

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Wheat and the Weeds



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 53: 6, 8

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.

FIRST READING

First reading - Wisdom 12:13,16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly;

Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING

Second reading - Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel - Matthew 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put another parable before the the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed

in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."



He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the foundation of
the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon is NOT recited when hymns are sung.

Communion Antiphon - Ps 110: 4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

JUDGEMENT DAY



For those of you who have made the trek to Rome, and in particular to visit the Sistine Chapel, you will recall the awesome fresco over the chapel's high altar. The fresco, by that renaissance celebrity Michelangelo, depicts the Last Judgment. It was painted some say so that the Cardinals electing the pope might make the right choice or they'd cop it when Christ returned! Seated at the fresco's centre is the majestic Christ who at last triumphs portraying St Paul's words from his first letter to the Corinthians:

24 Then the end will come, when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all dominion, authority, and power. **27** For "God has put everything under His feet...and when all things have been subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will be made subject to Him who put all things under Him, so that God may be all in all. (1 Cor 15:24, 27)

The gospel of the seed and darnel reflects that awesome day when all things will be revealed, nations will be judged and particularly those in authority will be subject to the fair but firm judgment of Christ. It is a day, rightly, to be feared and to prepare for.

Unequivocally does Jesus preach a definitive reward for the just and damnation for those who have offended God. Heaven and Hell equally exist and are true destinations for those who either follow the precepts of Christ or who willingly and knowingly refuse to embrace the gospel.

Crucially, the depiction of the Last Judgement stands either as a day of vindication for those who have been faithful and strived for justice or a day of condemnation for those who, having been given the gift of life, have misused it, abused it or have abused others. Yet, even if we have not been thoroughly evil as some, our gospel reminds us that evil surrounds us. The darnel is planted next to the good seed, but much like last week's gospel the thorns, thistles and weeds of life can choke us too if we aren't careful, bad company, shady associations, the odd "giving in" to temptation may indeed catch us off guard and find us on the wrong side of the ledger.

In order to assuage our concern about this future dreadful day we must be like the diligent student who prepares for the final exam. We must revise the precepts of Christ, memorise the commandments and live them and only then we can appear before the just judge who will hopefully say to us "Well done, good and faithful servant! ...Enter into the joy of your master!" (Mt 25:23)

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

GRANDPARENTS SUNDAY

On Sunday, 23 July, the Church celebrates World Day for Grandparents and Elderly. Pope Francis established the celebration in 2021, near the liturgical memorial of Jesus' grandparents, **Saints Joachim and Anne**. According to a **Vatican News report**, 'His mercy is from age to age' (Lk 1:50) is the theme chosen for this year. This choice was intended to connect event to World Youth Day in Lisbon (1-6 August) – to ideally put young and old 'in dialogue'.

'The theme was chosen to be in tune with that of World Youth Day in Lisbon: *Mary arose and went with haste*, taken from Luke's Gospel. Even the short passage



Cont..."His mercy from age to age" is taken from Luke's Gospel and is the end of the first part of the Magnificat, when Mary immediately goes to meet her elderly cousin Elizabeth after the Angel's annunciation. Thus, it is a theme that highlights the

importance of dialogue between generations, which is fundamental for perceiving and contemplating God's merciful action on behalf of human beings. Indeed, dialogue between the elderly and the young helps to obtain a more complete vision of the way in which a more humane and fraternal society can be built.'

Caring for grandparents and the elderly, in fact, is not only a duty of gratitude and affection, but a necessity for building a more humane and fraternal society. The Holy Father invites us to recognize their value in transmitting faith and hope to the new generations and to do so in a way that is not a one-time event, rather a permanent one. That is, it is not a matter of celebrating our elderly loved ones once a year, but of making them feel as an integral part of our Christian family and our common history. After all, in many places in the world they are the point of reference for communities and the keepers of memories. Within our communities, therefore, a change of mentality is necessary, overcoming those prejudices that make the elderly appear as passive and useless people and getting used to a pastoral care marked by reciprocity and sharing.

This week, let us pray for our grandparents and elderly, and also for those young people attending the World Youth Day next month.

