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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

ACU MASS - 12pm Wednesday

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

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Take Up Your Cross



PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is ***NOON TUESDAY***
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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 - Wisdom 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

What man indeed can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasoning's of mortals are unsure and our intentions
unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, la-
borious to know what lies within our reach; who, then,
can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you
not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from
above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straight-
ened and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 89(90):3-6,12-14,17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back to dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream,
like the grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

SECOND READING

Second reading - Philemon 9-10,12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more,
still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for
a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing
these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back
to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own
self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could
have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in
the chains that the Good News has brought me.

Cont...However, I did not want to do anything without
your consent; it would have been forcing your act of
kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you
have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was
only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a
slave any more, but something much better than a
slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how
much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a
brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common
means anything to you, welcome him as you would
me.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel - Luke 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he
turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me
without hating his father, mother, wife, children, broth-
ers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my
disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and
come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a
tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to
see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he
laid the foundation and then found himself unable to
finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun
of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build
and was unable to finish." Or again, what king march-
ing to war against another king would not first sit down
and consider whether with ten thousand men he could
stand up to the other who advanced against him with
twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was
still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for
peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my
disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 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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FATHERS DAY

The scripture reflection this week reminds us that Jesus'
teaching on discipleship necessitates a total commit-
ment. It is not only Jesus' disciples that show total com-
mitment to their vocation. On Sunday we honour the
commitment of fathers to their families. There is no one
way to be a male role model in the family. The
'traditional' depiction of a man who is physical, practi-
cal, strong and supports the family through the work is



Cont...an image that arose from the reality of agricultural societies. However, modern society is more complex and it is up to families to reflect on what works for them best.

Finally, September coincides with the '**Season of Creation**', where we are all asked to renew our commitment to being good stewards of the earth, its people, and flora and fauna.

This week, let us pray for fathers, grandfathers, and all those who provide male role models for children.

CARRYING OUR CROSS



When I was ministering in Sydney a few years ago I happened to have a discussion with a certain gentleman. He had a lot of problems in his life and justifiably made the comment "I thought being a Christian would make things easier, I thought Jesus promised us peace and tranquility".

Unfortunately I had to disabuse the gentleman of this mistaken view and if we read today's gospel we can be justified in saying suffering is integral to the Christian life.

Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Once again we must contextualise Jesus' sayings. Jesus is en route to Jerusalem and so about to enter into his passion. Jesus invitation to carry the cross is an invitation to join Jesus in his passion, suffering, death but also his resurrection. Jesus invitation first is to his disciples and to the "great crowds" that followed him.

Often people from non Catholic Christian backgrounds ask why we leave Christ on the cross: isn't he risen? The reason for seeing a suffering God gives us tremendous hope because it makes sense of our suffering, our own tribulations, our own worries and concerns. Seeing a suffering saviour manifests for us that Jesus does not propose anything he himself was not willing to embrace. Jesus does not tell us to take up our own afflictions bravely without first making the same undertaking.

To add to the difficult invitation of cross bearing Jesus makes an extraordinary statement that we should also "hate" mother, father, brothers, indeed all familial relationships. Whilst the use of the word "hate" maybe a particular example of Semitic hyperbole, the idea of preferring familial bonds to Christ makes no sense if we do not understand who Jesus is. If Jesus were just a good man, a prophet, or some kind of profound ethical teacher we could quite easily reject this nonsensical statement. But we understand that Jesus is God made human, God entering fully into the nitty gritty of human experience. Jesus demands loyalty to him not as a man but as God. It's only in the taking up of the cross of our difficulties, our challenges, our sins, our anxieties bravely

Cont...and with the grace of Christ that we can truly fulfil Jesus' demanding challenge. It's only in taking up the challenges in our lives that we can say yes to Jesus. Yet, Jesus does not ask us to commit to this programme because he is some kind of sadist, rather his demands purify our intentions and devotion. Jesus sifts us like the sifting of wheat in order for us to genuinely and authentically follow him, not just in the good times or when it's easy.

