

Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

Under the care of the Dominican Fathers



Issue 44
30 August 2020
Year A

VERITAS

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

Parish Priest

Fr Mannes Tellis OP
(To contact Please Text)
0414 396 532

Assistant Priest

Fr Rafael Cabezon OP

In residence

Fr Bernie Maxwell OP

Holy Rosary Church
Cnr Phillip Avenue &
Antill Street, Watson ACT

Postal Address

PO Box 900, Dickson
Ph. 6248 5925

Office Hours -

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday
9am to 12.30pm

Office Staff

Jacque Cortese
Jim Smith

Email:

watson@cg.org.au

Website:

www.cg.org.au/watson

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/Holy-Rosary-Parish-Watson

Mass Times

Monday - NO Mass
Tuesday & Thursday
6:45am

Wednesday & Friday
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am
Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,
5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm
and 4pm—4.30pm

Adoration - Holy Hour

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

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



**If you are feeling unwell please DO NOT come to church.
Please record your name & contact number on the Register
provided in the foyer.**

**PLEASE sanitise your hands on entering the foyer or parish centre.
Please DO NOT return your bulletin to the basket, if you are not taking
it home put it in the bin.**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING

First Reading: **Jeremiah 20:7-9**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalms 62:2-6. 8-9**

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

SECOND READING

Second Reading: **Romans 12:1-2**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel: Matthew **16:21-27**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

A CATECHESIS ON THE MASS

The Liturgy of the Eucharist



With the homily and Creed, the Liturgy of the Word comes to an end. Then begins the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the third part of the Holy Mass. After having listened to the Word of God, having reflected over it and having proclaimed our faith, we move to the Altar of the Lord. At any meal in the home, there are three actions, so too when it comes to the Lord's Sacred

Banquet as St Thomas Aquinas called it (*Sacrum Convivium*): we set the table, say grace and share the food. Just like this, we have at Mass, three rituals known as

- The Preparation of the Gifts
- Eucharistic Prayer and
- The Communion Rite.

As Early as 153 AD we have a snapshot of this particular part of the Mass from St Justin the Martyr. In his letter to the Roman Emperor Antoninus Pius, Justin gives a simplified understanding of what Christians get up to on a Sunday. In reference to the section of Mass to which we are currently commenting, on this Church Father reveals to us the nature of the liturgical action, and so Justin writes:

Having ended the prayers, we salute one another with a kiss. There is then brought to the president of the brethren bread and a cup of wine mixed with water; and he taking them, gives praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and offers thanks at considerable length for our being counted worthy to receive these things at His hands. And when he has concluded the prayers and thanksgivings, all the people present express their assent by saying Amen. This word Amen answers in the Hebrew language to ge'noito [so be it].

Cont...Preparation of the Gifts:

During the early history of Christianity, each brought from their homes bread and wine to be offered in the Church and subsequently to be distributed for the participants and the poor. Similarly, today, bread and wine, as the fruit of people’s hard work, are brought to the altar, to be offered to God. Besides, members of the parish take up a collection from the assembly and bring it to the altar, as a sign of their sacrifice, to be used for the pastoral needs and the poor. The bread and wine and the monetary offering are the symbols of our hard work, our studies, our needs, our struggles and even our own weaknesses. The priest, then, mixes a drop of water with wine, reciting a prayer, “By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity”. Having offered the bread and wine and prior to consecrating them, so that they may be transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ, the priest washes his fingers, praying to God for his purification, “Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin”. Finally, he invites the assembly to pray that the sacrifice might be acceptable to God.

The Eucharistic prayer begins with the Preface, with a kind of dialogue between the presiding priest and the assembly. First, the priest greets the people saying, “The Lord be with you”. He, then, asks the people to approach the table of the Lord with the invitation, “Lift up your hearts” and the people respond, “We lift them up to the Lord”. Again, the priest asks the people to give thanks to the Lord and the people respond, “it is right and just”.

