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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**



**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.**



GOSPEL

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm: 66:2-3. 5-6. 8

R/. 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. **R/.**

SECOND READING

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

A SPIRIT OF PRAYERFULNESS

A Catechesis on the Mass



Last week we saw that an essential part of sacrifice is the victim this week we look at the next essential element namely a ritual of some sort which directs the worshippers and points them to whom the sacrificial victim is being offered. It is here then that we must look at the Mass itself and its structures. The Church over

time has created a ritual framework to encompass the words Jesus employed over the bread and wine. These structures include the Word of God and the actual ritual of sacrificial offering. The two main divisions in the Mass's structure are the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Structure of the Mass

The Introductory Rites.

We begin Mass always with the sign of the Cross which foreshadows the ritual sacrifice and it is the instrument by which we are saved.

Next we come to what is known as the **Introductory rites**. It here that the Sacrifice is initiated and the worshippers are welcomed. The greeting used by the priest celebrant is an ancient one and is seen in sacred scripture – "**The Lord be with you**" is a common greeting which we find in both the Old and New Testaments. Often this greeting is given by an angel, we see this for instance in Judges 6:12 where an angel visits the young man Gideon, the angelic visitor salutes the young man in the following way: The Lord be with thee, courageous heart! We see this greeting especially in **The Angelic Salutation** where the Archangel Gabriel greets Our Lady in Lk 1:28 "the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women." The Roman Liturgy also uses various formulations based on the greetings found in the Pauline epistles particularly "The grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus, the love of God and the communication of the Holy Spirit be with you" (Rom 1:7; 1 Cor 1:3; 2 Cor 1:2; Gal 1:3; Eph 1:2; Phil 1:2; Col 1:3; 2 Thess 1:2; 1 Tim 1:2; 2 Tim 1:2; Titus 1:4; Philem 1:3)

The Penitential Rite

What follows is the Penitential Rite. Before the Sacrifice may be enacted the priest and worshippers must ask pardon for their offences; must be cleansed before they have spiritual intercourse with God.

The Penitential Rite has three variations and consists of the *Confiteor* (I Confess), or *The Lord Have Mercy* (*Kyrie Eleison*) with intercessions, or two versicles: **V. "Have mercy on us Lord" R. "For we have sinned against you", V. "Show us O Lord your mercy", R. "And grant us your salvation"**. The Penitential Rite it must be said only by the worshipper of venial sin, if one has the stain of mortal sin on their soul they must seek forgiveness first in the Sacrament of Penance before they present themselves before the Holy Table of God.

The Gloria

On Sundays and days with the rank of Feast or Solemnity this special hymn is recited but preferably sung. The Gloria is a hymn found in Greek texts as early as 380 A.D. The Gloria is considered a non-biblical psalm composed by the early Christians and modelled after hymns found in the New Testament. It was originally used in the morning Liturgy of the Hours, then gradually entered into the celebration of the Eucharist on solemn feast days until becoming fixed on certain Sundays and feast days in the Roman rite. The Gloria is not said during Advent or Lent (except on a few special solemn feasts that take precedence). Those seasons are penitential in character, a moment of pregnant pause and anticipation of hoping something wonderful will happen to deliver us from sin, darkness, and misery.

After an entire liturgical season, the Gloria intoned on Christmas night, or Easter Vigil reminds us of Heaven's glory bursting not only into the celebration but into human history. The first words of the Gloria are taken from the words of the angels on Christmas night (Lk 2:14). Just as the angels gathered around Bethlehem, Heaven and earth exult at the birth of Our Saviour on Christmas night, and all the Sundays of Christmas that follow, and then exult at his victory over sin and death on Easter Sunday and all the Sundays of Easter that follow.

The Collect

The Collect also known as the Opening Prayer sets the scene for the day's liturgy. Often it is a very dense and tightly packed piece of theology which expresses something of what we wish to petition God for regarding ourselves, sometimes it is a declaration of God's relationship with us as well. The purpose of the collect is to gather us together for the word collect comes from the Latin word "*colligo*" to bind together or to gather; hence a good description of this prayer might be the gathering prayer. The Collect concludes the Introductory Rites and now the people of God are ready to hear their God speak to them and teach them; it is to the Liturgy of the Word we shall turn to next week.

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.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

One of the striking features of the gospels is the unflattering picture they present of the Twelve, Jesus' hand-picked disciples. They are shown to be dull of mind, slow to believe, prone to rivalry and ambition, and when it really mattered, cowardly. Jesus, by contrast, is patient, passionate, steadfast and powerful.

What is exceptional is a story in which Jesus is shown as coming off second-best. What is even more extraordinary is that his victor is not only a woman but a foreigner. That's today's gospel story. The Canaanite woman challenged the narrow horizons of Jesus' mission; now her story takes the question to us. How broad is our outlook? How inclusive is our vision? How courageous are we in going beyond what is familiar and comfortable?

Cont....What is the outreach of our mission? Paul wrestles with the issue from the opposite perspective. What is the place of his fellow Israelites in God's all-inclusive plan for humankind? Have they been displaced and abandoned in favour of the Gentiles? The readings for today provide much food for thought.