Today let's ask for the grace to bravely bear whatever difficulties providence has granted us knowing that our sufferings are of short duration and the prize we desire is eternal.

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

FOLLOWING CHRIST

'A few weeks ago we heard Christ saying that he had come to bring not peace, but a sword, and to cast fire upon the earth. Jesus has more such sayings for us today. No one is to put love of family before love of God, and he emphasizes this point by using the shocking word 'hate'.

'In the 20th century a young atheist philosopher from a Jewish family found herself being drawn out of her denial of God, and into sharing the life of the Trinity. Her baptism into the Body of Christ, while not causing rancour among her family, deeply hurt and bewildered her mother, Frau Stein. The young philosopher was Edith Stein, who became a Carmelite nun and was martyred in an Auschwitz gas chamber.

'So whatever following Christ and enjoying his peace means, it is certainly not a guarantee of a conflict-free life. There are many aspects to Jesus' life and character. We need to keep all of them in view if our devotion to him is to be authentic. Let us pray to Christ, our Saviour and King, for a share in his strength, and the grace to be authentic witnesses to his love.

Excerpts from a commentary by Fr Neil Ferguson OP

FACING THE CHALLENGE

'Jesus has had his disagreements with learned scribes and Pharisees along the way to Jerusalem, while the unlearned crowds are still enthusiastically behind him. We need the zeal of the crowds *and* the learning of the scribes and Pharisees.

'Religion and science may be distinct, but it is false to imagine that they have always been or are necessarily in conflict. In fact, our whole scientific tradition in the West is the fruit of faith in creation, and draws so much from Christian philosophy and theology. Science and religion ultimately belong together peacefully in the same world.

'We cannot withdraw from the challenges our culture presents us with today. Others have shifted our culture against faith; it is not impossible that we too can shift the culture once again, if we are prepared to be both zealous and thoughtful. It means that we must put Christ first, be ready to suffer and to risk occasional defeats.

'And Christ will win. He has counted the cost. He has faced our worst enemies and conquered. We must not

Cont...be afraid to share his sufferings, so as to share his victory. But we need to take stock of what we must do and what it might cost.'

Excerpts from a homily by Fr Simon Francis Gaine OP

TODAY'S GOSPEL IS DOUBLY DISCONCERTING

Jesus tells us that to follow him we must be prepared to sacrifice everyone and everything and take up our cross. This is a tough demand. It calls for a great leap of faith. Who can know in advance the true cost of discipleship?

Christianity would hardly have survived beyond the first couple of generations if everyone had adopted the very radical concluding challenge about the need for a would-be disciple to give up "all possessions". The challenge has to be heard in the context of the invitation to the Kingdom central to Jesus' message. In comparison with this supreme good the losses entailed in the present conditions of discipleship find some proportion. It was consciousness of such divine generosity that led saints such as Francis of Assisi to embrace radical poverty so wholeheartedly.

LITURGY ROSTER

The new Liturgy Roster will be prepared in September. We are looking for new/old volunteers, especially for the Vigil and 5pm 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.

Joseph Biggerstaff has now left for overseas, the Vigil Mass is in need of someone to play music on alternate weekends. If you are able to help out please contact the office.

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); BYO drinks.

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 purchased tickets only.**

Let us know what sort of dish you would like to bring along. Bookings will close at noon on **Monday 12th** September. Did we mention - buy some raffle tickets soon.

Lakeside – dinner and discussion series for Archdiocesan Youth & Young Adults Opportunity for young adults (aged 18 – 35) to explore their sense of personal calling, identity and purpose. Next event: 7 September, 6-8pm, Level 1, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre. Free. RSVP Monday, 5 September. More information on Parish Website.

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 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, Mark Thompson, Dennis McKeon, 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, Paul Cornelly

IN LOVING MEMORY

Richard Johnson

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 10 / 11 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

DONATIONS TO PARISH & PRIESTS

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BSB: 083 347 Account number: 97 310 5044
Reference: Your Name - Donation