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VERITAS



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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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Follow in the footsteps of Jesus
and let Him lead the way!**

**If you are in Urgent need of
a Priest out of office hours
call - 6248 8253**

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THE BULLETIN TO THE TABLE

**YOU MUST FILL - IN THE REGISTER WHEN ATTENDING MASS, PRIVATE PRAYER,
CONFESSIONS , PARISH GROUP OR FUNCTION
PLEASE SANITISER YOUR HANDS ON ENTERING THE CHURCH OR PARISH CENTRE.
WIPES ARE FOR YOUR USE IN WIPING SURFACES YOU TOUCH BEFORE LEAVING**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples,
clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy.



FIRST READING

First Reading

1 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight.

Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said "Call her." When the woman had been called, and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 19-19

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever,
through all generations my mouth
shall proclaim your faithfulness.
For you have said, "My kindness is established forever";
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;
in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.
At your name they rejoice all the day,
and through your justice they are exalted.

You are the splendour of their strength,
and by your favour our horn is exalted.
For to the LORD belongs our shield,
and to the Holy One of Israel, our king.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

SECOND READING

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:
Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles:
"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me,
and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;
and whoever does not take up his cross
and follow after me is not worthy of me.
Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
Whoever receives you receives me,
and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.
Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet
will receive a prophet's reward,
and whoever receives a righteous man
because he is righteous will receive a righteous man's reward.
And whoever gives only a cup of cold water
to one of these little ones to drink
because he is a disciple—
amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

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

Alexia Harris, Maria Martiniello, Greg O'Neill, Moya McGrath
Mary Martin, Barbara Wilson, Mary Bui, Anne Corver,
Una Bell, Edith Jensen, Maureen Dawes, Fr Ellis Clifford,
Awny El-Ghitany, Fr Joe McGeehan, Joe Schimizzi,
Elsie Laughton, June Pollard, Paul Neddrie, Pamela Sandy,
Beth Delos Santos, Rosa Maria Santos, Margaret Sullivan,
Frank Zobec, Zelma McManus, Elizabeth Webster, Philip
Bailey, Mimma Giampietro, Maureen Blood, Ursula Ramsay,

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

Patricia Ryan, Jeanette Ford, Bob Drury

Anniversaries - In Loving Memory

Antonio Cortese, Isidoro Martiniello, Julia Cronin

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

A SPIRIT OF PRAYERFULNESS



Currently out there in society there seems to be an increasing number of different methods of "meditation", or "mindfulness". I was even listening to an FM station which had one of its popular DJs lead the listener in a short meditation called "3 Mindful Minutes", another meditation was designated with the title "just breathe".

Now these are wonderful ways perhaps of standing back and reflecting on our activity in the hustle and bustle of our busy lives, and they may go to dropping the blood pressure, but we would not call these activities prayer necessarily, well not in the classical sense of the word.

Prayer is not a tool for relaxation, though it may seem that way sometimes. Prayer is not necessarily something that will instantly make us happy or more connected to God, though we may be blessed with certain consolations, these feelings should not be confused with the quality of our prayer.

Cont.... Prayer is just really, as St Gregory of Nyssa comments, “a familiar conversation with God”, sometimes our ‘familiar’ conversations may not be polite, they may not always be sincere, they may not feel like we’ve reached the other in the conversation. Regardless of how our conversation with God goes, we can say that, at least, we are praying - even if we are arguing with God or blaming him or upset with him, at least we are being honest with him.

We should not be anxious about being angry with God in prayer, but we must also allow God the benefit of the doubt and give him time to respond. Perseverance in prayer is the name of the game, not so much what we say in prayer or how we do it, but that we do it at all.

Also of major importance is the intention we bring to prayer. Do we intend to lift our minds to God or sort of just talk to ourselves before God as the presumptuous Pharisee did in one of Jesus’ parables? Lastly we should not be concerned too much at the start of our prayer regime that we do not spend much time in prayer, that we pray at all is sufficient for God and ourselves at the very beginning of engaging in a regime of prayer. Like building muscle in the gym we start off with very small weights, so too in building our prayer “muscles” we may need to begin with short bursts of prayer-succinct, fervent and often. In fact, this was how the desert fathers prayed, they did not do holy hours or spend laborious amounts of time cross legged in the lotus position like some Hindu sadhu, but rather as it were, they fired darts of short prayers to God over the course of the day, making sure they always had that sustained and frequent contact with Him who allows the sun to shine on men both good and bad.

A tidy schema for personal prayer may be the following **Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Supplication**. Ultimately it is for these four reasons we elevate our mind towards God. ‘ACTS’ can be used as a method of praying for those who seem to be at sea when it comes to closing their eyes and raising their mind to their loving Father.

