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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

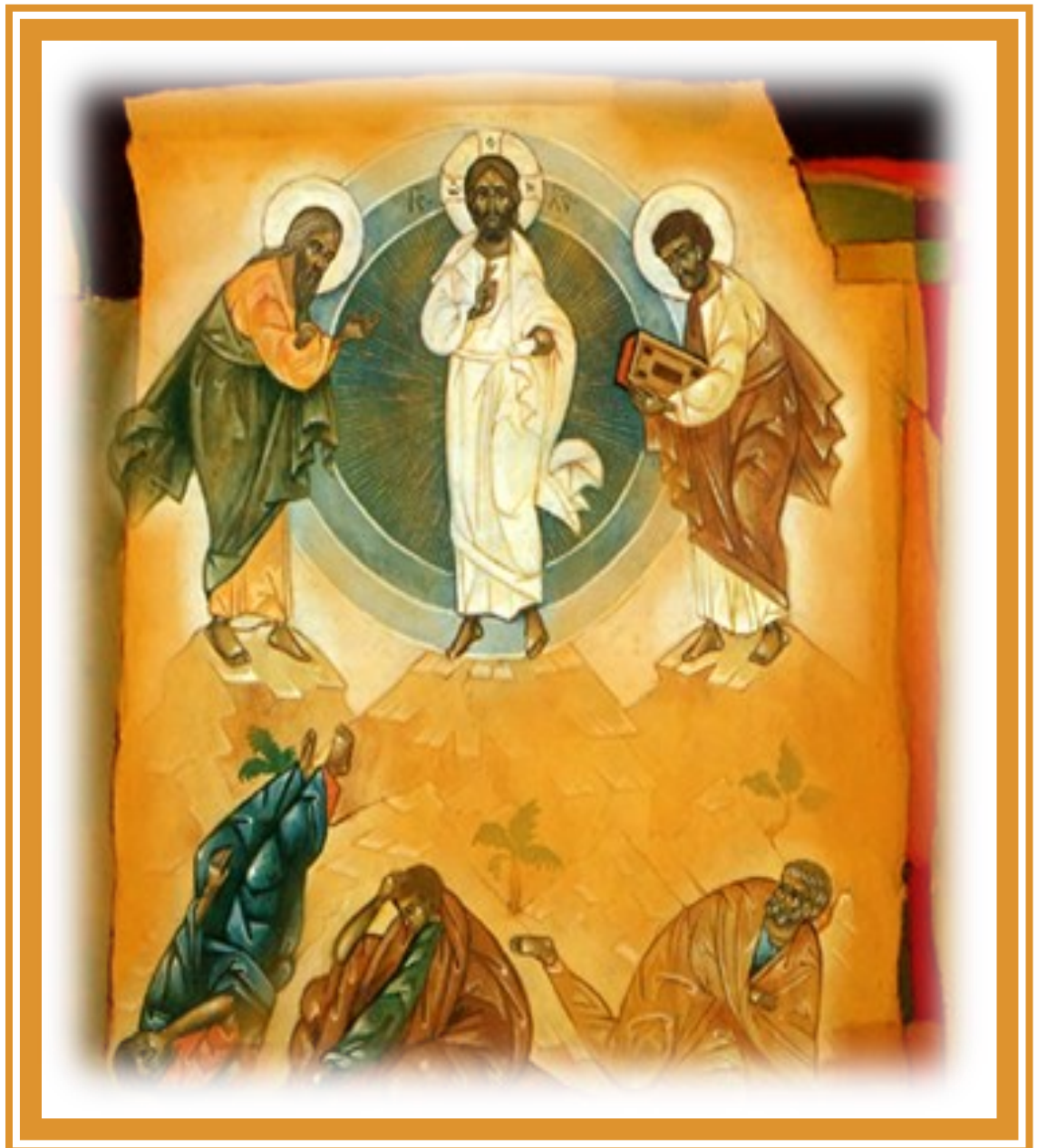
**Reconciliation**  
Saturday  
4pm - 4.45pm

**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



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**NOON TUESDAY**

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Mt 17: 5

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

## FIRST READING

### First reading - Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 96(97):1-2,5-6,9

**The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.**

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right.

The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory.

For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth,  
exalted far above all spirits.

**The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.**

## SECOND READING

### Second reading - 2 Peter 1:16-19

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation – Matthew 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!  
This is my Son, my beloved,  
in whom is all my delight:  
listen to him.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### Communion Antiphon - Cf. 1 John 3: 2

When Christ appears, we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.

