

Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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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

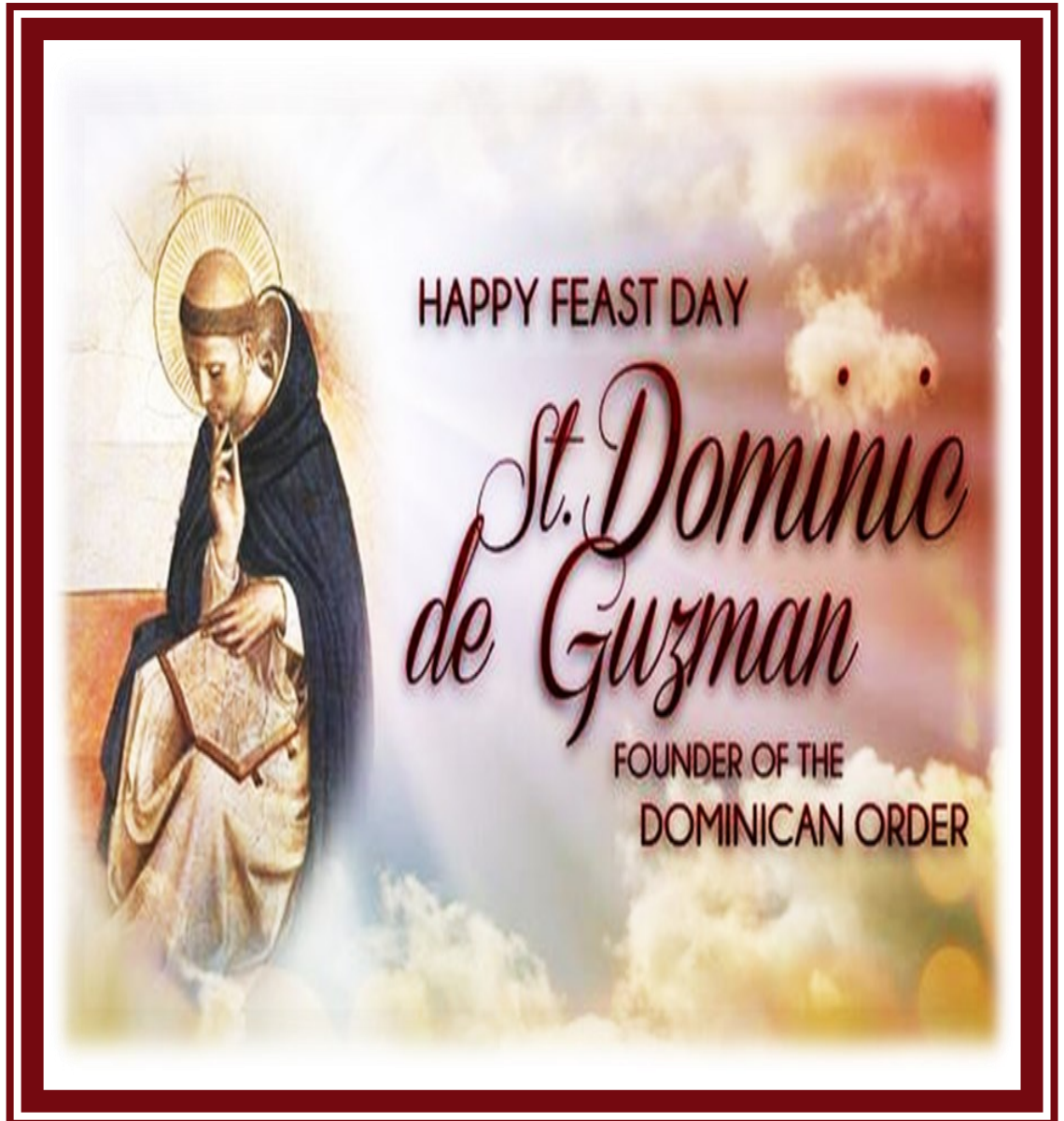
Adoration - Holy Hour

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



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 August Mass:

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. Sirach 15:5

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth,
and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom
and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.

