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Mass Times
Monday - NO Mass
Tuesday & Thursday
8.00am
Wednesday & Friday
5:30pm
Saturday - 9:00am
Vigil - 5:pm
Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,
5:00pm

Reconciliation
Saturday
4pm-4.45pm

Adoration - Holy Hour
Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

Pray the Rosary
Before 10am Mass on Sundays

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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



BE ON YOU GUARD AGAINST GREED

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 69: 2, 6

○ God, come to my assistance;
○ Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
○ Lord, do not delay.

FIRST READING

First reading - Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastic

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 89(90):3-6,12-14,17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back to dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream,
like the grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

SECOND READING

Second reading - Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each

other...other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel - Luke 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon - Wisdom 16: 20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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Today's readings are about material things and our attitude towards them. This Sunday, we should be asking ourselves what better paths we could be following. Tree planting is one way of helping our communities and our planet, but there are likely to be myriad ways in which we can enrich the lives around us. Sometimes our paths are easy to traverse, at other times they are beset with obstacles, but we remember always that we do not travel alone.

VANITY OF VANITIES!!!



On the 7th February 1497 a bonfire was held in the public square of Florence, a Bonfire of the Vanities. This pyro-maniacal act was presided over by none other than the notorious Dominican personality Girolamo Savonarola. Savonarola by this stage of his interesting career was the de facto ruler of Florence

and he considered it his foremost task to purge the Florentine people of all things that could lead them to sin. Hence his supporters campaigned for the local populace to toss away any offending items into a public bonfire; this act was meant to purify Florence and its people. Considering that this exercise resonates well with our first reading today I have decided we will do the same in the car park!!!

Jokes aside the rather depressing yet memorable sayings of Qoeth the author of Ecclesiastes remind us that our faith life is not just about our time here on earth. There has been, perhaps, a movement away from the supernatural element of our faith with many people looking towards the environment and other such interests as more important than the salvation of one's soul. Today's readings however compete for our attention, reminding us that indeed, at the end of the day, the world and all its contents will fade away, as St John mentions at the conclusion of his Book of the Apocalypse:

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth,"[a] for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death'[b] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

(Apocalypse 21:1-4)

Whilst our earthly concerns are indeed important and relevant to the current time, as Christians we do not just look to our current situation but in fact look to the future. The future is not in this world and this is what Ecclesiastes encourages us to consider, as does Jesus' parable about the man and his barn. Ultimately we will be called to account: did I make myself rich in earthly concerns or have I made myself rich in the affairs of God? Jesus challenges us with this teaching: **So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'**

It is this accounting in view of our eternal destiny that runs through as the underlying theme of the gospel however. How well have I lived my life? Can I do better? Jesus once again provokes us with these sobering words: **"But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul;"** We do not know at what moment we will be called to the Lord but there will be an account we must give. Doctrinally this moment is known as the **Particular Judgment**, it is the

Cont...moment at which the soul has left its former inhabitation and finds itself before the judgment seat of Christ. Fr Reginald Garrigou Lagrange OP teaches the following in his treatise on this subject *Life Everlasting*: *In the divine judgment the examination of the case is instantaneous, because it needs neither the testimony of witnesses, for or against, nor the least discussion. God knows by immediate intuition, and we, at the moment of separation begin to know ourselves more intimately. Our souls will stand naked in its separation from the body, but our souls will be enlightened, decisively and inevitably, on all the merits and demerits we have accrued in our earthly lifetime. Our soul sees its state without possibility of error, sees all that it has thought, desired, said, and done, both in good and in evil.*

It sees all the good it has omitted. Memory and conscience penetrate its entire moral and spiritual life, even to the minutest details.

As we read these readings let us finally be sobered by Jesus own words:

What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? (Mt 16:26)

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

GOOD GIFTS

So intent is this successful businessman on being comfortable that he loses sight of other more important things. His world is a strangely egotistical one: you notice he speaks only to himself and of himself, neither to God nor to his friends. He tries to carve out a little corner of happiness for himself - a temptation to all of us - but that in a way makes him blind. This landowner has put his trust in his financial well-being: by so doing, he has destroyed his capacity for more the fundamental kind of trust which is faith.

'What this man has done is the very opposite of what Jesus again and again tries to teach people to do. Instead of trying to create happiness for themselves by storing up their good gifts - a tempting impossibility - they are to give themselves away. They are to be generous, extraordinarily generous, they are to give away all they can. In that way they are to know and love and become like their Father, who gives endlessly and without demanding anything in return.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr Alistair Jones OP

AFFLUENZA

Today's readings, challenge us to examine whether we share our 'inheritance' with our brethren who are in need, for the poor, unlike those who are influenced by modern marketing, have *genuine* material needs.