GETTING THE MIX RIGHT

'Weeds have a habit of growing amidst any seed we've sown, no matter how well we've prepared the soil. They seem to be more robust than our plants; perversely, the weeds choke their growth. They are an unwanted, destructive nuisance.

These agricultural parables are all variations on the theme of the sowing of the Word of God. Applying this to the Church here on earth it's only too obvious that it's a mixture of good and bad people. We know only too well that serious sinners can do great harm to good people, especially the young. Their behaviour can be a scandal, leading some to want nothing more to do with religion. While books, the media and information technology produce so much that is innocent and wholesome, they also purvey much that is unsavoury and damaging.

Our present parable about the weeds raises the question as to how the Church should deal with these threats to the Good News taking root and growing.'

From a homily by Isidore Clarke OP <http://torch.op.org>

GARDENERS

Gardeners tell us that we have to be careful when pulling weeds. Some weeds look very much like the flowers and vegetables around them! Sometimes they have to be allowed to grow a little to be sure they are truly weeds! Also, gardeners must be careful not to pull up the good plants with the weeds, especially when they are growing close together.

Name some weeds in your personal world. How should we treat these weeds? If you look carefully, you might find some "weeds" inside your own heart. What is Jesus' attitude toward them? How will you deal with them?

Proclaiming Faith

FEAST OF ST DOMINIC

St Parish will celebrate the Feast of St Dominic next weekend 29/30 July with the Dominican Mass for St Dominic. The 10am Mass will be followed by morning tea and a sausage sizzle. All welcome, please bring a plate to share, help on the day would be appreciated.



IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY MEDITATION

Join with others to celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola at a short Ignatian Spirituality meditation at 5.40pm (before 6pm Mass) Saturday 29 July 2023, St Matthew's, Chewings St, Page or 11am (after 10am Mass) Sunday 30 July 2023, St Vincent's, Bindel St, Aranda. More information on Ignatian Spirituality is available at <https://www.clcaustralia.org.au/>

DOMINICAN LAITY

Dominican Laity: sharing in a rich spiritual life and heritage

Did you know that the Dominican Order has a lay branch? Dominican Laity come from all walks of life, single and married, and share in the rich spiritual life and heritage of the order through prayer (especially the Divine Office and the Rosary) and study suited to their personal situation. We draw on the order's rich heritage of theology and of prayer and mysticism, including figures such as St Thomas Aquinas, St Catherine of Siena and Meister Eckhart, and on the inspiration of its involvement in contemporary theological and social issues.

Members take part in a broad range of apostolates, drawing on their Dominican formation to share with others the fruits of contemplation. Works undertaken in Canberra and elsewhere include prayer and study groups, assistance with university and prison chaplaincy, and service as readers, acolytes and catechists and as members of the St Vincent de Paul society. Some work full-time in Catholic education. One member, Michael FitzGerald, maintains the library in the parish centre. Some groups hold periodic retreat and study days.

The core of Lay Dominican life is participation in the monthly meeting of the local chapter or fraternity. The fraternities are linked in a national body which meets for a convention every three years, staying in touch by letter and email, and are part of a wider international movement. The internet is helping us to stay connected and beat the tyranny of distance. The Canberra fraternity meets once a month in the Watson parish centre on Saturday mornings. We have about eight active members at present and would welcome more, as a way of continuing the Dominican presence in Canberra after the departure of the friars. If you would like to know more, please contact Peter (62477036) or Michael (62497026).

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

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, Brian & Suzanne Brown, Sr Veronica Dunphy, Nat McGahey, Richard Fennessy, Gloria Sibley, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP,

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Maria Rheinberger, Katey Tuite, Robert (Bob) Hackett

IN LOVING MEMORY

Patricia Zorzi, Vivian Lynda Ruiz

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 29 / 30 July

- Saturday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - M. Tran / D. Gauci
Reader - M. Falk / K. Markcrow
- Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - Hugh
Reader - C. Rheinberger / McCarthy
Computer - J. Cortese
- Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - L. Kim / S. Sedgwick
Reader - J. Curnow / K. Watson
Computer - T. Malone

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

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