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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

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



If you are in Urgent need of a Priest
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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 - Cf. Ps 85: 3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING

First reading - Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him.

The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 67(68):4-7,10-11

*God, in your goodness,
you have made a home for the poor.*

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom:

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved
you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.

*God, in your goodness,
you have made a home for the poor.*

SECOND READING

Second reading - Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a blood for

Cont...purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 11:29ab

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel - Luke 14:1,7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon - Ps 30: 20

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Social Justice Sunday emphasises the importance of relationships in a world that helps human beings to flourish. **ocial Justice Sunday is celebrated this year in Australian Catholic Churches on 28 August.** It complements the United Nations Day for Social Justice in February. The theme of the latter is to encourage formal employment. This is based on a contract that gives security to employees, a just wage, and protection under the law. The hazards involved in casual and part-time employment have been evident in Australia during the Covid epidemic. The insecurity and low pay workers in aged homes and the health service contributed to the

Cont...spread of the virus and deaths in homes for the aged.

Social Justice Sunday also has its theme. This year it focuses on violence, and especially violence within families. The day also invites us yearly to reflect more broadly on what a world would look like if it cared for all its people. It gives the central place to the dignity of each human being. To do this forbids us from treating individuals or groups of people as dispensable, as marbles to be counted, and so able to be disregarded when they stand in the way of other people's interests.

Social Justice Sunday also emphasises the importance of relationships in a world that helps human beings to flourish. We depend on others for our life in this world, for our education and all the things that shape our work and our lifestyle. We have a corresponding responsibility to take into account the good of all our fellow human beings in our actions and in all our institutions.

HUMILITY



Are there particular Christian virtues? Most people would say that there aren't. It seems like everyone these days virtue signals their "compassion", or their "tolerance" or whatever virtue or value is in vogue.

A recent moral philosopher Alastair McIntyre argues that indeed there are particular virtues which Christianity has inserted into the lexicon of virtue. In his seminal work *'After Virtue'* McIntyre compares and contrasts the concept of virtue from its Aristotelian perspective, to how these classic values were treated by thinkers such as Aquinas, Hume and Nietzsche. McIntyre contends that Christianity added particular standards of behaviour which ensured human flourishing, which the Ancient Greeks would be utterly confused by, or which would be totally antithetical to any kind of Hellenistic version of human happiness.

McIntyre writes: "At once it is impossible to delay the remark that the most striking contrast with Aristotle's catalogue (of virtues) is to be found neither in Homer's (writings) nor in our own, but in the New Testament's. For the New Testament not only praises virtues of which Aristotle knows nothing- faith, hope and love-...but it praises at least one quality as a virtue Aristotle seems to count as one of the vices relative to magnanimity, namely humility."

Humility as a distinctive Christian virtue may likewise seem odd to our secular contemporaries, or maybe it isn't. I think most people would find the proud or arrogant boasting of a Donald Trump or the apparatchiks of the Chinese Communist Party to be totally antithetical to any sense of decency or humane values. Yet, Christianity's particular contribution of humility as a virtue arose in an epoch of world history, the Roman Empire, where power, oppression of the weak, militarism, and a certain sense of 'might is right' as a noble attitude, prevailed. Even Aristotle for all he got right still thought hiding your light under a bushel or not thinking of oneself beyond one's station to be distinctly odd.

Today's Old Testament reading from Ecclesiasticus, and our gospel from St Luke, preach the necessity of humility as a key marker of discipleship. Humility is illustrated in

Cont...both texts as a way of entering more fully into the life and service of God, Ecclesiasticus thus contends:

**The greater you are,
the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.**

This type of reversal is standard for our Judaeo-Christian texts because in a very real these sentiments are subversive of the powers of this world, and indeed put into place humanity's true position before Almighty God. The Roman Emperor, the King of England, the Supreme Leader of the CCP are, at the end of the day mere mortals who will die, and what legacy do they leave behind?

In fact Pride, or a lack of humility, is in itself a form of insecurity. Being arrogant, opinionated, not caring to listen to another's views, being distinctively domineering or aggressive in a meeting, are all hallmarks of an insecurity or a lack of connectedness at the depths of one's being. The truly great person has no need to create an impression, can afford to be open and appreciative and ready to learn from others. Such openness is indeed attractive and winning among our fellow human beings. More important, it gives a solidity and authenticity which leaves us open also to the quiet word of the Lord. 'To the humble the Lord reveals his secrets'. This is the quality of Jesus who is 'meek and humble of heart.'