The preface introduces us into the central part of the Eucharistic prayer, concluding with the joyful and enthusiastic words, “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God ...” With faith and fervour we join the Angels and Saints in praising God with these words, for the marvelous gift, He is going to give us at the Eucharistic table.

Next week we will look at the Eucharistic prayer.

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

DOMINICAN FATHERS SICKNESS & RETIREMENT APPEAL

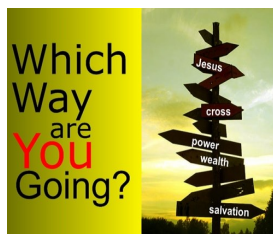
Thank you to all who donated to the Appeal for the Dominican Fathers Sickness & Retirement last weekend. There will be extra envelopes available this weekend for those who missed out on an envelope last weekend.

COMMENTARY

Paul and Jesus conspire together today to present us with tough teaching. Paul counsels the Romans “not to model yourselves on the behaviour of the world . . . but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind”. Jesus rebukes Peter “because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s”.

The choice is put before us. Do we allow ourselves to take the easy path of conformity with “the way of the world”, or do we choose the way of Jesus which he warns is a way of the cross? Paul and Jesus make it clear that we do not accomplish this by our own efforts. It is by letting go of the life we imagine we have, Jesus says, that we will find true life. And Paul speaks of our minds being renewed and remodelled from within. The question is whether we will take the Risk of “letting go and letting God”.

Few of us are likely to experience the anguish that the prophet Jeremiah suffered for the sake of the word, but the testimony of his courage echoes down through the ages, even to us.



Cont...Our children need our presence and support when they make the hard choices. We know from our own lives that they will grow from their experiences.

Think of someone your family knows personally (or someone you've heard about) who may be feeling lonely because they made a tough choice. Maybe they are struggling alone during this time of Covid 19. Reach out to that person as a family either by sending them a card, writing a letter or giving them a call. Help support them during this time.

A CROWN OF TRUE GLORY

In this passage, Peter is once again the protagonist: in the previous passage he received Christ's affirmation, in this passage he receives Christ's rebuke. It is not enough to confess that Jesus is the Christ, we must also understand that his messiahship involves suffering and death. So, if Jesus' mission involves the cross, then those that wish to follow him must also embrace such suffering. The message of the gospel is incomplete without the cross. The disciples recognised Jesus as the Messiah, but their concept of discipleship differed greatly from his own. We are only truly converted if we acknowledge that Jesus is Lord, and that he demands everything from us, even our very lives. The only way for a person to save their life is if they surrender it in the faith that the Son of Man will come in the glory of his Father, to judge each of us according to our works. Then we will be given a crown of true glory.

Excerpt from a homily fr. David Edward Rocks, O.P.

THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

“Denying one’s self” is more profound than daily acts of “mortification.” It means displacing one’s self from the centre of our consciousness while looking to the true self embodied by Jesus’ teaching. The self that is lost is the autonomous individual so dear to modern consciousness. The self found is true life in a community of brothers and sisters who take up the challenge of discipleship by speaking and living from that fire that burns within their hearts.

“Such discipleship embodies a life of “costly grace,” as described by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who carried his cross to death in opposing Nazism. He describes costly grace as “the Gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for...such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs him his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life.” Peter, firm rock and stumbling stone, learned this only after he failed and even denied Jesus.’

Excerpt from a homily by Fr John Donahue SJ

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

As always I come gently to my prayer, taking the time to relax my body and mind so that I can be fully present to my God. What grace do I wish for today?

When I am ready, I take up the Gospel text, reading it slowly a couple of times. Perhaps I can be present to Jesus, who having faced opposition, is now contemplating his journey to Jerusalem. As he shares this with his disciples, do I consider how he feels ... ? Or am I a disciple in denial? Perhaps, like Peter, I rush to remonstrate rather than reflect upon Jesus’ words? In what way do I want to please rather than ponder more demanding truths? In my own life, what things have I lost by holding onto them too tightly?

I turn to the Lord, asking him to enable me – with him alongside to look clearly and peacefully at my life. I end with gratitude for the human example Jesus has set in accepting his cross.