COMMENTARY

The gospel story of the Canaanite woman has its counterparts in ancient literature. There were other tales at the time in which powerless petitioners used their wits to win over their lords with a clever word or two. There is a degree of paradox in the story. In the cut and thrust of the conversation with the (unnamed) woman, Jesus defends himself with the declaration that he "was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel". Then what was he doing in pagan territory of "Tyre and Sidon"? He could hardly have been farther away from Jerusalem. Perhaps he was searching for "lost sheep" rather than seeking pagan disciples, but the location suggests a vulnerability on Jesus' part – he is a long way from home. It is tempting to put a gloss on Jesus' dismissive reply to the woman. This is uncalled for; it is entirely consistent with the account he gives of his mandate. Nor is it necessary to interpret the woman's words ("Son of David" and "Lord") and behaviour ("kneeling at his feet") as those of a Jewish believer. Her kneeling, for example, may well have been a pragmatic manoeuvre designed to stop Jesus in his tracks.

What is certain is that the woman's feistiness and persistence get her the result she wants. It is also certain that Jesus' ministry from start to finish is focussed on his own people.

CROSSING BOUNDARIES

In the very full account of the episode given by Matthew, the sense of separation of 'holy' Israel from 'unclean' Gentile world emerges with increasing intensity.

Jesus first ignores the woman completely, despite the persistence and force of her plea, as she turns to the Jewish Messiah ('Son of David') for help. The disciples' urgent recommendation, 'Send her away', seems to imply 'Get rid of her by granting her what she wants', but Jesus he coldly insists that his mission is restricted to 'the lost sheep of the house of Israel' (cf. 10:5-6). When, in one of the most moving gestures in all the Gospels, she comes and kneels before him and simply begs, 'Lord, help me', all she receives is a third rebuff in the form of the heartless image about not throwing the children's food to dogs.

But here, at last, is her chance. With superb wit, she takes up Jesus' image and turns it against him – or at least against the restrictive attitude he is displaying.

Certainly, food prepared for children is not intended for domestic animals. But children eat untidily and house dogs under the table seize any scraps that fall. 'Outwitted', Jesus gives in, agreeing to her request and praising the greatness of her faith.

Many readers of the Gospel will doubtless be troubled by the apparent coldness that Jesus initially displays towards this desperate person. By depicting him acting in such a way, however, the narrative first intensifies the sense of the barrier between Jews and Gentiles, only to highlight the significance of what is happening when, as a result of the woman's faith, the barrier comes crashing down.

VINNIES COVID-19 APPEAL

Vinnies will not be holding a winter appeal in 2020. Instead, Vinnies supporters are encouraged to donate to the COVID-19 Crisis Appeal. You can donate online at www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal or by calling the Vinnies hotline 13 18 12.. As always, the support of our Watson parishioners is greatly appreciated. The Vinnies Canberra Night Patrol is also seeking donations of warm items such - blankets, jackets, newssocks. Anyone able to assist with these items can donate at any of the Vinnies shops in Canberra, including in Dickson and Gungahlin.

BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES



'It is not easy to take the sting out of what Jesus says here. "But it is fair", the woman retorts, unabashed, and certainly behaving with a panache that would have been rare for a woman in those days. Evidently she distinguishes between wild dogs and housedogs. 'At her witty and even cheeky repartee Jesus' reluctance to engage with her suddenly dissolves. 'O woman, great is your faith! Be it done to you as you desire'. Perhaps he even dissolves into mirth. 'Has Jesus just been teasing the woman, or is she testing him? Is this a turning point for him, his discovery, as he deals with her persistence, that his mission transcends the boundaries of Israel?

'Taking this episode, like so many others in the gospels, as prophetic of what will unfold in due time, doesn't this exchange prefigure the venture of Christian faith into pagan territory? 'Isn't this wonderful little story an invitation to reflect on the possibilities of liberation that pagans may hope to find in Christianity, and the necessity, if they are not to be disappointed, that we Christians discover possibilities in ourselves that call us beyond our inherited boundaries?' *Excerpt Fr Fergus Kerr OP*

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at https://agora.catholic.org.au/e/576423/SocialJustice-2020/nf41c/517738504?h=QfzUP_3tbxKRbW2wF3oVRbDOiEBiFB0P28iJeTFLiwk.

WOMEN'S REFLECTION AFTERNOON

Women's reflection afternoon, livestreamed to all corners of the Archdiocese 2-4:30pm Saturday 29th August. Gather with friends at home or in the parish, wherever you have internet access. Connect with women from Lake Cargelligo to Pambula to hear inspiring talks and participate in short guided prayer experiences. Hosted by the Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce. Register at www.bit.ly/WomensReflectionAfternoon Enquiries email catholic.women@cg.org.au or ring/text Lara on 0429 192 869

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.

COFFEE GROUP

Just to remind parishioners that we are now gathering for morning tea from 10.30am in at Gang Gang Café, Frencham Place Downer. We look forward to seeing our friends again and welcome newcomers on the Thursday 20 August.

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, 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.

Fr Joe McGeehan, Rod Richardson, Mark Shepherd

Anniversaries - In Loving Memory

Richard Johnson

ROSTER 22 / 23 August		
Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	B. Bandle	C. Bandle
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	Q. Vu	
Readers	C. Barbaro	P. McDonald
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	P. Tran	
Readers	J. Curnow	T. Malone

The one who complains about the way the ball bounces, is likely the one who dropped it.