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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**

Food for Thought



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 for July / August Mass:

31 July - 1 August - <https://www.trybooking.com/BTAHN>
7 - 8 August - <https://www.trybooking.com/BTAHP>
14 - 15 August - <https://www.trybooking.com/BTAHT>
21 - 22 August - <https://www.trybooking.com/BTAHW>
28 - 29 August - <https://www.trybooking.com/BTAHX>

QUERIES CAN BE ANSWERED ONLY IN OFFICE HOURS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Psalm 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some over." He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm: 144:10-11. 15-18

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

SECOND READING

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel: John 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon: Matthew 5:7-8

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they shall see God.

Text - Labora - Brisbane Liturgy

Grandparents create memories the heart holds forever.

GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

We start this week with the country's two biggest cities and around half the population in lockdown, while the rest of the nation looks on uneasily. This is a difficult time for everyone, no matter their circumstances, so this week let our watchword be 'kindness'.

Be kind to others, but also to yourself. Take time to go for a walk, to check in with yourself about how you're feeling, and to pray. And if you can, consider ways in which you can connect with others in your parish who may be feeling lonely and isolated. Perhaps organise a telephone tree, or see if there are people in your neighbourhood to whom you could drop off a copy of the parish bulletin.

Many of those feeling isolated are likely to be elderly, so it is appropriate that Sunday (25 July) we honour our elders in Pope Francis'-declared inaugural **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**. 'The love that binds' says 'In Pope Francis' Catholic vision, the aged should not be regarded and treated as if they are dispensable, but rather have a place of honour'.

While we may struggle in the coming weeks in different ways – working from home or not working at all, having no visitors or looking for peace and quiet in a household that is forced to eat, work, study and play in close confines, longing to meet with family and friends or concerned that isolation is becoming too attractive – remember that 'God provides for us physically as well as spiritually'.

MONEY DOESN'T BUY YOU EVERYTHING

It's very interesting to read about quite often the downfall of the high and mighty, the whole irony of how the rich and powerful end up poor and penniless, or behind bars. One need only look to Hollywood to see such people as Harvey Weinstein or actors like Kevin Spacey to see that power, prestige and popularity can be taken away just as easily as they were accrued. Faith in only material concerns as salvific usually ends up in a disaster, how can something created draw one beyond oneself or satisfy one's interminable yearnings. Movies like the Wolf of Wall Street or in fact that 80s classic Wall Street preached a prosperity gospel, the almighty dollar had replaced almighty God, redemption is found in retail therapy and happiness can now be acquired at a tap of the card.

This is the fundamental error of the people we find in our gospel about the multiplication of loaves. Contextually the people were starving, they had journeyed with Jesus and now found themselves out of town with no nearby general store to get the necessities of life. Jesus feels sorry for them and gets them organised for his miraculous feeding, a feeding which echoed the miraculous descent of bread from heaven in the desert which Moses acquired from God and a similar miracle wrought by the prophet Elisha in our first reading.

Jesus miracle of the loaves however holds a deeper meaning for John the gospel writer though. There are two things happening, John is connecting Jesus with the prophets of old showing his continuity with them but also the fact that he surpasses them. The other aspect which is brought out is that the concept of "bread" in the rabbinical tradition is a metaphor for God's law. Proverbs 9:5 relates this thought when it has personified Wisdom to announce to those who seek her riches "come eat my bread and drink the wine I have mixed for you". Yet the people in this part of John chapter 6 do not see the spiritual import very well. They are only partially aware that Jesus is indeed powerful and like the prophets of old but they do not see it is not bread Jesus wants to give only but rather heavenly teaching, the teaching which puts pay to

Cont...the old beliefs about God's blessing upon them being only a material thing, for up to then the Jewish understanding of the afterlife was still a matter for debate. For instance the Sadducees did not believe in eternal life nor heaven; their cross town rivals, the Pharisees, on the other hand did hold to an afterlife and a reward for the just and punishment for evildoers. A Sadducee would view material wealth and gain in this life as a blessing from God not something to be ashamed of and indeed this echelon of Jewish society was prosperous as well as being in cahoots with the occupying Roman forces. Jesus' Teaching, however, mirrors that of the Pharisees; wealth and prestige are only stepping stones to the more exalted destiny of the human person, namely, divine union.

Pope Benedict XVI articulates the attitude of the people in these terms: "they have been looking at salvation in purely material terms, as a matter of universal wellbeing, and they have therefore reduced man, leaving God out altogether....if they see the manna only as a means of satisfying their hunger, they need to realise that even the manna was not heavenly bread, but only earthly bread, even though it came from heaven it was earthly food..."