Adoration as prayer has as its rationale in acknowledging God’s supreme dominion over all things and our absolute dependence on him. All creation adores God in its own way by merely doing the things that accord with their nature, birds sing, sow the seed, plants praise God by flowering and providing colour to our world, even the annoying little mosquito praises God by whatever God intends for mosquitoes to do (I’m not sure what they do really except annoy us, but however!!!). Human beings however have reason and can articulate the thoughts of their hearts more clearly than the rest of creation and it is for this reason that human beings have as part of their office as the pinnacle of creation a priestly office of adoring God and giving God what is his due in worship on behalf of all creation.

The prayer of adoration is first and foremost what we do in the liturgy, we gather as children of God the Father to acknowledge our Creator and to sum up a spirit of awe and wonder at what God provides for us. This prayer of adoration then resonates with our nature as human beings, first of all as an act of justice, which is the virtue that requires us to give each person his due, so in justice we give to God worship because that is what he requires being God, on the other hand the prayer of adoration brings home to us too that we are creatures, we are small, dependent and in need of the one who gives us existence and sustains our very being.

Adoration then is simply a prayer in honesty about who God is and who we are in relation to him; adoration is a realistic prayer and something we need to be mindful of when we pray in the liturgy and by ourselves. Next week I will discuss the prayer of Contrition.

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

ADORATION

Would you like to spend some special time with our Lord? Visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will be held each Tuesday from 12 noon until 1:00pm in the Church. A roster is available for Parishioners to sign-up.

COMMENTARY

One of the oldest and most famous baptisteries in the world lies adjacent to the basilica of St John Lateran in Rome. It contains a poetic inscription centred on the image of the baptismal font as a fertile womb teeming with new life. The poem delights in the idea of baptism as rebirth in the power of the Spirit. It can be seen as an inspired commentary on Jesus’ brief word to Nicodemus about the need to be born of water and the Spirit to enter the kingdom of God (John 3:5).

For his part Paul offers the distinctly different but complementary image of the font. He presents it not as a womb but as a tomb. In Paul’s mind baptism is a sharing in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Going down into the waters of the font, the candidate dies to sin and death and rises out of them to new life with God.

These two perspectives are mutually enriching rather than contradictory. Together they set our imaginations free to gain fresh insight into this sacramental rite that is cherished by every Christian community.

Liturgy Brisbane

MAKING LIFE COUNT

The prophet Elisha is welcomed warmly by the couple in Shunem, and he promises them a reward for their hospitality. Jesus tells his followers that he who welcomes you welcomes me, and “he who welcomes me welcomes him who sent me” (Matthew 10:40).

How good are we as a society at welcoming people into our company? An asylum underground operated during the 1980s to give protection to Salvadorans and Guatemalans whom we did not want to welcome. The Haitians have not been so lucky in the 1990s. The homeless are often not welcome anywhere, locked outside by a society that does not want to adequately fund public housing and pursued by the enforcers of laws that make it illegal to be homeless. Stories continue to surface of high-class institutions refusing to welcome African Americans or Jews or women.

Those of us who are baptized “must consider ourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus” (Romans 6:11). We should walk in the light of Christ. We should be different from those who exclude others and drive them out. We should bring God’s love to the world:

Basic justice demands the establishment of minimum levels of participation in the life of the human community for all persons ... The ultimate injustice is for a person or group to be treated actively or abandoned passively as if they were non-members of the human race. To treat people this way is effectively to say that they simply do not count as human beings.

Gerard Darring <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

GOSPEL

The concluding section of Jesus’ second discourse in Matthew, his mission sermon to the disciples, falls into two parts. The first is full of challenge, the second full of promise.

Jesus begins by throwing down the gauntlet. He demands priority for himself over the most binding family ties. Matthew may appear to soften Luke’s language about “hating” one’s family members but the call remains uncompromising. And Jesus’ insistence that the cross and self-sacrifice are the only path to life is inescapable; Matthew makes sure that his readers hear this hard saying again later in the gospel.

The assurances that follow arise from the intimate bond that links “little ones” and the disciples to Jesus and Jesus to the Father. Together they form a community that transcends earthly relationships. This teaching of Jesus has a warmth and appeal that counterbalances his confronting words about the cross.

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PARISH

MASS INTENTION - please email or phone the Parish Office

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets 2.00pm **Thursdays** in the church. Contact the Office for information.

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

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on the **first, second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month .

