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Year A

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HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Mass Times

Monday - NO Mass

Tuesday & Thursday

6:45am

Wednesday & Friday

5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am

Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,

5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm

and 4pm—4.30pm

Adoration - Holy Hour

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

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



Do Not Be Afraid

**If you are feeling unwell please DO NOT come to church.
Please record your name & contact number on the Register
provided in the foyer.**

**PLEASE sanitise your hands on entering the foyer or parish centre.
Please DO NOT return your bulletin to the basket, if you are not taking
it home put it in the bin.**



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9. 11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14

R/ Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R/**

SECOND READING

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

A CATECHESIS ON THE MASS

The Sacrifice of the Mass



What are the essentials then for a sacrifice?
We have already seen that there are four major elements to sacrifice

- 1) A victim,
- 2) A ritual by which the victim is offered,
- 3) A sacrificing priest duly ordained to this office, and lastly
- 4) The intention which is encapsulated in

the placation of God. In the Eucharistic sacrifice the intention is fourfold-to adore, ask forgiveness, to give thanks, and to petition things of God. Today I would like to address the first idea associated with sacrifice namely the victim or offering or oblation, and so let us understand the concept of Christ's victimhood.

The Victimhood of Christ

This pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim

Who is the victim of the Eucharistic sacrifice? The victim is none other than Our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is seen as a victim for sin throughout the New Testament data for instance:

Mark 8:31

31 And he began to teach them that **the Son of Man must suffer many things** and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. (Mark 8:31)

1 Peter 3:18

For **Christ also suffered once for sins**, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

Revelation 1:1-5

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. **To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ...**

2 Corinthians 5:21

21 **He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf**, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

This is just a smattering of verses pertaining to Christ's victimhood. Christ's victimhood stems from his state as one who is without sin, one who is perfect, one who is innocent. The Prophet Isaiah foretold Christ's innocence and victimhood long before when he said:

" 7 A victim? Yet he himself bows to the stroke;[5] no word comes from him. Sheep led away to the slaughter-house, lamb that stands dumb while it is shorn; no word from him. 8 Imprisoned, brought to judgement, and carried off, he, whose birth is beyond our knowing; numbered among the living no more! Be sure it is for my people's guilt I have smitten him." (Isaiah 53:7-8).

Christ who is innocent stands in for the many who are guilty and receives the penalty guilty humanity should have suffered. It is in Christ's victimhood that we see the love of God. In our fragility, woundedness and selfishness we incur the penalty of our actions and yet we need not suffer for them because the divine victim sent by the Father is offered in our place, as St Paul says he who knew not sin, became sin on our behalf. That sin, which we commit is nailed to the tree and forgiveness is borne from its slaying. It is in the Holy Eucharist then we commemorate and indeed make present among us that saving victim who opened paradise's gates and it is for this reason we see mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I) the following phrase after the Consecration:

**Therefore, O Lord,
as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion,
the Resurrection from the dead,
and the glorious Ascension into heaven
of Christ, your Son, our Lord,
we, your servants and your holy people,
offer to your glorious majesty
from the gifts that you have given us,
this pure victim,
this holy victim,
this spotless victim,**

Jesus, victim for our sins have mercy on us!

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

DOMINICAN FATHERS SICKNESS & RETIREMENT APPEAL

The Appeal for the Dominican Fathers Sickness & Retirement Fund will be held 22/23 August. Envelopes will be provided for your contribution. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Today's story begins with a storm scene. We all face storms in our lives, difficult times that cause us to tremble and shake with fear. In the story, Peter calls out to Jesus, 'If it really is you Lord, tell me to come to you on the water.' He is fine while he believes, but as soon as he begins to doubt, he starts to sink. Sometimes it is really hard to keep believing. However Jesus tells us to trust him and he will look after us.

**DEAR LORD,
TEACH ME TO TRUST IN YOU SO THAT WHEN THE
UNEXPECTED STORMS OF LIFE COME,
I WILL EXPECT PEACE IN THE MIDST OF THOSE STORMS,
KNOWING THAT YOU ARE NEAR,
YOU HEAR MY CRIES,
AND YOU ARE WITH ME AND FOR ME.**

NINETEENTH SUNDAY

The Gospel on Sunday Jesus walks on the water, recognises that there will be times of stress and danger when faith will be tested and sometimes fail. 'But this does not mean that "Emmanuel" is not with us.' This idea of an ever-present God who reaches out to us and brings peace is reiterated in the scripture reflections: 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid'.

There's no limit to the ways in which human beings encounter the divine. Our experience of God's presence and power is infinitely varied. It can happen in a dramatically impressive event; it can happen in a moment of utter quiet. In the end it is not something under our control. The initiative is always God's. Often enough it occurs precisely when we have lost control of our lives, when our defences are down and we are aware of our human frailty. Our vulnerability allows God to reach into our lives and touch us. As we hear today such was the case both for the prophet Elijah and for Jesus' disciples. Elijah was on the run for fear of his life; Peter and the other disciples were terrified they would drown. Elijah encounters God in a mysterious silence, Peter and the others in Jesus' power over the forces of nature. In whatever way we sense the divine presence in our lives, we are invited to hear the reassuring words, "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid".

FAITH ALLOWS US ALL TO CONQUER THINKING/SINKING FEELING

'Just before the episode in today's Gospel passage [Peter] witnessed the feeding of the five thousand. As he heard and saw, his faith in the Christ grew; but faith sometimes needed testing and strengthening.

