

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars



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## VERITAS



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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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Public Holiday - Thursday 22nd September**  
**Mass will be offered at 9.00am for the Queen.**

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is **NOON TUESDAY**  
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## 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 - Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy  
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,  
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over  
so that we can sell our corn,  
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?  
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,  
by swindling and tampering with the scales,  
we can buy up the poor for money,  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'  
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,  
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 112(113):1-2,4-8

*Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.*

Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!  
May the name of the Lord be blessed  
both now and for evermore!

High above all nations is the Lord,  
above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God,  
who has risen on high to his throne  
yet stoops from the heights to look down,  
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
from the dungheap he raises the poor  
to set him in the company of princes,  
yes, with the princes of his people.

*Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.*

## SECOND READING

### Second reading - 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Second reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith

Cont..., and the truth to the pagans.  
In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation - 2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### Gospel - Luke 16:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

'There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### 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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In Sunday's second reading (1 Tim 2:1-8) we are advised to pray 'for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet'. In the light of the death of the only UK monarch much of the world has known – Queen Elizabeth II – and the ascension of her son King Charles III, the reading could not be more apt.

The Archbishop of Perth and president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, The Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB said prayers will be offered for Queen Elizabeth II's soul. In a statement released on Friday, Archbishop Costelloe said:

'The death of Queen Elizabeth II, after a long reign marked by extraordinary constancy, fidelity, courage and service, will bring great sadness to many people in Australia, including members of the Catholic community.

'As the Queen enters into the great mystery of eternal life with the Lord, we will pray for the repose of her soul and for the support and comfort of her family, her nation and the wider community of the Commonwealth.

'Queen Elizabeth was never reticent about acknowledging her Christian faith. Her annual Christmas message invariably focused on Jesus Christ as a model of humble and generous service. It was a model she strived to emulate throughout her long life. May she rest in peace.'

## DISHONEST WEALTH VERSUS TRUE WEALTH



One of the wonderful things about the Dominican tradition is that when it comes to the moral life, rather than focus on staying out of sin or just keeping the commandments, luminaries such as St Thomas Aquinas and his school of theology have always focused more positively on the acquisition of virtue as a means to achieve human flourishing.

What is a virtue? St Thomas remarks that a virtue "is a good habit, productive of good works". Virtues are stable dispositions which incline one toward activities that promote human flourishing. The way to acquire virtue is to cultivate those activities slowly and gradually, so much so, that they become a second nature. The opposite of virtue is vice. Vice inclines a person to actions that take away or lessen the human person in some way. Vice, as a habit, can also be acquired by frequent vicious acts. They too can become a part of a person's make up; that is why vices are so hard to break because they have become very much a part of the one who enacts them.

Jesus is hinting at this today in our gospel reading. If one is going to be trustworthy, or even good, one has to be good in the very small things first, and if they are successful at this handling bigger things will be no issue. Why? Well, because the person has acquired the virtue of trust or some such other virtue. If one has practiced self-mastery in things, then there will be no issue when it comes to situations which are more challenging. A studied self-mastery enables one to be truly free and

Cont...therefore immune from dealing with issues in a disordered or selfish way.

The perplexing thing though about these sayings of Jesus is that they point to the reality that as Christians we need to be consistent in our moral life. Jesus' warning to us is if we cannot handle things given to us on trust how can we handle things when they are given to us as our own. What is he referring to here?

The context of these sayings comes within the larger parable of a dishonest steward who squanders his master's possessions. Knowing that his master has caught wind of his shambolic administration the steward, in order to curry favour with his master's debtors, discounts his master's wares with these clients in order that these clients may in turn treat him favourably when the time came for him to be dismissed.

Jesus teaches through this, on the surface, scandalous story the idea of being shrewd with the things of this world with the view to God's kingdom. Life is given to us on trust, how will we live it? The life we live in this world then may be compared to that 'dishonest wealth', dishonest meaning that in this world we are faced with innumerable temptations and compromises, particularly in relation to our moral life. Jesus challenges us then to be consistent, authentic and trustworthy with the life God has given us so that we may receive the truth wealth of eternal life.