But Christ does not simply bid us to share our goods. Rather, we are invited to give freely, not out of duty but motivated by love, just as in the divine economy Christ was given to humanity from the Father's heart to meet our deepest need. As the Head of humanity, then, we might call Jesus the paradigmatic selfless Capitalist! What could fuel such self-giving on our part? Our desire for true riches and lasting joy. For charity - love of others

Cont...that entails a concern for their good - is the highest gift of God, and the only treasure that endures. Charity destroys the effects of greed and affluenza, and truly perfects us as humans by uniting us in Christ. Hence, the goods of this world are given to us so that we might use them well, so as to grow in charity, and the other virtues. So, as today's Benedictus antiphon says: 'If you desire to be truly rich, desire true riches'.

Excerpt from a homily [Lawrence Lew O.P.](#)

FEAST OF ST DOMINIC

To celebrate the Feast of St Dominic there will be a morning tea after the 10am Mass on Sunday 7th August. All welcome, please bring a plate to share, help on the day would be appreciated.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The parish Vinnies Conference thanks parishioners for their generous donations to the recent Winter Appeal. \$7073.75 was raised to support the work of the Society assisting those in need at the ACT. We remain a very generous parish and great supporter of the Society.

SERRA AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION

The Serra Australia Foundation is committed to providing support to priests, deacons and consecrated men and women who dedicate their lives to the service of others. In support, donations are required. Please see further information about Serra in the foyer.

CATECHISE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Catechise of the Good Shepherd Information Evening:

Parents and carers of young children aged 3 to 12 years are invited to attend an information evening on Monday 1st August at St John Vianney's Primary School Waramanga. Come and hear how the Catechise of the Good Shepherd (CGS) can help your child nurture their own personal relationship with God. The CGS is a Catholic formation program for children grounded in scripture and the liturgy of the Church and then framed by Dr Maria Montessori's principles of education. Contact Anna Abraham at canberraatrium@gmail.com for further information.

ST DOMINIC GARDEN

Based on a proposal initially discussed with Fr Kieran, Fr Mannes has approved a project to establish a garden in honour of St Dominic and incorporating a remembrance wall in the Church grounds over the next 16 months. The garden will be created in time for the Parish's 60th anniversary in October 2023. The approved concept plan and a project brief is on display in the church foyer. Fundraising is planned to offset costs and details will be provided closer to each event. For further details to the project, please contact Jacquie - Parish Office on 6248 5925 /email watson@cg.org.au. To make an online donation please use the Parish banking details below - Reference GARDEN

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.
Bank Details – Account Name: Dominican Fathers Watson
BSB: 083 347 - A/C: 97 310 5044 - Reference: Name - Donation

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped and provided a plate for Fr Bernie's memorial morning tea. It was a lovely catch up in memory of Fr Bernie.

PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Greg O'Neill, Frank Zobec, Mary Martin, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Mimma Gia, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Rosa Maria Santos, Philip Bailey, Beth Delos Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Peter Catlin, Sue King, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Eddie Pook, Awny El-Ghitany, Mary Lou Pentony, Elizabeth Webster, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Patricia Zorzi, Anthony Parsonage, Neville Caulfield, Lily Copeland, Maggie McKeon, Alphonsa Bankovsky, Una Bell, Bruce Feehan, Fr Rafael Cabezon

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.
Fr Bernie Maxwell OP, Carmello Abbondante, Patricia Zorzi, Rod Cooper, Doris Jacobs

IN LOVING MEMORY

Teresa Paul, Betty Collett

BIBLE STUDY Verbum: Bible study for Young Adults (18-35) Monday nights at 6pm (except public holidays) in the Parish Centre a group of young adults from around North Canberra come to study the scriptures and pray. Currently the group is looking at St Paul's Letter to the Galatians.
PRAY THE ROSARY Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. Please join in.
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 on Wednesdays.
DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 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 Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - 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

ROSTER 6 / 7 August

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - D. Gauchi
Reader - J. de Riva O'Phelan
Sunday 8.00am - Acolyte - K. Linard
Reader - M. Falk, T. Klekner
Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - T. Johnson
Reader - J. Cooke, C. Bergin, S. Coles
Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - L. Kim
Reader - M. Brotohusodo, T. de Luca

Imagine that you had 5 minutes to prepare to leave your home for ever?

- Who would you gather to leave with you?
- What would you take along with you?
- What would you leave behind?