

Catholic Parish of Blackfriars



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HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Mass Times
Week Day
Monday - NO Mass
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday
9am to 12.30pm

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 83: 10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING

First reading - Isaiah 56:1,6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING

Second reading - Romans 11:13-15,29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel - Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon is NOT recited when hymns are sung.

Communion Antiphon - Ps 129: 7

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

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SEASON OF CREATION ECOLOGY PILGRIMAGE



We will be soon entering the Season of Creation, the annual Christian celebration when we pray and respond to the cry of creation. During the season, which runs from the World Day of Prayer for Creation (1 September) to the Feast of St Francis of Assisi (4 October), the global ecumenical family comes together to listen and care for our common home. We unite this year around the theme *Let Justice and Peace Flow*.

As part of the celebration, the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn in collaboration with the Australian Catholic University is offering a series of six online dialogue sessions, *Integral ecology pilgrimage – Let Justice and Peace Flow*, starting on 31 August. It will be 'a dynamic interactive and deep learning experience giving life to the global Laudato Si' goals – grounded on country, in eco-eco-theology, and in Sacred Scripture'.

See <http://bit.ly/3rTieKp> or the QR code for more information and to register.



SPARRING WITH CHRIST



Today's Gospel passage seems extremely odd!

We expect Jesus to be rude towards hypocrites; we don't expect him to be rude towards a woman who is in desperate need of his help.

Perhaps Jesus isn't being rude. Maybe he's getting people to think.

When the Gospels were written, no punctuation was used; it's not always obvious what tone of voice is implied. Did Jesus ask his disciples, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel, wasn't I?' Was he teasing them to say 'Yes,' only to discover that's the wrong answer?

True, earlier on, Jesus had sent them out to preach only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. But before that, he had praised the centurion's faith and healed his boy, adding that many will come from east and west to sit at table in God's Kingdom. The disciples should have in mind texts like today's first reading, which predicts God's covenant-love will embrace people from all over the world. His Chosen People had privileges we heard St Paul list last week, an irrevocable vocation, as he says today. Their vocation was to ensure God's salvation would reach to the ends of the earth; that vocation was amply fulfilled when Jesus sent out his first disciples – all of them Jews – in the Spirit's strength to teach all nations.

Jesus' words are read to us so as to provoke us. Many of us live in countries that are, or have been, Christian. Many clergy and parish workers serve communities in these countries; many Christians find ways of preaching to 'the lost sheep of the house of England, or Scotland, or France...' But Jesus isn't only for these countries. There's something wrong if we have lost our missionary zeal. We should rejoice – and be humbled – to learn about the many Christians in countries that haven't been largely Christian whose faith, like that of the centurion and the Canaanite woman, puts ours to shame.

Was Jesus asking that woman a question? – 'It's not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house-dogs, is it?' Was he at least leading her on – perhaps with a twinkle in his eye – to get the better of him? Was their conversation a bit like a tutor sparring with a bright student?

Maybe we should think of Jesus sparring with us. In what seems a typical Jewish way, he sometimes puts, bluntly, one side of things, only to put, bluntly, the other side later on. He tells us our righteousness must exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees if we are to enter his Kingdom – then reassures us by saying he came to call sinners. He tells a rich young man to sell everything and follow him as a wandering preacher – then tells other people he has healed to stay at home, and is friends with Martha who has a household to manage. Jesus sometimes expects us to juggle his sayings, while letting them keep us on our toes and stop us becoming complacent. More generally, the Scriptures often make us *think*. Which statements are literally true, which are meant as metaphors or images? Which Old Testament laws unpack for us the Natural Law that holds for all time, which are ritual laws that have been superseded – and how did these prophesy Jesus' Sacrifice and the Sacraments he gave us?

CONT... Jesus sometimes seems to spar with us when we pray, when, like the Canaanite woman, we beg him to heal someone we love and care for – or to heal us. It can seem that he's rebuffing us, as he seemed to rebuff her. Sometimes he is leading us on to get the better of him, to persist until we do get what we want. Always he recognises our faith; always he uses it to further the growth of his Kingdom. When we don't seem to get what we want, he's asking us to reflect on the clearest, the most eloquent, the most unfathomable thing he said, namely his act of Sacrifice. It's his great lesson to us.

It won for him his Resurrection, and won for us our future share in his Resurrection when, at last, all prayers and longings will be answered.

This is a sermon prepared by Fr Richard Conrad OP on the readings for the 20th Sunday. Fr Richard teaches theology at Blackfriars, Oxford UK.

GALONG RETREAT LIVING IN GOD'S DIVINE WILL

A retreat to explore the deeper mystical journey of the Soul's interior life. The retreat will be led by Frs Hugh Thomas & Emil Milat,

Dates: 25-27 August 2023. Pls book directly with St Clements retreat center at info@stclement.com.au or 63805222.

For more info, please contact Fr Emil at emil.milat@cg.org.au

PARISH HISTORY - CELEBRATING 60 YEARS



This year our parish is celebrating its 60th anniversary. As we look forward to the next chapter of the story, the 60th 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.

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

Any queries or comments to Roger Paul at rpaul2572@gmail.com or on 0421 612 572.

DOMINICAN FATHERS SICKNESS & RETIREMENT

The Dominican Fathers Sickness & Retirement Fund

Appeal will be held THIS WEEKEND (**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.



Vinnies

VINNIES THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

The Parish Vinnies wants to thank parishioners for their generous support of the recent Winter Appeal. [Vinnies raised \\$6546.20 from the Watson Parish](#) to support the work of the Society in our region.

SAVE THE DATE

A free leaflet is available in the church foyer advertising a Catholic Women's Dinner on Friday 27 October at the Southern Cross club. Please take a copy and read more about the taskforce on the reverse of the leaflet, 'Working Differently'. Becoming a member or friend of the taskforce is welcomed. Three parishioners are already engaged in this service.

Brought to you by the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Women's Taskforce (ACGWT)

MERICI COLLEGE—50 YEAR REUNION



Did you start at what was then Catholic Girls' High School, Braddon, in 1968 and leave sometime along the way but by the end of 1973?

We are celebrating our 50 year reunion for the fabulous students from that era.

Join us at the school for a walk down memory lane at 4 pm on Saturday, 18 November, and afterwards for a buffet dinner at Yowani Golf Club at 6.30 pm. Bookings are essential: please contact Anne at CGHSB1973@gmail.com

PARISH OFFICE—TEMPORARY HOURS

Jacquie 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

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Joe Schimizzi, Terry Stephens, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP, Marie Rheinberger, Katie Tuite, Gil Rodriguez, Fred Rumble

IN LOVING MEMORY

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

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 for further information.

VERBUM BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-35
Meeting in Father's Office TUESDAYS AT 7PM.

ROSTER -26/27 AUGUST

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M Tran / D Gauci
Reader - P Farrelly / B Basu
Computer - Volunteer

Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - K Linard
Reader - C Rheinberger / A Verzoza
Computer - Volunteer

Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - S Sedgwick
Reader - J Curnow / K Watson
Computer - T Malone

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