

# Catholic Parish of Blackfriars



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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  
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## Commemorating the Dedication of the Church

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

CONSECRATED ON THE 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1977  
BY

**MOST REV. THOMAS V. CAHILL, D.D., Ph.D., C.B.E.**  
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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Revelations 21: 2

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God  
prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

## FIRST READING

### First reading - 2 Chronicles 5:6-10,13-6:2

A reading from the book of Chronicles

King Solomon, and all the community of Israel gathering with him in front of the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, countless, innumerable. The priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the Debir of the Temple, that is, in the Holy of Holies, under the cherubs' wings. For there where the ark was placed the cherubs spread out their wings and sheltered the ark and its shafts. These were long enough for their ends to be seen from the Holy Place in front of the Debir, but not from outside. There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets that Moses had placed in it at Horeb, where the Lord had made a covenant with the Israelites when they came out of Egypt; they are still there today. All those who played the trumpet, or who sang, united in giving praise and glory to the Lord. Lifting their voices to the sound of the trumpet and cymbal and instruments of music, they gave praise to the Lord, 'for he is good, for his love is everlasting.'  
Because of the cloud the priests could no longer perform their duties: the glory of the Lord filled the Temple of God. Then Solomon said:  
'The Lord has chosen to dwell in the thick cloud. Yes, I have built you a dwelling, a place for you to live in for ever.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm - 1 Chronicles 29:10-12

*We praise your glorious name, O mighty God.*

Blessed are you, O Lord,  
the God of Israel our father,  
for ever, for ages unending.

Yours, Lord, are greatness and power,  
and splendour and triumph and glory.  
All is yours, in heaven and on earth.

Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom,  
you are supreme over all.  
Both honour and riches come from you.

You are the ruler of all,  
from your hand come strength and power,  
from your hand come greatness and might.  
*We praise your glorious name, O mighty God.*

## SECOND READING

### Second reading - Ephesians 2:19-22

A reading from St Paul to the Ephesians

You are no longer aliens or foreign visitors: you are citizens like all the saints, and part of God's household. You are part of a building that has the apostles and prophets for its foundations, and Christ Jesus himself for

Cont...its main cornerstone. As every structure is aligned on him, all grow into one holy temple in the Lord; and you too, in him, are being built into a house where God lives, in the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation - Ezekiel 37:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

I shall make my home among them, says the Lord;  
I will be their God,  
they shall be my people.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### Gospel - John 2:13-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: *Zeal for your house will devour me.* The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### Communion Antiphon Cf. 1 Peter 2: 5

Be built up like living stones,  
into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

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Pope Francis consistently calls on us all to care for each other, especially the vulnerable younger and older populations, and our common home.

This week the call is amplified by a number of important events. Until 4 October, the Season of Creation asks people from different churches to come together to attend to the environment, Safeguarding Sunday, marked in Catholic churches on 11 September, occurs at the end of National Child Protection Week, and Saturday is **World Suicide Prevention Day** – a day that reminds us that suicide is about more than statistics.

Another day that asks us to care for each other is **R U OK? Day**, was on Thursday, 8 September. It's was a national day of action when Australians are reminded that every day is the day to ask 'are you OK?'

As we go about our tasks this week, let us remember we are all members of our common home, and are deserving of care and respect.



## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

## ON THE CONSECRATION OF HOLY ROSARY CHURCH 11.9.1977



This church of Holy Rosary and I have something in common, we were both consecrated to God in 1977, 45 years ago. I was nine months old when Archbishop Cahill anointed the walls of this sacred edifice, setting this place apart from every other building for the exclusive worship of God.

And that is what a consecration is, a setting apart for some higher purpose. All of us are consecrated to God by virtue of our baptism. Like the walls of this church we too were anointed with the sacred chrism which symbolises our becoming conformed to Christ as priest, prophet and king.

It is often the case when sacred writers comment on the building or blessing of a church that they usually find an analogy between the concrete material building which is being celebrated and the individual Christian. For instance, St Paul in our epistle today writes:

**You are part of a building that has the apostles and prophets for its foundations, and Christ Jesus himself for its main cornerstone. As every structure is aligned on him, all grow into one holy temple in the lord; and you too, in him, are being built into a house where god lives, in the spirit.**

The individual Christian then, himself or herself, is a temple of the Holy Spirit and a part of the wider edifice of Christ's mystical body, the Church.

Continuing with this theme of the church being not just a construction of stones and wood but in fact the very people that worship in it, St Augustine in his own homily on such an occasion, comments:

This is our house of prayer, but we too are a house of God....what was done when this church was being built is similar to what is done when believers are built up in Christ. When they first come to believe, they are like timber and stone taken from the woods and mountains. In their instruction, baptism and formation they are, so to speak, shaped, leveled and smoothed by the hands of carpenters and craftsmen.