It is this dilemma then that confronts us though, in order to live our lives here on earth as God desires we only really have two options God's ways or the ways of Mammon. God's ways with the call to virtue, and the boundaries of the commandments to ensure we make the right choice, or the ways of the 'world' with its own shoddy and limited delights.

Today let us ask our heavenly Father for the grace of discernment in our lives. May we consistently choose what is good, beautiful and true and those things which assist our flourishing here on earth and our eternal salvation; may we handle the dishonest wealth of our earthly lives well anticipating always the true wealth of heaven.

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

## REFLECTION

This week's readings highlight that God is Lord of the poor, the needy and the oppressed – as well as being the God of those in positions of power and authority. The readings also testify to these two sides of witnessing to our faith. The prophet Amos gives a powerful message, fiercely condemning social injustice – and especially those who trample on and exploit the needy and impoverished. (First Reading) Jesus, too, is unambiguous when it comes to the right use of money. Tainted as it is, money has a place in the life of believers. However, it should be used ethically for the greater good of all. (Gospel) St Paul urges us to lives of prayer. We are to pray for all, including those in positions of political authority, for they have responsibility to care for the vulnerable in society and preserve the peace. God longs for a loving and truthful relationship with all people. (Second Reading) Today's Psalm, a hymn of praise, glorifies God – in particular because of the care and compassion he shows for the poor and lowly.



## SEASON OF CREATION

We are now in the Season of Creation, which started on 1 September and goes until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi – hence the 'Called to Care for Our Common Home' banner back up in front of the church. The Season of Creation is celebrated every year by Christians to listen and respond together to the cry of creation, uniting to pray and protect our common home. This year's theme is *Listen to the Voice of Creation*.

Pope Francis's message for this year's Season of Creation can be found at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2022/documents/20220716-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>. This weekend has been the Caring for Creation Conference at St John Paul II College, Gungahlin. Coming up is the Sustaining Our Future North Canberra Sustainability Festival, 24-25 September 2022, Holy Cross and St Margaret's, Hackett.

## BAPTISM



### Harrison Dalle

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.

## 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).

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

### Ozanam Sunday Appeal – 25 September

The Parish Vinnies Conference will hold its annual Ozanam Appeal as a leaving collection at masses on the weekend of 24-25 September. Conference volunteers will be available to take cash and eftpos donations and provide receipts.

The appeal is named after Frederick Ozanam, who founded the Society in France in the 1820s. The annual appeal helps support Society Conferences in developing countries. These conferences are twinned with Conferences in the first world such as ours here in Watson which provide funds to undertake their important work. Watson has twin conferences in Thailand and Indonesia and also partially supports a project in India.

One of our Thai twins is the Holy Rosary team in the Phasi Charoen district of Bangkok, Thailand. Pictures of the team are included in the bulletin.



## PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Greg O'Neill, 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, Awny El-Ghitany, Una Bell Elizabeth Webster, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Una Bell, Anthony Parsonage, Bruce Feehan, Neville Caulfield, Lily Copeland, Maggie McKeon, Alphonsa Bankovsky, Doug Gaudencio, Mark Thompson, Dennis McKeon, Fr Rafael Cabezon

## RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Mary Lou Pentony, Edward Pook, Francis Higgins, Frank Zobec, Paul Cornelly, Wanda Solomon

**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 (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](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 24 / 25 September

**Saturday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - M. Tran  
Reader - Volunteer, M. Dawes

**Sunday 8.00am** - Acolyte - K. Linard  
Reader - N. Clarke, G. Thompson

**Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - H. Beasley  
Reader - J. Cooke, S. Coles

**Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - P. Tran  
Reader - C. Paton, Catherine Paton

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