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## VERITAS



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**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH**

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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**

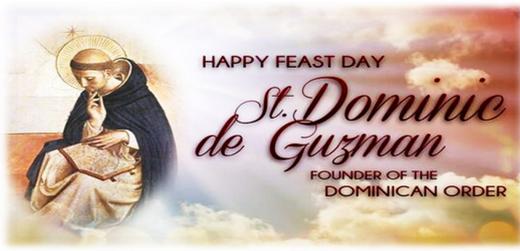
Before 10am Mass on Sundays

# Feast of St Dominic



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

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is **NOON TUESDAY**  
Please contact the office Ph. 6248 5925 or Email: [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au)



## 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

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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 to-  
gether, 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 - Psalm 32(33):1,12,18-20,22

**Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
Sing to the lord, all the earth.  
O 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.  
O 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

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

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

**Cont...**novelty and collect themselves a whole series of  
teachers according to their own tastes; and then, in-  
stead of listening to the truth, they will turn to myths. Be  
careful always to choose the right course; be brave  
under; 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  
libation, and the time has come for me to be  
gone. I have found 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 of 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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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  
cannot 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 com-  
plete 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 command-  
ments and teaches other to do the same will be con-  
sidered 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.

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To celebrate St Dominic's Feast Day there will be a  
Morning Tea in the Parish Centre after the 10am Mass.

## ST DOMINIC - BIO

He was born in Castile (part of modern Spain) and became a canon of the cathedral of Osma. He accompanied his bishop (Diego de Azevedo) in a mission of preaching against the Albigensian heresy, which was then strong in southern France. While the official missions lived in formality and splendour, Dominic and Diego lived in extreme poverty, and prepared with great diligence for the debates that they held with their opponents. When the suppression of Albigensianism was undertaken by invasion and war of a particularly savage kind, Dominic continued to try to preach and persuade.

In 1216 he founded the Order of Preachers, dedicated to saving souls by preaching and persuasion. Like the Franciscans, founded a few years before, the Dominicans put great importance on poverty, both of the individual and of the community, and of the need to be involved directly in the world while still living some form of monastic life. At a time when the settled Benedictine monasteries had grown into great and rich institutions, this was a revolutionary and to some a subversive concept. The Friars made a lasting impact on the life of mediaeval Europe, and the Dominicans in particular altered the course of intellectual history by making a well-thought-out and rational response to the new learning that was appearing as long-forgotten thinkers such as Aristotle became known once more in the Christian West.

Dominic died at Bologna on 6th August 1221.

## ST DOMINIC



In the annals of history St Dominic is not a saint that immediately jumps off the page. Dominic doesn't carry the cuddly, warm, pet friendly approach his contemporary Francis of Assisi has nor was he a Mother Teresa picking the dying up off the street. So why do we celebrate him?

St Augustine once quipped that the communion of saints is like a garden filled with a variety of different flowers and plants. Utilising that analogy we might say that there's not one way to holiness of life. For some it may very well be administering to the poor and dying, for another it may be a life of prayer, and for yet another it might be the proclamation of the gospel via the words of preaching or by teaching the truths of the faith. One of the spiritual works of mercy is instructing the ignorant. This work is not a spiritual "teach your grandmother to suck eggs" type of instruction rather it is the patient and loving revelation of God's word to those who genuinely seem lost, or are searching for meaning in their lives.

It's here in this last category that we may fit St Dominic. Dominic encountered a strange and twisted form of Christianity in Southern France in the areas of what is known as the Albi region, hence the colloquial name for these Christians was the Albigensians. In fact really they were not Christian at all but had succumbed to a faulty understanding of both God and humanity. In our current pluralistic age one might ask why didn't Dominic just leave them alone? To understand this we need

**Cont...**to see Dominic in his context. Dominic was utterly convinced of the truth of the Catholic faith, so committed was he to this belief that he happily debated with his Albigensian rivals, pointing out that their grasp on the very important points about human existence were deeply flawed, and were in fact dangerous.

Yet, Dominic was no fascist who rolled into town and enforced his views, rather he entered into robust dialogue with those whom he encountered. Sadly others took more militaristic approaches to the Albigensian issue. So how did Dominic reflect the gospel?