SOCIAL DISTANCING

Church Rules for Social Distancing:

- If you are feeling unwell please DO NOT come to church.
- Please record your name & contact number on the Register provided in the foyer.
- Please sanitise your hands on entering the foyer.
- Please DO NOT return your bulletin to the basket, if you are not taking it home put it in the bin.
- Wipes are provided to wipe church surfaces on entering/leaving.
- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue or your inner elbow and wash your hands afterwards.
- Discard used tissues immediately into a bin.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

In order to meet the requirements for social distancing during Communion:

- For the reception of Communion - Communion will be in the hand only.
- Please follow the colour order - Pink, Blue, Green, Yellow
- Please leave the pews one row at a time.
- Please use the aisle. **Do Not** cross through the pews.
- Keep 1.5m apart.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions there will be no singing during Mass until further notice.

FLOWERS

Do you have an interest in flower arranging? We are looking for 2 people to help on the first weekend and 1 person for the third weekend. Please call the office 6248 5925 if you can help.

RECONCILIATION

On Saturday 12 September there a wedding at 12 noon.

PARISH

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION - Parish School of a religion will resume this Sunday at 9am in the Parish Hall. Families wishing for children to receive Sacramental preparation are to please contact Nicole Webb on 0414139170. A friendly reminder to observe COVID precautions by keeping children who are unwell or who have been exposed to unwell family members, at home.

MASS INTENTION - please email or phone the Parish Office

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets 2.00pm **Thursdays** in the church. Contact the Office for information.

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

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on the **first, second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month .

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is NOON TUESDAY
Ph. 6248 5925 or Email: watson@cg.org.au

Jesus lays out a prescription for those that would follow him – to take up one's own cross and to lose one's life in order to find it. 'This is the path that Jesus must go and the path that all who would seek association with him must also be prepared to embrace.'
How then do we go about discerning the right path?

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

Alexia Harris, Maria Martiniello, Greg O'Neill, Barbara Parsonage Moya McGrath, Mary Martin, Barbara Wilson, Anne Corver, Ursula Ramsay, Edith Jensen, Frank Zobec, June Pollard, Maureen Dawes, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Mimma Gia, Awny El-Ghitany, Rosa Maria Santos, Margaret Sullivan, Zelma McManus, Elizabeth Webster, Joe Schimizzi, Bob Hackett, Elsie Loughton, Paul Neddrie, Pamela Sandy, Beth Delos Santos, Maureen Blood

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

Fr Joe McGeehan, Rod Richardson, Mark Shephard, Ricardo Villalon, Bob (Scottie) Johnstone

Anniversaries - In Loving Memory

Richard Johnson

ADORATION

Spending special time with our Lord: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will be held in the Church each Tuesday from noon until 1pm.

On the 23 September the Archbishop will be visiting the Parish and will preside over the Adoration. The Adoration for that week will be moved from Tuesday 22 to Wednesday 23 September.

PLANNED GIVING & DONATIONS

CDF are making available a CBA secured CDF Bpoint payment page for payment of donations on the following link.

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/>

[CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDARCHDIOCESEOF CANBERRA](https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/)

VINNIES COVID-19 APPEAL

Vinnies will not be holding a winter appeal in 2020. Instead, Vinnies supporters are encouraged to donate to the COVID-19 Crisis Appeal. You can donate online at www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal or by calling the Vinnies hotline 13 18 12.. As always, the support of our Watson parishioners is greatly appreciated. The Vinnies Canberra Night Patrol is also seeking donations of warm items such - blankets, jackets, new socks. Anyone able to assist with these items can donate at any of the Vinnies shops in Canberra, including in Dickson and Gungahlin.

ROSTER 5 / 6 September		
Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	E. Smith	J. Smith
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	M. Fitzgerald	K. McCluskey
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	D. Gomez	
Readers	M. Proctor	

If you feel like you're losing everything, remember that trees lose their leaves every year and they still stand tall and wait for better days to come.