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## THE WEEK TO COME

The media is full of stories about the difficulties of finding a home to rent or buy, and then the difficulties of keeping it because of the rising cost of living. We seem to have become more aware of the social, mental and physical costs on people who are homeless. **Homelessness Australia**, which hosts Homelessness Week (7-13 August), has made the theme for the week – 'Time to end homelessness'. In a media release last week, St Vincent de Paul Society national president Mark Gaetani called for the prioritisation of housing supply. The stalled *Housing and Future Fund Bill* was a disaster for the many Australians whose lives were in limbo while they sought a roof over their heads, the release said. 'There will no doubt be knock-on effects with these delays. The longer it takes to get this Bill passed, the longer people will be without a satisfactory housing solution,' Mr Gaetani said.

This week let us pray for all those who do not have a place to call their own.

Sunday, 6 August is the Feast of the Transfiguration. That the three disciples that accompany Jesus 'have for a moment shared Moses' and Elijah's experience of heavenly glory in the presence of God. But they do not have to remain on the mountain to preserve it. Whenever they are with Jesus, they are with God – or, rather, God is 'with' them. Let us remember God is with us, always.

## REVELATION OF DIVINITY AND RESURRECTION

The mysterious event of the Transfiguration conveys to us two particular aspects of Christ's life, aspects that are integral to his earthly mission. These two aspects are, his divinity and his resurrection. It is also noteworthy to understand that what is said of Our Lord's resurrection also pertains to our resurrection too.



Let us look at his divinity first. We see that the scene is set for a monumental revelation. The clue to this great revelation is the fact that our characters are heading up a high mountain. In the bible mountains are usually places where an encounter with the divine takes place, for instance Moses speaks to God on Mt Sinai, and receives from him the law, and it is on Mt Horeb that Elijah hears the soft voice of the Lord in the breeze. So too then, Jesus reveals his Godhead to his chosen disciples, Peter, James and John. In continuity with the old law we see the figures of Moses and Elijah appear also, they are there to confirm the divinity of Jesus and to speak with him about his departure, his exodus from this world through his future passion and death. If Peter, James and John, who were all pious Jews, could not believe Jesus' own word about himself, surely they would believe the testimony of such exalted prophets as Moses and Elijah? In fact, as Pope Leo the Great points out in a sermon of his own on the Transfiguration, it was Jewish law that there be at least two or three men present when anything needed to be witnessed as true, this then was a legal obligation, and so Jesus fulfils this obligation with the party of five he had gathered on the mountain.

Further evidence of Jesus' divinity is established by the appearance of "a bright cloud" which covered them with shadow. The symbolism of the cloud is important. The cloud motif is seen in the Old Testament too in chapter 19 of Exodus, God tells Moses "Lo, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever." The cloud is often referred to as the Shekinah, a word which reveals the glory of the Lord.

So we see then that our transfiguration scene stands in continuity with the Old Testament, in a sense the Old Testament characters and ambiance all point to Jesus' divinity.

Nevertheless, this scene also gives the disciples, and us, a foretaste of the resurrection, the foretaste of Easter glory. In the Transfiguration Jesus displays what his resurrected body would look like. An important character of a resurrected body is the property of clarity or splendour, this characteristic is displayed in Jesus' clothes becoming "a dazzling white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them." So too will our resurrected bodies share a similar character for as St Matthew tells us "the bodies of the saints shall shine like the sun." It is interesting then that what is said of Christ's transfiguration and resurrection pertains as much to him as it does to us.

Finally, the transfiguration assists the chosen disciples in accepting the scandal of the cross. Interestingly the Transfiguration event occurs right after Jesus has predicted his own passion and death; yet it is Peter who rejects this outcome which Jesus declares is necessary. This scene of Christ's transfiguration then enables the disciples to overcome any reservations they had about Jesus entering into his passion; perhaps Jesus, in displaying his divinity, is softening the profound blow this small band will experience when their Master is taken from them. Maybe it was by remembering this event that the disciples came back as a

Cont....group and awaited their Lord, though doing so in a fairly shambolic and fearful way. One may also wonder whether the Transfiguration had any effect on the chosen disciples since they all abandoned Jesus when he really needed them. This scene then provides much food for thought; it presents to us the fact that even if we see the Lord in all his glory we may also fall away. Ultimately, this episode in Jesus' life encourages us to think about his divinity, and the resurrection he won for us. However, our Transfiguration story helps us reflect on not taking our relationship with Christ for granted for when we do this we will fall away.

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

## PARISH HISTORY - CELEBRATING 60 YEARS



This year our parish is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As we look forward to the next chapter of the story, the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary presents an opportunity to reflect on the last 60 years. To see where the Holy Spirit has been present and is moving among our faith community.