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is NOON TUESDAY
Ph. 6248 5925 or Email: watson@cg.org.au

WRAPPED WITH LOVE

Wrap with Love provide warm wraps to people suffering from the cold in over 75 countries, including Australia, through people donating knitted, crocheted, machine knitted or woven with wool, acrylic or lined patchwork squares which are sewn together to make blankets. Some people just knit the squares, some knit and sew together and some just sew together. Finished wraps, squares and yarn are sent to Wrap with Love for distribution to those in need.

The squares need to be - Yes, 25cm x 25cm

Do I need to use a particular type of wool or colour? 8 ply is preferred, either wool, acrylic or a blend. Any colour is fine.

What shall I do with the squared I make at home? Keep them and when we are back on campus provide to Nicola Tait ACU.

Yes! A craft group will be established as soon as possible.

For information contact: Nicola.Tait@acu.edu.au - 6209 1386

DONATIONS FOR DIGNITY

Dear Parishioners, ACU Engagement are collecting the following items, to be provided to Companion House , St Vincent De Paul and Communities at Work. Any contribution is appreciated.

Personal Hygiene - Unused personal hygiene products.

- Soap, Hand Sanitiser Moisturiser, Body Wash, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Conditioner, Brushes & Combs, Toothpaste, Lip Balm, Toothbrushes, Razors, Sunscreen, Female Sanitary products, Deodorant and Perfume.

Winter Warm-Up - Well maintained and clean winter clothing and accessories for men and women, such as:

- Coats, Jackets, Jumpers, Cardigans, Hoodies, Skivvy's, Scarves, Beanies, Gloves, Mittens, Long Pants, Long Johns, Socks, Sleeping Bags, Blankets.

Threads of Change - Well maintained and clean professional attire and accessories for men and women, such as:

- Suits, Shirts, Pants, Dresses, Skirts, Handbags, Shoes, Belts, Makeup, Ties, Jackets, Blouses, Jewellery, Watches.

Donations can be left in foyer in the boxes provided, thank you.

HELP WITH ACCOMODATION

An International student from Myanmar who is studying English at CIT is urgently seeking affordable accommodation. International students do not qualify for financial assistance from the Australian government and, like many, he is struggling to meet living costs while his course is suspended. Please contact Jane Schwinghamer on 0420 215 660 if you can help.

URGENT

The Parish is urgent need of volunteers to help prepare/arrange flowers for our weekend Liturgies. If you can spare time once a month to help please contact the Office 6248 5925

NEW LITURGY ROSTER

The new Liturgy Roster will be prepared shortly please let the Office 6248 5925 or watson@cg.org.au know if you are available to volunteer for the new roster.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES

Please **DO NOT** use 2019/20 envelopes after this weekend. Envelopes for 2020/21 will be available in the foyer next weekend. Receipts for 2019/20 contributions will be sent post /email after June 6th.

PROJECT COMPASSION

If you have donations in boxes or share packs envelopes for Project Compassion, please leave them in the sacristy or drop off to the office as soon as possible.

SECOND COLLECTION

CDF are making available a CBA secured CDF Bpoint payment page for payment of donations on the following link.

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/>

CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDARCHDIOCESEOF CANBERRA

INVITATION TO ALPHA

'Alpha runs here', pronounces the banner facing the roundabout outside Holy Rosary Church. What does it mean? Alpha was run in our parish between February and May this year, with a number of parishioners participating as part of their faith journey. See the Parish bulletin of 14 June 2020 for some of their experiences (<http://cg.org.au/watson/home.aspx>). And Alpha is continuing to run in the parish, with a new Alpha that started on 23 June 2020 via the online Zoom platform. You can still join in. There's an online meeting on Tuesday, 30 June 2020, starting at 7.30pm: see the meeting details below. If you know anyone who has lost touch with the Church or might be interested in finding out more about Christianity, you're very welcome to invite and/or let them know too.



Alpha is a series of sessions that explore life and the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. It's an opportunity to listen to talks on a number of topics, typically over a 11 week period, and then to gather in small groups for discussion where you can ask questions and share your point of view. The 14 June 2020 bulletin has more information.

Meeting details. Video and discussion topic: *Who is Jesus?*

URL: <https://zoom.us/j/94566794613?pwd=VkFLMU45O1Z1TTNHNGwzTIZPY1Jodz09>.

Meeting ID: 948 3018 3319. Meeting password: 050711. Contact Parish Office (6248 5925, watson@cg.org.au) with any queries.

ROSTER		
4 / 5 July		
Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Register	A. Moore	
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	E. Smith	J. Smith
Register		
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	C. Barbaro	P. McDonald
Register	C. Lewis	
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	D. Gomez	
Readers	M. Proctor	
Register	K. Turrise	