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VERITAS



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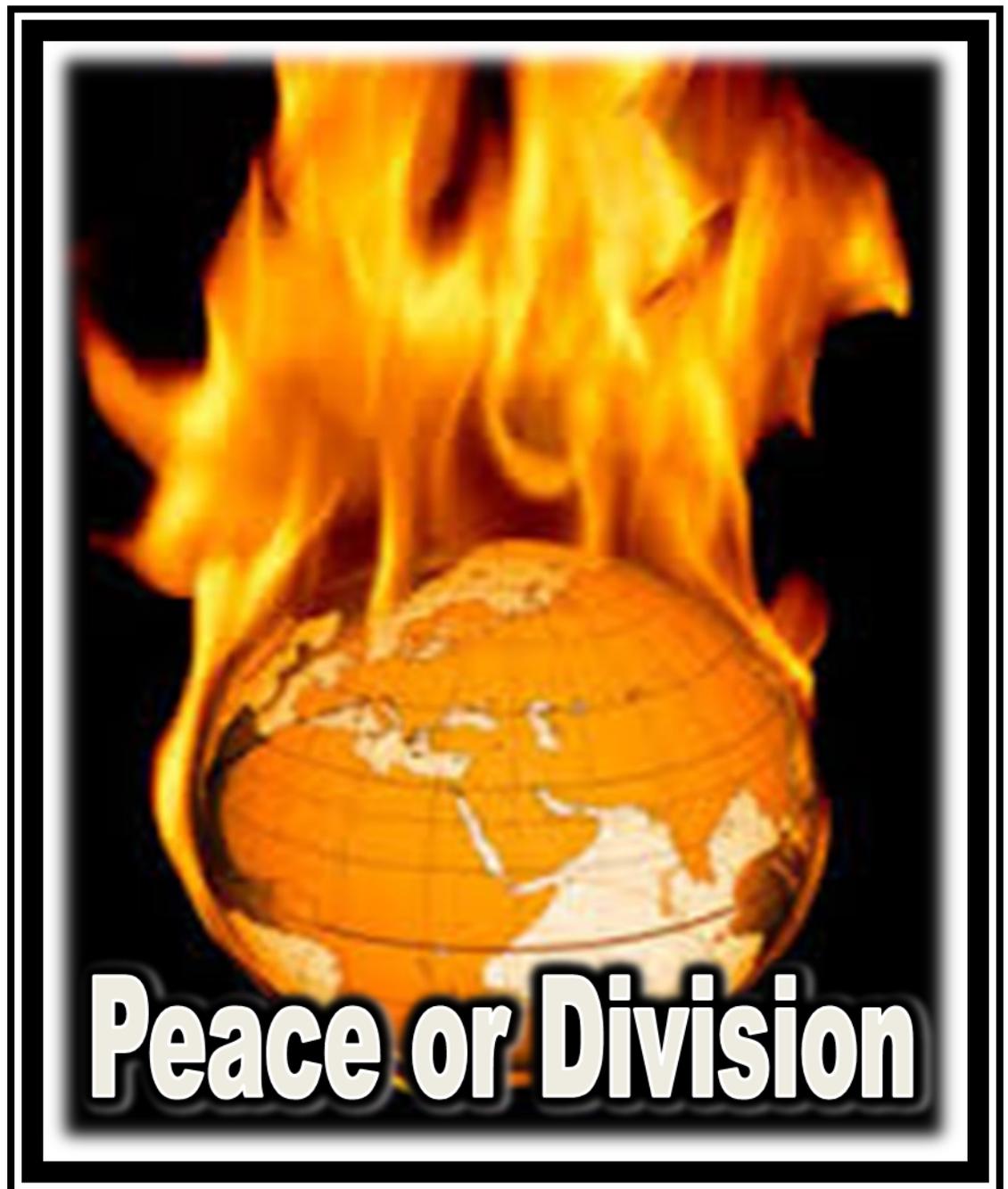
Mass Times
Monday - NO Mass
Tuesday & Thursday
8.00am
Wednesday & Friday
5:30pm
Saturday - 9:00am
Vigil - 5:pm
Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,
5:00pm

Reconciliation
Saturday
4pm—4.45pm

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

Pray the Rosary
Before 10am Mass on Sundays

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Peace or Division

**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

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 - Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 39(40):2-4,18

Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.

He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord.

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.

You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay.

Lord, come to my aid!

SECOND READING

Second reading - Hebrews 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it

Cont...to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and *from now on has taken his place at the right* of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel - Luke 12:49-53

How I wish it were blazing already!

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon - Ps 129: 7

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

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At the end of the street is a tree covered in early blossom and poking up among the weeds of what purports to be a front garden are a number of daffodils and jonquils. Why am I so concentrated on these early signs of spring considering winter is not officially over for another four to seven weeks (depending on whether you start spring on 1 September or the vernal equinox)? For those battling Covid protocols mean it means isolation. In the absence of human contact, what is outside the window has become immensely important.

Until it's taken away we don't realise how necessary connection and hope are to our wellbeing.

When there is news, good or bad, our first thought is to share it with family and friends. And while we can do it over Zoom or the phone, it's not the same as a hug. In Luke's Gospel for the Feast of the Assumption on Monday, 15 August, 'Mary set out and went as quickly as she could . . . to Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,

Cont...the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit'. Both Mary and Elizabeth had amazing news they couldn't wait to share. They were connected to each other and to the Holy Spirit. It was a joyous meeting.

This week let us pray for all those who are missing their loved ones.

