

# Catholic Parish of Blackfriars



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## VERITAS



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**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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is**

**NOON TUESDAY**

Please contact the office Ph. 6248 5925  
or Email: [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au)



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

## FIRST READING

### First reading - Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

**The Lord is near to all who call him.**

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts.

**The Lord is near to all who call him.**

## SECOND READING

### Second reading - Philippians 1:20-24,27

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

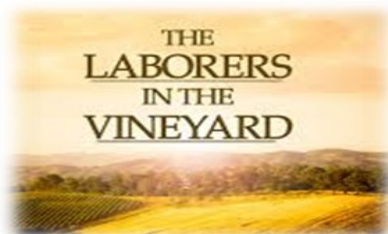
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation - cf Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts,  
O Lord,  
to listen to the words  
of your Son.  
Alleluia!



## GOSPEL

### Gospel - Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

### Communion Antiphon - Ps 118: 4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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## PARISH 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**29 OCTOBER 2023**

After the 10 am Mass on Sunday 29 October, we will celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish with feasting and activities including an Anniversary cake and the opening of St Dominic's garden.

Please save the date and more details will be provided in October

## BAPTISM

**Summer Rose Norton**

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





## IT'S NOT FAIR!



One of the things that continually frustrates us is that we are not privy to the designs of God. This situation can be illustrated in a variety of life's dimensions, particularly when it comes to justice, people getting what is due to them.

We noticed in last week's gospel that God's justice is very different to our own. Whilst we may be upset or even angry about the lack of justice we find on earth, the divine justice tends towards mercy, forgiveness, yet it is also strict and demanding. If we expect to be forgiven then we need to demonstrate forgiveness in our own lives or God will judge us according to the standards we set, which is very scary, thank goodness I'm not God!

Our scene in the vineyard today also illustrates God's way of doing things. On the surface it seems rather unjust. I think we would all sympathise with the workers who put in an eight hour shift only to find themselves paid the same as the latecomers. There does seem to be an inequality here. Yet, the denarius which each worker was paid was the standard wage for a day's work at that time, the Owner of the vineyard paid what was the agreed upon rate, no more no less.

The parable however paints for us a picture of God's kingdom and Jesus' mission to fallen humanity. God's kingdom does not discriminate between the saint and the sinner, all are called to the divine vineyard. Each of us is called into the vineyard at baptism, and it doesn't matter how long we've been pursuing the work of holiness. Fundamentally, all are called to the life of God and the hour at which we decide to take that calling seriously matters little to God, the only thing that he cares about is the willingness to convert. Whether this conversion has gone on since our youth or in the midst of our life, or near the end, the prize is the same; the fullness of life with God. Jesus' particular mission to those despised by society evidences that God is a God who gives chances even to those society would probably not. Jesus' calls these souls to repentance however, yet acknowledging their life circumstances and the difficulties they may have in turning their lives around. It is here that God works behind the scenes knowing full well the intimate contexts of people's lives and not judging them purely on externals.

In another passage Jesus remarks that the angels rejoice when one sinner has repented. It is the same here in our gospel for today. The fallen human instinct is to be envious or jealous of the latecomer's reward, but that is not how heaven sees it. Rather than protest about the conversion of a person we are invited to rejoice because this person has joined us on the journey. Our parable in effect demonstrates the mercy and long suffering of God in that he will give us a determined period of time to reach out to him, even it is in the twilight of life. God is the God of chances and opportunities not the God who writes people off at the first instance.

Today let us rejoice in the God who welcomes latecomers and let us rejoice at God's mercy and willingness to wait for his children to come home.

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

## THE FUTURE OF THE PARISH

### REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INNER NORTH PARISHES: MEETING

We had another Inner North Parishes meeting with the Vicar General Fr Richard Thompson and the Archdiocesan Chancellor Patrick McArdle on September 13th. The update is that it looks like three Priests will be pastoring the four parishes.

