

Catholic Parish of Blackiriars



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VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Mass Times
Week Day
Monday - NO Mass
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday
5:30pm

Weekend
Saturday - Vigil - 5:pm
Sunday - 10:00am & 5:00pm

Reconciliation
Saturday
4pm - 4.45pm

Adoration - Holy Hour
Friday's 6pm - 7pm

Pray the Rosary
Before 10am Mass on Sundays

ACU MASS - 12pm Wednesday
ACU Signadou Chapel
All Welcome

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

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Where 2 or 3
gather in my name

there am I
among them.

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:

Psalm 118:137,124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING

First Reading:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows,
'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House
of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn
them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked
wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the
wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his
sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, howev-
er, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and
repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his
sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 94:1-2. 6-9

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*

SECOND READING

Second Reading:

Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love.
If you love your fellow men you have carried out your ob-
ligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit
adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not
covet, and so on, are summed up in this single com-
mand: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is
the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why
it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation:

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ,
to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News
of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel:

Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something
wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your
two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your
brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along
with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is re-
quired to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to
these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen
to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collec-
tor.'

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be
considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on
earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth
agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by
my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my
name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Communion Antiphon is NOT recited when
hymns are sung.**

Communion Antiphon:

Cf. Psalm: 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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PARISH OFFICE - TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

Jacquie is on leave from 8th August - 16th October the
office will only be open on the following days:

- Mondays from 10am - 12.30pm
- Fridays from 9.00am - 12.30pm

Please email the office or text Fr Mannes 0414 396 532
for any inquiries.

DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS AND FORGIVENESS



Difficult conversations are not easy to have and yet our scriptures today provide us with texts which give guidelines for these sometimes uncomfortable confrontations.

The prophet Ezekiel's words alert us to the fact that the burden of correction is on those who have been exposed to the wicked behaviour of others. Ezekiel explains it is the duty of those concerned to encourage the offender to change their ways. It is to be noted however that all one is required to do is advise the offender and show them that their behaviour is not healthy and conducive to their happiness either here on earth or in eternity. All one can do is try, but try we must. It is possible to be an accomplice in another's sins if we remain silent. It is reminiscent of that line attributed to the philosopher John Stuart Mill who said "Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing."

Likewise St Paul in his letter to the Romans lists the commandments, those guidelines which help us determine the nature of unhealthy behaviours-you shall not commit adultery-by this he condemned all sexual sin; you shall not steal-meaning that all efforts to unjustly deprive others of their property or what is due to them is an offence against the Lord; you shall not covet-meaning that we should be satisfied with what we have and that if we do see someone else prospering we should thank God for his varying gifts to us and to others, it is not an invitation to think or act uncharitably towards a neighbour.

The fundamental here in all of these situations is the concept of charity. If we are called to correct a brother or sister in Christ it cannot be out of malice or revenge but rather the correction should be attempted justly, charitably and for the betterment of the one corrected.

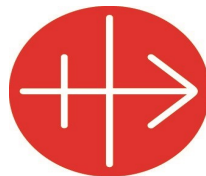
So too today's gospel gives us guidelines about what is known as fraternal correction. Earlier in ch.18 of Matthew's gospel Jesus is talking about removing people from the community if they continued to behave badly and scandalously. So it was fairly likely in early Christian communities that people were asked to leave because their behaviour wasn't Christian, wasn't up to scratch. The community also has its part to play, Jesus says if we can't resolve a situation one on one we need to involve others and if it still is not resolved the person who has transgressed must leave the community. This is a devastating situation but occasionally the Church exercises this power, not with a sense of victory or gloating but sadly and as a last resort, hoping that the one who has offended will come back.

Ultimately no matter what confronting discussions we must have our foundation for those discussions must be rooted in charity, justice and the betterment of the offender; confronting people should not be considered with malice,

Cont.... bad faith or revenge. Charity must be the guardian of all our difficult conversations.

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

APPEAL FOR CHRISTIANS IN PAKISTAN



Aid to the Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

Aid to the Church in Need is running an emergency campaign for Pakistan. Recently up to 24 churches, hundreds of Christian homes and a Christian cemetery were targeted in an attack in Pakistan which was sparked by reports of blasphemy allegations against two Christians accused of desecrating the Qur'an. ACN is working with project partners on the ground to aid the current needs of the Christian people.