As part of this, a parish history is being put together. You are invited to share your memories, thoughts and photos, which will be considered in the preparation of the document. Your contribution could be about a special event or celebration at Holy Rosary church that you attended. Or about a group that contributed to parish life, for example by singing in the choir, arranging flowers, assisting at Mass, taking Holy Communion to those unable to attend Mass, transporting people to Mass, church cleaning, helping to welcome people into the Church, taking part in meditation, praying the Rosary, organising and serving at functions such as St Dominic's day, celebrating our multiculturalism, making craft items, serving on parish committees such as the Parish Pastoral Council etc. Or about experiences such as parish Melbourne Cup and Christmas celebrations, picnics with family groups, discussion groups such as Divine Renovation, taking part in Alpha and the Archdiocesan Walk in the Spirit, impacts of and dealing with the COVID pandemic. Or a humorous story or anecdote.



You can submit your memories, photos etc to the Parish Office by hand or email ([watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au)). Closing date: 23 August 2023.

Any queries or comments to Roger Paul at [rpaul2572@gmail.com](mailto:rpaul2572@gmail.com) or on 0421 612 572.

## DOMINICAN FATHERS SICKNESS & RETIREMENT

The Dominican Fathers Sickness & Retirement Fund Appeal will be held on 19 & 20 August. Envelopes will be provided for donations which should be placed in the 1st Collection boxes. DO NOT POST.

**If you prefer to donate electronically PLEASE use the Parish Banking details:-**

**Account Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson, BSB: 062 786  
A/C : 000013341 - Reference: DF S and R**

If you are donating electronically and would like a receipt please make sure the Office has your details to send a receipt.

**There will be a Rosary School Mass on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August to celebrate St Mary of the Cross. All welcome to attend.**

## ST DOMINIC'S GARDEN

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Joe Cortese, Br Frances, Richard & Ciaran Tanzer, and Chris & Noah Webb, Rod Lestone, Hugh B, and Lucy & Anton Dowling for their hard work to complete the soil and mulching on the last stage of the garden before finishing the planting.

## MORNING TEA

**THANK YOU** to all who contributed to our Sausage Sizzle Morning Tea. The wonderful cooking (especially Irene for those wonderful Polish doughnuts) and to all the helpers on the day. It was lovely to see so many people come and enjoy the morning eats. A special thank you to Flora Ippolitti for the lone of her BBQ it is hard to cook sausages without a Barbie.

## VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DINNER

**Next Vocations discernment dinner** on Thursday 10 August at Queanbeyan presbytery: 5:30pm Mass, 6pm Confessions & Adoration, 6:45 dinner, 7:45 Vocations discussion & 8:30 conclude with Night Prayer. For young men considering a call to the priesthood. To rsvp contact Fr Josh josh.scott@cg.org.au or Fr Emil 0414523036.

## SR VERONICA

Sister Veronica has been home for a couple of weeks and sends parishioners her thanks and blessings for their gifts, thoughts and prayers. Veronica is resting and slowly gaining strength but needs to continue wearing her neck collar until mid August. She has appreciated much help and support from close neighbours, friends and Uniting care. Veronica is also receiving Holy communion from Fr Mannes.

## MISSING KEY

A key held in the Sacristy safe has been removed. Whoever did so please return it to the Office or Sacristy immediately.

## SPIRITUALITY AND ELDER ABUSE

**Wednesday, 16 August, 3.00-5.00pm**

Don't Miss Our Webinar on Elder Abuse: Understanding and Addressing the Hidden Crisis - 3-5pm, 16 August. For details of our other events, please see our website at <https://about.csu.edu.au/community/accc/about/latest-news-assets/2023/caps-continuing-education-sessions-for-2023>

## OFFICE CLOSURE

Jacque will be on leave from 8th August - 16th October the office will only be open on the following days:

- Mondays from 10am - 12.30pm
- Fridays from 9.00am - 12.30pm

Please email the office or text Fr Mannes 0414 396 532 for any inquiries.

## 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

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ASSUMPTION

**15th August**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**School Mass - 10.00am**

**Mass - 6.00pm**

**(NO 5.30pm Mass)**

## 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, Sue King, Peter Catlin, Beth Delos Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Una Bell, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Elizabeth Webster, Terry Stephens, Maureen Blood, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Una Ford, Maria Bankovsky, Carmel Slammon, Brian & Suzanne Brown

## RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Fr Rafael Cabezon OP, Marie Rheinberger, Katie Tuite, Gil Rodriguez, Robert Hackett, Fred Rumble

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Betty Collett, Jose Luis Leal, Thelma McManus

**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](http://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](mailto: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 12 / 13 August

**Saturday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - M. Tran / D. Gauci  
Reader - N. Clarke, P. Farrelly

**Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - K. Linard  
Reader - J. Cooke, C. Bergin

**Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - L. Kim  
Reader - T. de Luca, M. Brotohusodo  
Computer - J. Kim

**MADE FOR MORE THAN THIS** - Free online event. 17 August at 7.30pm. Join Fr Chris Ryan MGL, and an exciting panel of guests for a wide ranging conversation about the powerful role lay people can play in the Church's Mission. [Aretecentre.org](http://Aretecentre.org)