'Like Elijah, Peter and the other disciples experienced something of the destructive power of nature; they were exposed to a heavy sea and a strong wind, and were in danger of death. Jesus and the disciples had become separated. Jesus, who had withdrawn to the hills to pray, came to them, walking on the water, showing his mastery of nature. Peter may have wanted to be nearer to Jesus, asked him, possibly impetuously, to bid him come to him, to which he received the answer "come". And Peter walked, but soon began to sink.

'The passage seems to suggest that Peter's difficulty was not with the sea but with the wind. He asked the saviour to save him, which he did. Peter, like Elijah, was reproached for his lack of faith. Did this mean that had Peter continued to walk on the waves he would have reached the Christ, or did it mean that he doubted that Jesus would save him? The disciples responded by declaring that Jesus was truly the Son of God.

Peter the disciple, like Elijah the prophet, had learned something important, that to be a servant of God demanded trust and faith. Without these no apostolate would succeed.'

Excerpt - Robert Pollock OP <http://torch.op.org>

MARY MACKILLOP PRAYER

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
to live her life faithful to the Gospel of
Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope
and encouragement
to those who were disheartened,
lonely or needy.

With confidence in your generous providence
and through the intercession of
Saint Mary MacKillop.
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh
by the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live
with courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.



ASSUMPTION HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The **Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven**, informally known as **the Assumption**, according to the beliefs of the Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodoxy, Oriental Orthodoxy, and parts of Anglicanism, was the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life.



Vigil Mass for the Assumption
Friday 14th August 5:30pm
 (fulfils Holy Day of Obligation)
Assumption Mass ~ 9:00am
Saturday 15th August

ACBC & MENALIVE

ACBC & MENALIVE National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now an online event run in Canberra Central Parish on **Sunday 16 August**. Starts 12noon, with BBQ starting at 12:30, at St Brigid's Parish Hall Dickson. A combined initiative of the Australian Bishops Conference and MenAlive, with some of the most inspiring speakers & musicians on male spirituality steaming in via the internet. Concludes 5:30pm. All men welcome- no registration needed. Note: the Day will be run on **Saturday 15 August** at St Benedict's Narrabundah for those who cannot make the Sunday- contact narrabundah@cg.org.au for the event details there. RSVP: for the BBQ it would be helpful to please contact Najib on najibemail@gmail.com or Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au or parish office 62485472.

NATIONL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

This week we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop. Our first Australian born canonised saint. St Mary took bold new directions in education and care of children. We know her saying 'Never see a need without doing something about it'. We pray this week that many young people in our communities may embrace this spirit in response to the call of the Lord to serve as priests or consecrated religious.

MARIAN PROCESSION

Marian procession for the Solemnity of the Assumption: starts St Brigid's 2pm Saturday 15 August with Rosary 1st decade then walk while praying rosary carrying statue of Our Lady, arrive Our Lady of Rosary Watson 3pm for Divine Mercy chaplet, Litany of Loreto and Benediction will conclude with cuppa in Watson parish centre afterwards. All Welcome. Note: Social Distancing will be observed. Those who would like to provide something for the cuppa please contact Watson Parish Office 6248 5925 - watson@cg.org.au.

ADORATION

Would you like to spend some special time with our Lord? Visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will be held each Tuesday from 12 noon until 1:00pm in the Church.

MY VOICE

My Voice seeks to realise the Archdiocesan three year vision for youth: belong, believe and become. It involves children in articulating their rights and responsibilities within the Church. The project is designed for students in Years 4 to 7. If you would like to participate in the survey, go to: cgyouth.org.au/myvoice or email youth@cg.org.au for more information.

PARISH

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION - Parish School of a religion will resume this Sunday at 9am in the Parish Hall. Families wishing for children to receive Sacramental preparation are to please contact Nicole Webb on 0414139170. A friendly reminder to observe COVID precautions by keeping children who are unwell or who have been exposed to unwell family members, at home.

MASS INTENTION - please email or phone the Parish Office

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets 2.00pm **Thursdays** in the church. Contact the Office for information.

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

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on the **first, second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month .

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is **NOON TUESDAY** Ph. 6248 5925 or Email: watson@cg.org.au

PLANNED GIVING & DONATIONS

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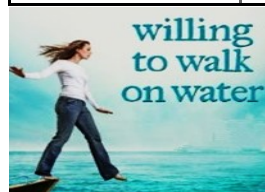
In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

Alexia Harris, Maria Martiniello, Greg O'Neill, Barbara Parsonage Moya McGrath, Mary Martin, Barbara Wilson, Anne Corver, Ursula Ramsay, Edith Jensen, Frank Zobec, June Pollard, Maureen Dawes, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Mimma Gia, Awny El-Ghitany, Rosa Maria Santos, Margaret Sullivan, Zelma McManus, Elizabeth Webster, Fr Joe McGeehan, Joe Schimizzi, Bob Hackett, Elsie Loughton, Paul Neddrie, Pamela Sandy, Beth Delos Santos, Maureen Blood

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

Helen Kilby, Mary James, Carmel Holley

ROSTER 15 / 16 August		
Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer	
Readers	A. O'Donnell	L. Fardel
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	S. Sedgwick	
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	T. de Luca



Step out in faith
 and let
 God work miracles
 through your life.