Whilst we may celebrate the physical structure we worship in, the parish of Holy Rosary, Watson, would be quite strange if it had no living stones. And this is a part of St Augustine's commentary for us. Like the raw materials that were used in the building up of this church we must look to the rebuilding, renewal and renovation of our own lives and hearts if we are to keep this

Cont...community in existence. By our baptism we are incorporated into the household of God which has the apostles and prophets as its foundations, as St Paul tells us. This apostolic and prophetic foundation should also resonate a meaning for us too.

A part of this rebuilding is calling to mind why we come here each Sunday, and whether we wish to share this with others. It is up to each individual living stone to help build up this community by finding more living stones, stones that need to be included, polished and set in place. Since we have the apostles and prophets for foundations they too give us the impetus to be new apostles and prophets to our community around us, to our loved ones, to those who used to practise the faith but have fallen away.

In short it is only through a culture of invitation, witness and authentic belief that we will be credible witnesses and true builders with Christ of a Catholic community for this area of Canberra.

It is worthwhile considering then the challenge posed to us so long ago at the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) which commenced a year before this parish was erected. The council envisaged that the living stones, the lay faithful:

**[Participate] in the salvific mission of the church itself. Through their baptism and confirmation all are commissioned to that apostolate by the lord himself. Moreover, by the sacraments, especially the holy Eucharist, that charity toward god and man which is the soul of the apostolate is communicated and nourished. Now the laity are called in a special way to make the church present and operative in those places and circumstances where only through them can it become the salt of the earth (2\*). Thus every layman, in virtue of the very gifts bestowed upon him, is at the same time a witness and a living instrument of the mission of the church itself (Lumen Gentium #33)**

All are called then to make the church present and operative in those places and circumstances where only through them can the Church become the salt of the earth, a part of the fabric of a particular place. The mission of building up the faith, our parish, and our church, can only begin with each person making a commitment to pray and to, in some way, extend the reign of Christ in our culture and society, it is only in this way we will truly be living stones, not dead ones, builders not a wrecking crew.

Let us pray then today for the confidence to build up our community through invitation, true community centred on Christ our cornerstone, and by a living relationship with the living God who suffered, died and rose again for us and for all people.

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

## MEET OTHER YOUNG CATHOLICS

CANBERRA CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

*Under The Stars*

SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 8  
2022

6.30PM  
EAST HOTEL  
KINGSTON

CANAPÉS | DRINKS | MUSIC | RAFFLE

Tickets purchased TryBooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/CCFTY>)

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Friday 16th September our young Parishioners will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate them and their families. A sincere **Thank You** to their Teachers, Sponsors and Parents - and all involved.



*Let us pray for all these young people that they will always be open to the working of the Holy Spirit throughout their adult lives.*

## SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 20-22, 2022

Catholics around Australia are invited to a unique, national event that will inspire, transform and revitalise faith communities! With presentations and workshops hosted by some of Australia's most renowned Catholic speakers, 'Evangelise' will cover a range of mission and ministry topics, from cultural engagement to liturgy and Sacraments. This is an event you do not want to miss! Find out more, including the event program and keynote speakers at [www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au](http://www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au).

## 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 DINNER 6pm - 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.**

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](mailto: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, bread and desserts including a big birthday cake for a special someone's 80<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## MORNING TEA

**GangGang** - Good to see some new faces at our August gathering. Our next morning tea is on Thursday 15 September from 10-30am, the third Thursday of the month at Ganggang, Frencham Place Downer.

Newcomers welcome.

*I will keep you informed of any possible changes of venue due to extension of their kitchen.*

## 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, Doug Gaudencio, Bruce Feehan, Mark Thompson, Dennis McKeon, Fr Rafael Cabezon

## RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Frank Higgins, Eddie Pook, Joseph de Riva O'Phelan, Fred Grill, Br Brendan O'Hearn OP, Paul Cornelly

**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](mailto:emilykathrynhall@gmail.com) for further details.

**BIBLE STUDY** Verbum: Bible study for Young Adults (18-35) **Tuesday nights at 6.30pm in the Parish Office** 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](http://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 17 / 18 September

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

**Sunday 8.00am** - Acolyte - K. Linard  
Reader - N. Webb, Noah Webb

**Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - T. Johnson  
Reader - A. O'Donnell, L. Fardell

**Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - L. Kim  
Reader - J. Schwinghamer, T. Malone

## DONATIONS TO PARISH & PRIESTS

**Parish details** to contribute to the Planned Giving.  
Bank details – Account Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson  
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BSB: 083 347 Account number: 97 310 5044  
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**Jesus calls us to love without judgement and be generous to all. In that spirit let us ask for God's blessing on the whole of creation.**