Benedict draws our attention then to the paradox which human beings have at the centre of their hearts: the desire for the material and at the same time the dissatisfaction material things eventually bring upon the human condition. This point reminds me of a retreat I was on for Yr 12 boys most of whom I would regard as probably not "religious" in the conventional sense. When asked about what they truly desire or for what they were truly thankful for it wasn't the latest video game, or sporting equipment, nor was it the prestige they may have earned by being on the top sporting teams, it was often things that were quite immaterial, the love of a parent, the love of a sibling, or some other important relationship in their lives. The proof of our desire for the immaterial and satisfying love that only God can give is only symbolised in the bestowal of the bread, the bread is only a sign which evidences Jesus supreme teaching authority, as one who could be trusted implicitly. Fundamentally Jesus wanted not their empty bellies but their hearts of flesh which yearned for the law of the Lord, the law that set them free to love God and in reciprocation receive his love.

Today let us ponder on the materiality which pervades our own lives and seek to realise that we will not find true happiness in the created but rather in he who IS UNCREATED.

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

PRAYER TO ST DOMINIC

Novena prayer, to be said at Masses from
25th July till 3rd August.

O SPEM MIRUM
St. Dominic,

You gave a wonderful hope
To those in sorrow

As you lay dying by promising
To aid the brethren after your death!



Father, fulfil your promise and help us by your prayers.

You are renowned for curing the bodies of the sick,
Now bring us Christ's aid to heal our ailing wills.

Father, fulfil your promise and help us by your prayers.

Glory be to the father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

Father, fulfil your promise and help us by your prayers.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

To celebrate St Dominic's Day on 1 August there will be a Parish Sausage Sizzle after the 10am Mass.

To celebrate St May MacKillop's Feast Day there will be a morning tea after the 10am Mass.

If you would like to bring a plate or volunteer your help with either or both of these celebrations, please contact the office 6248 5925 or email watsn@cg.org.au

CARING FOR EACH OTHER

Caring for Each Other in a Time of Pandemic **ANU Chaplaincy Discussion Evening, 4 August**

The ANU chaplaincy annual discussion evening is on Wednesday 4 August at Burgmann College.

Guest speaker is Professor Tracy Smart AO, ANU Public Health Lead – COVID Response Office.

Bookings and information: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/caring-for-each-other-in-a-time-of-pandemic-tickets-159632455973>

NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT

A chance for a renewed encounter with Jesus. Evenings include praise and worship, talks, testimonies, sharing groups, prayer and fellowship. Wednesdays from 28 July to 15 September 7pm till 9pm, St Peter Chanel Church Yarralumla. Information Neda 0415 266 019, Sue 0409 443 268 or Gabriel 0422 285 491.

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

On Care for Our Common Home – would you like to take part in a dialogue on caring for God's creation?

In 2015, Pope Francis addressed an encyclical, *Laudato Si'* ('Praise be to you') – *On Care for our Common Home*, 'to every person living on this planet', saying that he'd like to 'enter into dialogue with all people about our common home'. Would you like to learn more about this important document and take part in a North Canberra dialogue about caring for our common home? Blackfriars Parish is coordinating a series of fortnightly discussions starting on Tuesday, 10 August 2021, 7.30 – 9pm (refreshments from 7pm). Further details are on the poster and flyers in the church foyer, and can be found on the parish website (<http://cg.org.au/watson/home.aspx>) by clicking on the link under 'Special Notices – Caring for God's Creation'. You can register through TryBooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/BSSOB>). This QR Code will also take you to the booking page. If you need help with registering, please contact the Parish Office at watsn@cg.org.au or on 6248 5925.



PARISH

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.

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?pwd=ZnFjN3I3MDdDQk5FenhXcjA2K054UT09>

Meeting ID: 862 4797 9958 - Passcode: 675081

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

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE NOON TUESDAY

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

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, Jan & 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, John Cusack, Barbara Avery, Maria Martiniello, Tina Marino

BAPTISM

Aurelia Java-Rose Cox
Hunter John Harris

will be baptised this weekend.
May their lives be filled with God's peace,
and their hearts with God's love....
on this Baptism day and always.



DONATIONS FOR DIGNITY

In conjunction with ACU, the Parish once again will support the health and wellbeing of people experiencing homelessness or displacement by donating unopened and unexpired personal hygiene products for Companion House. Donations accepted until 23rd July.

PIETY STALL - There will be a Piety Stall after 5pm Mass provided by group from the Legion of Mary. The Piety Stall will have available items such as Rosaries, medals etc and Catholic prayer books and other Catholic literature.

ROSTER 31 July / 1 August 2021		
Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	K. Markcrow	
Welcome Minister	K. Murphy	A. Moore
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	M. Falk	
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer	
Readers	J. Cooke	S. Coles
Data Projector	J. Cortese	
Welcome Minister	K. O'Brien	C. Bergin
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	S. Sedgwick	
Readers	K. Watson	
Data Projector	A. Cahill-Lambert	T. Malone
Counters	I. Buckley	Volunteer