



# Catholic Parish of Blackfriars

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## VERITAS

## TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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*Mass times*

Wed 5.30pm

Tues & Thurs 6.45am

Fri 5.30pm

**Saturday 5pm (Vigil)**

**Sunday 8am, 10am & 5pm**

9am Mass Saturday & Public

Holidays

excluding Mondays

*Pray the Rosary*

Wed & Fri before 5.30pm Mass

Saturday after 9am Mass

*Reconciliation*

Saturday 12pm–12.30pm

and 4pm–4.30pm

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Which  
Way  
are  
**YOU**  
Going?



**If you are in Urgent need of  
a Priest Call - 6248 8253**

A warm welcome is extended to guests & parishioners celebrating our Eucharist today.

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	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.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.
<b>READINGS</b>	Jeremiah 20:7-9    Romans 12:1-2 Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

## Happy Father's Day!

Dear God,  
I give thanks for fathers.  
I recognize the dedication and patience it takes to be  
a source of compassion and understanding when  
helping to shape a young life.  
Bless all fathers,  
especially those who are new in this sacred role.  
I pray they feel Your presence with them.  
May they know that Your strength and wisdom  
are within them,  
providing all they need to guide and support  
their children with kindness and love.  
Amen

### PSALM: 62:2-6. 8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.

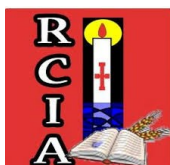
So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

### HOW DO I BECOME A CATHOLIC

Are you an adult interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process, based within a parish community, that starts by allowing interested individuals to make initial enquiries about the Catholic faith. Each year we have had the privilege of receiving new members into our community at Holy Rosary. Please contact the Parish office on 6248 5925 if you would like to attend or to discuss your interest with an RCIA team member. The program will begin on Tuesday 5th September.



### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The NEXT Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on held on Monday 11th September at 7.15pm.

### CARE OF THE SICK

If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and who would like the Eucharist brought to them, please let the office know. Also, if someone is in need of prayer or a visit in hospital - likewise, please let us know.

### THANK YOU

Dear parishioners  
My heartfelt thanks and appreciation of your messages and good wishes on the occasion of my anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. I hope we will be able to celebrate other anniversaries in the future. I don't think I will see another forty though!

God love and bless you all.  
Fr Kieran



### MASS TIME CHANGES

Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday evening Mass have changed time to 5pm. Reconciliation Saturday 12pm - 12.30pm and 4.00 pm - 4.30pm.

### MASS CANCELLATION

On Friday 15th September students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at 6pm. The Friday 5.30pm Mass will be cancelled.

### SAVE THE DATE

On the 7th October after the 5pm Mass a Potluck Dinner will be held to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Rosary in the Parish Centre. This is an opportunity for parishioners to gather and celebrate our Church Feast Day.

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

Elizabeth Cronin, Maureen Blood,  
Fr Ellis Clifford, Dion Convine,  
Edith Jensen, Richard Johnson  
Alexia Harris, Joe Schimizzi,  
Mary Harrigan, Elizabeth Webster,  
Philip Bailey, Eileen Liston,  
Rosa Maria Santos, Jim Burgess,  
Mary Bui, Rosemary Denmead  
Awny El-Ghitany, Barbara Wilson  
Beth Delos Santos, Elsie Laughton,  
Lynn & Richard Bale,

**Please remember:**

Anne Perkins, Adrian Newbond

**In loving memory**

Natasha Maria Linnard,  
Jason Tutalo, Christopher Ford

## UPCOMING MARRIAGE

**We pray for Chiara Mastrolembro and Steven Rattenbury who will be married in Holy Rosary Church next Saturday 9th September at 10.30am. Chiara is the granddaughter of Elizabeth and Dominic Musolino.**

**May their lives be filled with happiness and their hearts be filled with love forever.**

## BAPTISM

### *Sebastian Sammut*

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



## MY WAYS ARE NOT YOUR WAYS

Peter knew that Jesus was the Messiah awaited by God's people, but he did not understand that Jesus would be a suffering Messiah. God forbid that any such thing ever happen to you! But it did happen to Jesus, and it happens to those who follow him: "If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self (and) take up his cross." Jeremiah had foretold the suffering of those who work for the coming of the kingdom: "All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me ... The word of the Lord has brought me derision and reproach all the day." It is not easy, this business of following Christ. You work for peace, and people accuse you of being unpatriotic. You stand up for the poor, and people write you off as a naive dreamer. You work for nonviolent change, like Martin Luther King, or Ita Ford, or Archbishop Oscar Romero, and they shoot you. Meanwhile, you calmly go about your life, praying that God fill our hearts with love and increase our faith. "Do not conform yourselves to this age," Paul wrote to the Romans. We pay a price for such an approach, but we do so willingly because of our faith in the "promise of salvation." The Church, like a pilgrim in a foreign land, presses forward amid the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God, announcing the cross and death of the Lord until he comes. By the power of the risen Lord, she is given strength to overcome patiently and lovingly the afflictions and hardships which assail her from within and without, and to show forth in the world the mystery of the Lord in a faithful though shadowed way, until at the last it will be revealed in total splendour. [Vatican II, Constitution on the Church, Gerald Darring](#)



## DOES GOD WANT US TO BE HAPPY?

Does God want us to be happy? How could anyone answer 'no'? How could anyone suppose God is loving if it is not true that he wants us to be happy?