JESUS'. UNCOMFORTABLE WORDS



Too often in our glancing through scripture do we seek the comfortable, loving and consoling words of Jesus, phrases like Come to me all you who are burdened and I will give you rest, or Love one another as I have loved you.

But who is this Jesus we meet in this week's gospel? This "imposter"

Jesus talks about bringing fire on earth, inciting division in families and acting as the herald of disquiet rather than the familiar prince of peace.

To grapple with these hard sayings of Jesus we need to view him within the context of the prophets who preceded him, like Jeremiah whom we saw in the first reading thrown into a well to die because his prophecies didn't fit with the prevailing culture and views of the time. Fundamental to the prophetic witness is to be a sign of contradiction, a counter cultural agency if you wish. Jesus like Jeremiah acts in a prophetic way by challenging the status quo, questioning such things as the use of money, relations between people and about how to conduct oneself in view of the final judgement.

Jesus' first of all seeks to cast fire on the earth. This imagery is deliberately left open by St Luke and it can have two understandings. First it is a reference to the prophet Elijah who brought fire down from heaven twice, first on Mt Carmel against the prophets of Baal, and then again on the soldiers of King Ahaziah who had come to arrest him. This symbolism highlights that Jesus stands strongly within the prophetic tradition of Israel. The second meaning to the casting of fire could also be a reference to the Pentecost event in the future whereby the Holy Spirit comes down to enlighten the disciples and burn away their fear. With these two understandings of Jesus' desire for fire one can then appreciate what Jesus is endeavouring to convey.

The heralding of division and disquiet amongst a household likewise demonstrates Jesus' prophetic office, the office of challenging society's comfort zones. Jesus predicts that his teaching will be both embraced and rejected. This is the outcome of a prophet's job. Like Jeremiah whose predictions about the destruction of Jerusalem poured disquiet, fear and anger into the hearts of his listeners, so too do Jesus' teachings likewise provoke anger, fear and disquiet. When Jesus criticises the rich and wealthy, the hypocrisy of the Pharisees, the immorality of religious professionals and the carelessness of believers who think that they can evade judgment, a natural response is division. Some will readily embrace Jesus teaching and repent of their sin, while others will only react with anger because their conscience has been pricked and they don't like it.

Cont...As we then reflect on these hard sayings of Jesus let us pray in this week's Eucharist that these difficult words may challenge our comfort zones and spur us on to repentance and to holiness of life.

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

THE PEACE THAT COMES THROUGH FIRE

'Jesus knows that lasting peace will only come when his words are heard and people change their behaviour. When he goes to the Temple he condemns this central institution of The nation as corrupt. And inevitably his words cause divisions.



'Today in the Gospel Jesus expresses a passionate impatience; he yearns for this baptism just as he yearns to share the Passover meal with his disciples. It will only be through his act of sacrificial love on the Cross that his disciples will be able to receive that baptism of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Having plumbed the depth of human injustice and passed through death the risen Jesus can give them the gift of an enduring peace through the power of the Holy Spirit. But that peace will bring with it, as Jesus predicts and as the Acts of the Apostles reveal, divisions in families and households.

'That gift of peace is still on offer. But just as many turned away from Christ's words in his own day people still prefer a quiet domestic peace which allow the deeper injustices and problems in their lives to be ignored. The Church too often puts out the fire which Christ wishes to bring to the earth through timidity and fear.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr David Sanders OP

THE ASSUMPTION

'Among the Fathers of the Church the privileges granted by God to Mary during her earthly sojourn - that she is the Virgin Mother of God unstained by sin, that she is the New Eve who cooperates with her Son, the New Adam, in the struggle over sin and death - are advanced in answer to the question regarding the basis for her bodily Assumption into heaven.



'So the truth of the Assumption is strongly connected to other revealed truths about the Virgin Mary, wrapped in these, as it were, implicitly. And as a hidden treasure, the Assumption was a truth of which the Church became ever more mindful, expounded by theologians and celebrated in the liturgy, until on the Feast of All Saints in 1950 the dogma that 'the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory' was declared to be a truth belonging to the content of divine and apostolic revelation. And in making this infallible declaration the Church had the guarantee, given by Jesus to the Church, that the Holy Spirit 'will guide you into all truth' (John 16:13).'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr Thomas Skeats OP

CHANGE TO MASS TIMES

Fr Mannes will be attending a conference in Sydney on the 19 & 20 August. Mass time changes:

Friday Aug 19th Mass will be at 8am NO 5.30pm

Saturday Aug 20th NO 9am Morning Mass

BAPTISM

Sebastian Lyons

will be baptised this weekend.
May his life be filled with God's peace,
and his heart with God's love...
on this Baptism day and always.



DOMINICAN FATHERS SICKNESS & RETIREMENT

The Dominican Fathers Sickness & Retirement Fund Appeal will be held this weekend. Envelopes will be provided for donations which should be placed in the 1st Collection boxes. DO NOT POST. For receipt purposes please print your details clearly. If donating by EFT email your details to the office for a receipt or use the envelope stating donation by EFT.

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

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.

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. 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. 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.
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.
Carmello Abbondante, Patricia Zorzi, William (Bill) Harriden

IN LOVING MEMORY

Kevin Bourke

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 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.
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 20 / 21 August

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - D. Gauci
Reader - P. Farrelly
Sunday 8.00am - Acolyte - K. Lindard
Reader - N. Webb, Noah Webb
Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - R. Tanzer
Reader - C. Barbaro, P. McDonald
Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - S. Sedgwick
Reader - C. Paton, Catherine Paton

MORNING TEA - Parishioners will meet again at GangGang on the third 18 August at GangGang from 10-30am. Frencham place Downer. The last of our winter gatherings.