To learn more and to make an offering visit :

www.aidtochurch.org/pakistanappeal
or scan the QR code.



BAPTISMS

Eadie and Marla Walmsley

will be baptised this weekend.
May their lives be filled with God's peace,
and their hearts with God's love...
on this Baptism day and always.

Olly Laurence Small

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.



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

27-29 October 2023



Join other couples for an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love

Location: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

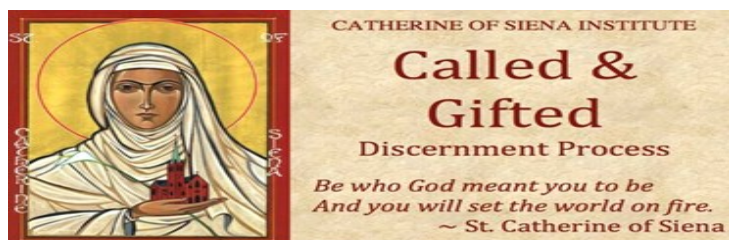
Enquiries: Christine and Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or

nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Book online: at www.wwme.org.au

CALLED AND GIFTED SEMINAR

Year of the Holy Spirit: Called and Gifted Seminar. Called & Gifted is a 3 part discernment process intended to help lay Catholics discern their charisms. Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all baptized Christians by the Holy Spirit to give them the power both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for people (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 798-801). If you are wondering what God is calling you to do in this time and place - please consider signing up for the Called and Gifted Seminar. Run over five weeks we will journey together to discern God's unique purpose for each of us. When we work out of our charisms we are more fruitful, resilient and joyful. Starts Wed 27 Sept @ 7pm in the Holy Rosary Parish Centre (Watson). Contact Emily at emilykathrynhall@gmail.com for more information.



A Project of the Catholic Women's Taskforce of Canberra and Goulburn

2023 ANNUAL DINNER

Building Community with Women of Faith

- Celebrate the contribution of Catholic women to Church and society
- Raise funds for MacKillop House, a place of safety for women and children
- Enjoy dynamic guest speaker Genevieve Jacobs AM



Canberra Southern Cross Club Woden

6.30 PM | OCT 27TH | 2023

\$70 earlybird ticket
\$80 standard ticket
Tables of ten

www.cgwomen.org.au



Lost Key: The key from the Sacristy Safe has been found in one of the small Key Safes. That safe initially held Ka11 but it is not there now. Once again would the parishioner who originally took the key from the Sacristy safe please contact the office.

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:

Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Mimma Gia, Philip Bailey, Veronica Cornelly, Rosa Maria Santos, Peter Catlin, Beth Delos Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Sue King, Fr Ellis Clifford, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Elizabeth Webster, Una Ford, Maureen Blood, Una Bell, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Maria Bankovsky, Carmel Slammon, Brian & Suzanne Brown

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Joyce Thomson, Joe Schimizzi, Terry Stephens,
Fr Rafael Cabezon OP

IN LOVING MEMORY

Eddie Pook, Mary-Louise Pentony

PARISH CENTRE USERS

All users of the Centre are reminded that it is your responsibility to clean-up and put away all items used; if the dishwasher is used it is your responsibility to empty it after use and return all items to their storage. There was a large bucket marked "Urn Use Only" which is no longer in the kitchen. If anyone can enlighten the Office as to its whereabouts please do so.

PRAY THE ROSARY Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. Please join in.

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays. Contact the office for details.

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 10.30am - 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 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.

HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S FAITH CIRCLE The Holy Rosary Women's Faith Circle returns on Thursdays. Please join us as we share life, break open the word, pray for and with each other. Contact Emily at emilykathrynhall@gmail.com for further information.

VERBUM BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-35
ON RECESS AT THIS TIME.

ROSTER 16/17 SEPTEMBER

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M Tran / D Gauci
Reader - NClarke / P Farrelly
Computer - Volunteer

Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - H ugh
Reader - P McDonald / V Wilson
Computer - N Wilson

Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - P Tran
Reader - K Watson / T Malone
Computer - B Joseph