FIRST READING

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of one
who brings good news, who heralds peace, who
brings happiness, who proclaims salvation, and tells
Zion: 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise
their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the
Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem.
The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of
our God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 95:1-3, 7-8, 9-10. R/: v3

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

○ sing a new song to the Lord,
Sing to the lord, all the earth.
○ sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the people.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
○ earth, tremble before him .
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

SECOND READING

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Before God and before Christ Jesus is to be the judge
of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the
name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the
message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute
falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all
with patience and the intention of teaching. The time is
sure to come when, far from being content with sound
teaching, people will be avid for the latest novelty and
collect themselves a whole series of teachers according to
their own tastes; and then, instead of listening to the truth,
they will turn to myths. Be careful always to choose the
right course; be brave; make the preaching of the Good
News your life's work, in thoroughgoing service.

As for me, my life is already being poured away like a liba-
tion, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have
fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to
the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is
the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the
Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that Day; and
not only to me but to all those who have longed for his
appearing,

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord has sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to captives.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-19

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But
if the salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty
again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out
to be trampled underfoot by men.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top can-
not be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub;
they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone
in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the
sight of men, so that, seeing your good works they may
give praise to your Father in heaven.

Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the
Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete
them.

I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not on
dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until
its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes
even one of the least of these commandments and
teaches other to do the same will be considered the least
in the kingdom of heaven: but the man who keeps them
and teaches will be considered great in the kingdom of
heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon: Luke 12:42

This is the steward, faithful and prudent,
whom the Lord set over his household
to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.

[Text - Labora - Brisbane Liturgy](#)

18th SUNDAY

As the country continues to battle outbreaks of the Coronavirus Delta strain, let us pray for all those who are undergoing strict isolation to support their families and the wider community. We also offer prayers and thanks to all frontline workers.

We take to heart the truth of the scripture reflection, which says, 'whatever the situation, God will always provide for his people'.

ST DOMINIC: CHAMPION OF THE FLESH

On the 6th August 1221 St Dominic, worn out by his heavy ministry, his endless peregrinations around Europe and his constant anxiety about his band of Friars Preachers, yielded his soul to the Lord. In the words of his contemporary Francis of Assisi, Dominic was visited by Sister Death. Thus it is 800 years since the passing of this holy man, and today we salute him as one of the key pillars of the Church and a patron of our community.

Yet Dominic's worn out body was a testament to his commitment to the notion that the human body is a noble and worthy element of God's creation. So too, Dominic's attention to the spiritual aspect of man, namely his soul, was also a fundamental preoccupation for him. Dominic was a champion of the dual nature of the human person namely that man is both body and soul, and both are made in God's image and likeness. Yet the body and soul are not strange bedfellows but are a composite unit created by God and blessed by him as such.

It was this interesting message that Dominic first preached in his confrontations with the Albigensians, a cult who seriously misunderstood the human condition. Briefly, this group believed that in order to solve the age old problem of evil in the world the answer to this paradox was the teaching that reality was composed of matter and spirit, and that an evil god created all material things, whilst a good god created all spiritual realities. This line of reasoning led the Albigensians to a keen disregard for the material world, their bodies, sexuality; anything material was evil. For some the ultimate escape would be to take their own lives so that their spirit could leave the prison of the body. In short this movement, which St Dominic encountered in his journeys from Spain, was something that needed challenging. For Dominic, the Albigensians had perverted the Christian gospel and it was this motivation that led the saint initially to combat their errors with preaching. Later on the work became too great and it was in this toil Dominic originated an "Order" of Preachers, priests designated to refute the error of heresy.

Dominic's project however rested on this fundamental issue that creation was good, the body was good, food was good, sex was good and that all were in fact initiated and blessed by the one true God. For Dominic the message of Genesis chapter 1 was important "And God saw all that he had made, and found it very good." Dominic particularly upheld the unity of the body and soul as one entity not two realities that were somehow estranged. Dominic saw the human person as the composition of body and soul created good by God, no matter how it was.