And yet look at Christ's line in the Gospel Reading. Deny yourself, Jesus tells his faithful followers; take up your cross and follow me.

Denying yourself seems the opposite of going for happiness, doesn't it? And the cross is an instrument of torture. Why would God want these things for his people? Does God want us to be *unhappy*?

A man divorcing his dowdy wife to marry a much younger, prettier woman explained his decision to his devastated wife this way: "God wants me to be happy," he told her, "and I can't be happy with *you*. I *will* be happy with her."

No one can be happy whose heart has deep within it a willingness to crush others to get what he wants.

It seems never to have crossed the mind of this man that God might have any care for the happiness of his wife. As far as his wife was concerned, the husband's full view of the matter could be put this way: "God wants *me* to be happy, but God doesn't give a damn about *you*."

This little story is common in its selfishness. But we should not let our familiarity with its callous disregard for the suffering of others blind us. Whether it is these familiar evils or the terrible shocking evils we see in the news, these evils show us the sickness of the post-fall human condition. We are willing to privilege our own power or pleasure over any greater goods, even at the cost of cruelty to others.

We can't be happy in *this* condition. No one can be happy whose heart has deep within it a willingness to crush others to get what he wants.

Well, then, what is to be done with us? What *will* make us happy? What will save us from the evil that infects us and leaves us so willing to afflict others?

This is where Christ's cross comes into the story. Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. (Jn 14:6) The cross of Christ is our only route to the happiness God does want for us.

Taking up our cross with Christ is healing for our sinful condition. It is the way to life, and to true joy.

[Eleonore Stump](#) <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

## TAKING UP THE CROSS IS A DAILY CHALLENGE

'Jesus is forming his disciples, we remember. And now he challenges them to begin to come to terms with the mystery of the Cross - his reconciling and healing of a shattered world. Though Jesus was aware that his conflict with the Jerusalem authorities was a matter of life and death - 'the elders, chief priests and scribes' were the three groups of leaders who made up the Sanhedrin that was to condemn him - his words do not necessarily involve a miraculous foreknowledge of his fate. "Taking up the cross" was a proverbial way of referring to the bearing of adversity and suffering. Under Roman rule, crucifixion - with its prelude of the criminal's bearing of the heavy crossbeam to the place of execution - was a familiar reality. Those who wish to be his followers, Jesus declares, must be warned that this means a readiness to bear the burden of suffering.

Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.' These words of Jesus imply an astounding claim. "For my sake," Jesus says. For Old Testament faith, it is only God who deserves to be loved with all one's "heart, soul and mind" (Deut 16); now Jesus is claiming the same absolute allegiance for himself. For Jesus, this taking up of the cross is a daily, life-long calling. The other readings of today's liturgy help us to reflect upon what this call involves in practical everyday terms. Jeremiah's heroic faithfulness was to become a source of blessings and encouragement for God's people of every age. Today's passage from Paul to the Romans can serve as a commentary on the call of Jesus. We can offer our faithfulness as a "living sacrifice," uniting our offering to the Saviour's gift of himself for the sake of the world. It is the mystery of the Eucharist that makes this possible.'

[From a sermon by Fr John Thornhill](#)

<http://www.theemmausseries.com/a22sunday.html>

## ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

Archbishop Christopher Prowse will celebrate the 5pm vigil Mass at Holy Rosary on Saturday 23rd September



## HOLY ROSARY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**SCHOOL OF RELIGION Sunday** A year long Faith Education Program including Sacraments for children who do not attend Catholic Schools. Contact the Office for further information.

**BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP** meets on **Thursday** evenings in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 Explore at [www.wccm.org](http://www.wccm.org)

**CARDS** Play social style 'Cards for fun', **Monday** 10am-1pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome!!!

**CARE OF THE SICK** If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and who would like the Eucharist brought to them, please let the office know. If someone is in need of prayer or a visit at home, in hospital or by the Parish Priest - please, let us know.

**COFFEE GROUP** Our monthly coffee group will meet at Wilbur's, Hackett on the **third Thursday** of each month at 10.30 am. We look forward to seeing our usual friends, and newcomers most welcome.