Genuine humility walks a tight rope though. Genuine humility, on one hand does not flaunt arrogantly its wares, or push in front, or seeks its own glorification, but on the other hand, true humility doesn't act like a doormat either or believes unjust abuse is acceptable. The figure of our Blessed Lord, as he endured the mocking interrogation of Pilate, or the insults of the common soldiery as his crown of thorns was fashioned before him, manifests for us a true humility because internally Jesus was totally free, he knew his place before God and in the whole strata of the cosmos. And that is the acme of true humility knowing how indeed one stands in relation to God and one's fellows. If Pride is the inordinate sense of one's abilities and talents, the humble one, in opposition, knows truly what his gifts and talents are on one side, and his defects are on the other.

Today let us pray in this Eucharist for a keen sense of humility in our lives that we may know our smallness and dependence before God and our realistic place amongst our neighbours, endeavouring always to grow in self knowledge, assessing truly our gifts to be shared and our defects to be corrected.

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

OUR INVITATIONN TO THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

'This meal, like all the others in the Gospels, anticipated the heavenly banquet. Here Jesus is telling us that we are not the ones to decide which position we deserve. Our very presence at the heavenly banquet is God's gift. None of us deserves this. He will overturn our sense of priorities and will give the highest places to those whom the worldly consider to be the least important.

'The crucified Christ shows us where our true greatness

Contlies. Not in the honour or status we may bestow on ourselves, but in following Jesus along the way of the cross. Like him, we are called to serve, rather than be served, to give of ourselves, rather than grab for ourselves. Sometimes that will be costly, painful and humiliating. But, with the grace of God, this will bring out the very best in us. And God will give us a place of honour at his heavenly banquet. 'Let's be able to laugh at ourselves and our ridiculous posturing. Rather than our instinctively thinking we're the greatest, we should humbly recognise the dignity and worth of other people -- and leave the ranking to God.'

Excerpts from a homily by Fr Isidore Clarke OP

LITURGY ROSTER

The new Liturgy Roster will be prepared in September. We are looking for new/old volunteers, especially for the Vigil and 5pm Sunday Masses. Acolytes, Readers and Data Projector operators (training provided) are all essential to the smooth flow of the Mass. As our volunteer numbers have decreased please consider participating in the weekend liturgies. The sign-up form is in the foyer or email the office to sign up.

CARING FOR CREATION CONFERENCE

Early Bird registrations for the Caring for Creation Conference to be held on Saturday 17 September from 10am - 5pm close on 31 August. Keynote speaker Jacqui Remond Co-founder of global Lausato Si' Movement. More information at:

www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/care-for-creation

ST DOMINIC'S GARDEN FUNDRAISER MULTI-CULTURAL POT LUCK DINNER AT 6 PM ON SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Our Springtime fundraiser for St Dominic's Garden is quickly taking shape and here's how you can contribute to this great Parish event –

Buy raffle tickets after Mass and/or at the Parish Office for prizes to be drawn on the night;

Bring a **dinner** to share (and buy raffle tickets);

Attend the dinner for **\$20 per head for your chance to win the lucky door prize** (and buy raffle tickets); and

If you don't want to buy raffle tickets, make a donation after Mass or at the Parish Office.

Book in by email to watson@cg.org.au or write a note to Jacquie in the Parish Office. Please note that to accompany your favourite plate to share on the night, the Parish will supply cooked plain rice and desserts including a big birthday cake for a special someone's 80th.

Please make your booking soon so as not to be disappointed **because your entry to the event will be by booked tickets only.**

Let us know what sort of dish you would like to bring along. Bookings will close at noon on **Monday 12th** September.

Oh and did we mention - buy some raffle tickets soon.

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: 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, Una Bell, Anthony Parsonage, Neville Caulfield, Lily Copeland, Maggie McKeon, Alphonsa Bankovsky, Frank Higgins, Doug Gaudencio, Bruce Feehan, Terry Farrelly, Fr Rafael Cabezon

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Joseph de Riva o'Phelan, Carmello Abbondante, Patricia Zorzi, William (Bill) Harriden, Fred Grill,

Br Brendan O'Hearn OP

Joseph de Riva O'Phelan - funeral is **10.30am** Monday 29 Aug.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Richard Johnson

BAPTISM

Audrey Spilker

will be baptised this weekend.

May her life be filled with God's peace, and her heart with God's love... on this Baptism day and always.



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 3 / 4 September

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - D. Gauchi
Reader - K. Markcrow

Sunday 8.00am - Acolyte - K. Linard
Reader - M. Falk, T. Klekner

Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - H. Beasley
Reader - C. Rheinberger

Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - S. Sedgwick
Reader - J. Curnow, K. Watson