Would St Dominic be concerned about our understanding of the human body in today's world? I think he would. Although the Albigensians have disappeared, their legacy lives on in albeit different ways. Currently in western societies there are distorted views of the body from the vulgar and lewd depictions of the human body in films and tv shows, to the confusion about the nature of one's body

Cont...which we see in the experience many have in transgenderism. There are also distortions of the body in the fitness industry where people have to look a certain way: six packs, eight packs etc are now considered *de rigeur* and if you can't achieve them in the gym the cosmetic surgeon can give you implants. There are also contradictory voices too: some nutritionists and health experts proclaim that there is an obesity epidemic whilst others on social media and other outlets call people out for 'fat shaming'.

Who are we to believe? Lastly there is a full on assault on the body in the various jurisdictions of our nation which have brought in horrendous laws dealing both with beginning of life matters and end of life matters, creating what St John Paul II coined a 'culture of death'.

St Dominic on the other hand would teach us that the body and soul are one entity brought into existence by God and designated very good. He would teach us that we cannot fall into extremes regarding our bodily existence: I am not just a body and I am not just a soul. The body is not a forum for mutilation or reorganization nor is it my own but it belongs to God. St Dominic would have keenly preached St Paul's own admonition:

"19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore, glorify God with your body...."

Today as we commemorate the 800th anniversary of St Dominic's departure from the bodily existence he had in this world let us pray that we may indeed "glorify God" with our bodies, may we give thanks for God's Creation blessed and made good by him, but let us also be mindful that St Dominic continues to pray for us here in this earthly realm for as he reminded his own brethren at his death bed so too he bids us:

Do not weep, my children, I shall be more useful to you where I am going than I have ever been in this life.

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

The Olympic motto *Citius, Altius, Fortius* (Faster, Higher, Stronger) was proposed by Pierre de Coubertin upon the creation of the International Olympic Committee in 1894. 'together' was added in 2021. Coubertin borrowed it from his friend Fr Henri Didon OP, a Dominican priest who was an athletics enthusiast. Coubertin said "These three words represent a programme of moral beauty."

GODZ DOGS - The dog carrying the torch in its mouth symbolises travelling, speaking about the Light of Christ.



"the travelling dog also relates to the Dominicans being itinerant preachers. They went from place to place preaching and then returned to their convents. Unlike most of the monastic orders, Dominicans do not make a vow of stability. The men can be assigned to any province in the world, depending on need."

Dogs are often seen to be faithful followers of their master. And there's a pun on the term 'Dominican': The Latin for 'Lord' is *Domini*, and 'dog' is *canes*, hence 'Dogs of the Lord'.

Currently Fr Mannes is assessing the timing of morning weekday Masses. After having spoken to parishioners who attend those Masses a number of times were discussed. Currently the time for morning Mass is 6:45am, times proposed are 7:45am or 8am. Feel free to speak to Fr Mannes about these times. The idea is that by changing the time to a later hour more parishioners may avail themselves of morning Mass.

PARISH CELEBRATION

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 watosn@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>

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 6248 5925



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.

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.

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

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=ZnFjN3l3MDdDQk5FenhXcjA2K054UT09>

Meeting ID: 862 4797 9958 - Passcode: 675081

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

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationary.

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, Anne Corver, 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, Elizabeth Webster, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Peter Catlin, Terry Stephens, Bernard Druett, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Denis Lawrence

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

Janice Stephens, Patricia Sargent, David Jordan, Zelma McManus, Rocco Barbaro, John Cusack, Barbara Avery, Maria Martiniello, Tina Marino, Celestina Ewton

In Loving Memory

José Luis Prates Leal, Helen Knight, Lily & Colin Ingram, Jose Rico

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.

BOOK FAIR

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Book Fair on Wednesday 18 & Thursday 19 August, 8am-4pm, in the Main Foyer, Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce. Find a great selection of paperbacks, novels, cookbooks, children's books, biographies and more. Nothing over \$3! All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of public hospital patients and staff.

"We must sow the seed, not hoard it." St Dominic

ROSTER 7 / 8 August 2021		
Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	M. Dawes	P. Farrelly
Welcome Minister	K. Murphy	A. Moore
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	Webb Family	
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	C. Rheinberger	A. McCarthy
Data Projector	J. Cortese	
Welcome Minister	K. O'Brien	C. Bergin
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	M. Brothosodo	T. de Luca
Data Projector	A. Cahill-Lambert	
Counters	I. Buckley	

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE NOON TUESDAY