One of Dominic's earliest biographers, Blessed Jordan of Saxony, made this remark about the saint in the course of his narrative: "so as he loved all so was he loved by all". Dominic reflected, first and foremost an amiable nature. He was, despite his previous contemplative existence as a Canon of the Cathedral of Osma, a people person. All of St Dominic's early biographies all point to his joy and enthusiasm, his passion, and compassion for those to whom he ministered. Dominic then teaches us a tremendously important virtue which we can ignore and this is the virtue of amiability or friendliness. This virtue is a part of the virtue of justice, meaning that amiability is the way we act towards others and acting toward them as is their due. It was Dominic's amiability that enabled him to convert souls alongside his understanding of the faith, and thus Dominic teaches us a perfect instruction in the art of evangelisation "speaking the truth in love" as St Paul puts it.

Another remark Blessed Jordan makes about St Dominic is the saint spoke either to God or about God. One may remark that Dominic sounds like a very boring dinner companion at best or a very narrow minded individual at worst, yet it was this manner that drew people to him. Clearly Dominic could only open up the treasury of God's love by first experiencing that love in his prayer life. Once again the biographers of Dominic report that the saint spent many a night in prayer, in fact one biographer states that "the days he gave to people, the nights he gave to God". It is said he often exhausted himself in prayer so much so that the brethren would find him asleep on the floor of the church.

Thus it was Dominic's love for God, evidenced in his exhausting prayer life that was then reflected in his delight with his fellows, which enabled him to be a joyful herald of the gospel. Today as we commemorate our holy father Dominic may we take on board Dominic's passion for the truths of the faith, the capacity to be amiable with both friend or stranger, and a zeal for prayer, so that we too may speak either to God or about God!

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

## NATIONAL HOMELESSNESS WEEK

Homelessness, as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, is: '. . . if [people's] current living arrangement: is in a dwelling that is inadequate; or has no tenure, or if their initial tenure is short and not extendable; or does not allow them to have control of, and access to space for social relations'. Beyond that rather bloodless definition are more than 116,000 people all ages in Australia who do not have space to call their own. Stable

Cont...accommodation is necessary if we are to live fully as human beings with our dignity respected. This week (1-7 August) is National Homelessness Week. It aims to raise awareness of homelessness in Australia and the importance of social housing as a long-term solution.

## DOMINICAN FATHERS SICKNESS & RETIREMENT

The Dominican Fathers Sickness & Retirement Fund Appeal will be held on 13 & 14 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.

## CHURCH KEYS

Church keys: During the two break-ins all our spare keys were stolen and all locks needed to be replaced with a new set-up. You will need to contact the office on how to access the church. Parishioners issued with a key please return your key as soon as possible by placing the key in an envelope with your name and key number on it and place it in the 2nd Collection box.

## 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.

## FUNDRAISING DINNER

Calvary Auxiliary Public Hospital Bruce is holding a fundraising dinner on Thursday 15 September 2022, 6pm for 6.15 pm at the CIT restaurant, Reid. It will be a 3-course dinner. The guest speaker will be Ms Valmai Dempsey, who will speak on the theme "Service before self: the value of volunteering". Tickets are \$50 per head + booking fee, available from <https://www.trybooking.com/CBFZQ>. Enquiries: Margaret on 0411549430

## 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](mailto: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 Account number: 97 310 5044 Reference: Your Name - Donation

**15th August**  
**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Mass will be held at**  
**6:00pm**

## 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, 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

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Kevin Bourke, Jose Luis Prates Leal

**HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S FAITH CIRCLE** On Thursday evening 11 August at 8pm. Meeting fortnightly to connect, share, journey and grow together in faith. Please email Emily at [emilykathrynhall@gmail.com](mailto:emilykathrynhall@gmail.com) for further details.

**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](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

## ROSTER 13 / 14 August

**Saturday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - M. Tran  
Reader - K. Markcrow, M. Kraaz

**Sunday 8.00am** - Acolyte - K. Linard  
Reader - E. & J. Smith

**Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - H. Beasely  
Reader - C. Rheinberger / A. McCarthy

**Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - P. Tran  
Reader - J. Schwinghamer / T. Malone

**It takes nothing to join the crowd.**  
**It takes EVERYTHING to stand alone.**