The next meeting of this group is Wednesday 4th October. At this next meeting we most likely will make a decision on Mass times- as two of the four Sunday morning times: 9am St Joseph, 9:30am St Brigid, 9:30am St Thomas More and 10am Watson Mass times would need to be adjusted (from December). We are also praying the third Blessed Sacrament Priest will obtain a visa shortly (it is well in progress).

God's blessing Fr Mannes

### CARITAS EMERGENCY APPEALS – MOROCCO / LIBYA

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. **Please support our emergency appeal.**

**Donate at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)**



### REMINDER: CELEBRATION OF CREATION

There is a ecumenical celebration for the Season of Creation on Sun 24 Sept at 9.30am at Holy Cross and St Margaret's. Followed by morning tea.

### NEEDS OF LAY CATHOLICS TODAY

What do adult lay Catholics need today to help them live a committed Catholic life amid the circumstances of modern society? To find out and to help improve their services to our Archdiocese, the Canberra Circle of The Catenians, an international association of lay Catholics, is conducting an Archdiocesan-wide online survey.

Please help by completing this brief, anonymous, tick-box survey via this URL or QR code. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLTZGM>



Contact: Phil Murray, President, Canberra Catenians  
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## 1 OCTOBER | RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY MASS & LUNCHEON

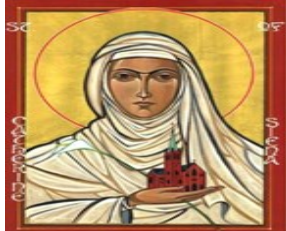
**Archbishop Christopher Prowse will celebrate Respect Life Sunday Mass at 11 AM on October 1<sup>st</sup> at St Christopher's Cathedral.** Following will be a light luncheon in the Haydon Hall including brief inputs from those working at the coal-face in caring and advocating for human life in its most vulnerable stages.

RSVP for luncheon @ [www.cgccatholic.org.au/respect-life/](http://www.cgccatholic.org.au/respect-life/) Enquiries: Lara Kirk [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) 0429 192 869

### REMINDER: 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](mailto:emilykathrynhall@gmail.com) for more information.



CATHERINE OF SIENA INSTITUTE  
**Called & Gifted**  
Discernment Process  
*Be who God meant you to be  
And you will set the world on fire.*  
~ St. Catherine of Siena

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FUNDRAISING DINNER

The Archdiocese's Women's Taskforce is holding its annual fundraising dinner for MacKillop House on Friday, 27th October at the Southern Cross Club in Woden.

Genevieve Jacobs will reflect on her experience of her Catholic faith in both her professional and personal life. Tickets are \$80, early birds are \$70 (until 29 Sept), and tables of 10 are discounted to \$700. Visit

[www.cgwomen.org.au](http://www.cgwomen.org.au) to purchase tickets through Humanitix. For further information contact Samantha Hazlett at [samanthahazlett@icloud.com](mailto:samanthahazlett@icloud.com).

### ROSTER 30 SEPT/ 1 OCT

- Saturday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - M Tran / D Gauci  
Reader - E Smith / K Markcrow  
Computer - Volunteer
- Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - Hugh  
Reader - J Cooke / K Bergin, S Coles  
Computer - Volunteer
- Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - P Tran  
Reader - J Schwinghamer / B Joseph  
Computer - T Malone

### 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.

Laurie-Ann Marchesani, Sylvia Mantinaos, Joyce Thomson, Joe Schimizzi, Terry Stephens,



## Vinnies

This year's Vinnies **Ozanam Appeal** will be held as leaving collections at masses on the weekend of 6-7 October. The Ozanam Appeal **supports Vinnies Conferences in developing countries to assist the needy of their own communities.** Cash and electronic donations will be accepted.

### WWVP CARD AUDITS

Twice a year, a report of all active Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) cards must be sent to the Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding office (IPSS) at the Archdiocese. Audits are due at the end of **March and September** and all parishes in the Archdiocese must comply. The Archdiocese can be audited by ACT or NSW govt agencies at any time so audit reports are an important aspect of maintaining accurate records. Please help us to maintain accurate records by ensuring your WWVP Card is current.

**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](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.

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

### 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