**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.

**HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP** Divine Will Prayer Group meets 2.00pm **Thursdays** in the church. Details Heather 6247 7775.

**WEEKLY READER FORMATION** Reflections on the readings for the following Sunday are held **Wednesday** evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All Parishioners welcome.

**PRAY THE ROSARY** will be held the First Saturday of every month at 3.30pm in the Church. Confessions available afterwards followed by refreshments in the parish centre. Please bring a plate to share. For more information call Letty on 0418 518 033

*Happiness is always there within reach,  
no matter how long it lasts...  
Let's enjoy life and don't live a complicated life.  
Life is too short. Work as if it was your first day.  
Forgive as soon as possible.  
Love without boundaries.  
Laugh without control and never stop smiling.*

**COELIACS** Parishioners who are coeliac (intolerant to Gluten) If you wish to receive a gluten free host at Mass you should advise the Celebrant or Acolyte prior to Mass.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** would you like to join our Parish? If you wish to register as Blackfriars Parishioner please fill out a card which you can find on the entrance tables and place on the second plate or give the card to Father.

**Holy Rosary Church is fitted with an audio loop. It is accessible in all seating areas by using T- switch on your hearing aid.**

**PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE** for notices is **NOON TUESDAY** Please contact Jacquie in the office Ph. 6248 5925 Fax.6248 7564 or Email: [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au)

## IMPORTANT

It is important that you contact the office by email or in writing (even a note on the collection plate) if you require a booking - for a Mass Intention, Booking of the Church or Parish Centre, Weddings and Baptisms.

If you would like to add a name to the prayers for the sick, anniversary or death list in the *Bulletin*, details must be with the Parish Office **NO** later than Tuesday of that week. For all other bookings Mass for an Anniversary or to use the Parish Centre etc. two weeks notice is required. It is difficult to keep track of Parishioners requests if they do not come through the Office. Fr Kieran

## EVENTS

### 4 September - PHILIPPINES MISSION INFORMATION NIGHT

For more than 20 years the Missionaries of God's Love has been ministering to the desperately poor of Manila. Fr Paul Uwemedimo MGL is in Canberra and will be speaking of his work, please come along on Monday 4 September 7:00-8:30pm at St Benedict's Parish Centre Narrabundah. Contact Anthony Doyle 0429 782 018.

### 6 September "BLACKFRIARS LECTURE SERIES"

Michael Cooney; National Director of the Australian Republican Movement, will discuss Diversity, Empathy and Tradition: Challenges for Australian Leadership.

### 6 September "ST THOMAS MORE FORUM"

Mr Ross Fox, Director, Catholic Education, Archdiocese Canberra and Goulburn will speak on: "Fair funding for Catholic schools, a perspective on the continuing fight". 7.30pm at Holy Faith Hall, Campbell. RSVP (for catering purposes) by noon, Monday 4 September. Enquiries to 0484 355 786 or [forum@stthomasmore.org.au](mailto:forum@stthomasmore.org.au)

### 10 September - AMICUS

"Amicus", a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering at the Austrian Club at 12noon for lunch followed by Austrian Choir Concert at 2.00pm. Contact Rosemary: 0428599342.

### 20 September - SAVE THE DATE

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn - Join us for the official opening and blessing of St Christopher's Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 20th September at 2pm.

### 6 October - MOVIE NIGHT FOR HOME

"Home" in Queanbeyan is holding a fund raising movie night at the Q Theatre Queanbeyan commencing at 6.00pm.

### 8 October - MARIAN PROCESSION

Archbishop Christopher extends an invitation to all Catholics of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn to attend the 2017 Marian Procession at St Clement's Monastery, Galong. 9am: Youth Pilgrimage from Galong Village. 10.30: Confession. 11.30am: Mass with Archbishop Christopher. 12.30pm: Lunch. 2pm: Procession to the Grotto and sharing by Sr Mary Rachel (OP)

### 10 November - REXBAND

Rexband come from India and are associated with the Jesus Youth movement. They share the Good News of the Gospel through a three hour performance of lively music - On Friday 10th November Rexband will be performing at Queanbeyan Bicentennial Hall <https://www.trybooking.com/RLOA> <https://www.trybooking.com/306644> <http://stalphonsa.com.au/>

### ROSTERS 9th / 10th September 2017

#### Saturday 6.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	K. Markcrow	D. Hinds
Presentation of Gifts	Tran Family	
EMOE	J. Maclean	

#### Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	K. Linnard	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson
Presentation of Gifts	E.M. Falk	
EMOE	M. Falk	

#### Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	A. O'Donnell	L. Fardell
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	E. Musolino	M. Mastrolembo

#### Sunday 6.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	J. Cooke	
Presentation of Gifts	Malone Family	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
Counters	G. Gleeson	C. Barn