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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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PARABLE
OF THE
TWO SONS



It's not what you say
It's what you do

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is

NOON TUESDAY

Please contact the office Ph. 6248 5925
or Email: watson@cg.org.au



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon - Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us
according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING

First reading - Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 24(25):4-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING

Second reading - Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all

Cont...beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel - Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon is NOT recited when hymns are sung.

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 118: 49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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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



EXAMINING OUR CONSCIENCE



Today's parable is directed to the chief priests and the elders of the people, citizens who would normally provide example for the rest of the populace. Jesus rightly rebukes them through this story because they would not accept the message of John the Baptist. Once again we see a reversal

of sorts, the people who should've welcomed John's message didn't, but the ones who you would've least expected to hear the message and repent of their ways did. This scenario is illustrated by the conversion of many prostitutes and tax collectors, people certainly on the margins of society.

The message from this gospel raises in our minds the notion of a true consistency in our lives. Do we hear the word of God and are yet not challenged by it? God does not want lip service as the first son in our story gives. It's easy to say 'yes Lord I will do such and such or I will believe such and such' and yet never put it into practice. As Jesus says elsewhere it is not enough to say ' Lord, Lord ', and leave it at that.

Our Christian life is primarily based on the idea that our beliefs should colour our actions. The teachings of the Church guide us on how to perfectly live the gospel. Of particular import is the necessity of examining our consciences from time to time. Regular confession assists us also in coming to terms with who we really are. It is not enough to say well I don't really sin that much, or I'm a good person. No one can be a judge in his own case. Yet, an examination of conscience may actually reveal how much we are really failing in our obligation to conversion of life. As the Greek philosopher Socrates once quipped " the unexamined life is not worth living", if we are merely passing our lives without a genuine examination of our behaviour, from time to time, then can we truly say we are living the best Christian life? Are we just really saying 'yes' to God but not really interested in the work of the vineyard?

Today in this this Eucharist let us each pray to the Holy Spirit to enlighten us and to guide us to a deeper examination of our own behaviour so that like those prostitutes and tax collectors we may take on the genuine path to conversion of life.

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

PARISH 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 29 OCTOBER 2023

After the 10 am Mass on Sunday 29 October, we will celebrate the 60th 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

**DONATIONS TO ST DOMINICS GARDEN
CAN BE MADE USING THE
PARISH BANKING DETAILS
BANK DETAILS - REFERENCE GARDEN**

Love is not what
you say.
Love is what
you do.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith? Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

This weekend we welcome to our parish Siobhán who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.



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

WWVP CARD AUDITS

Twice a year, a report of all active Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) cards must to 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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FUNDRAISING DINNER

6.30 pm, 27 Oct 2023 at the Southern Cross Club (Woden).

This dinner celebrates the contribution of women to Church and society while raising funds for MacKillop House, a place of safety for women and children. The guest speaker is Genevieve Jacobs AM, a passionate storyteller and experienced journalist committed to strengthening community engagement. It is a wonderful opportunity to build community. Standard tickets are \$80. You will be seated at a table of ten.

The easiest way to get tickets is to purchase via the link (the link is also on the website cgwomen.com.au) If you are not comfortable with this method, please call 0487388873 for assistance. Ticket sales close Tues 17th October.

Carmel Lewis and Emily Hall are organising tables for ten persons if you wish to join them. You need to purchase your own ticket and give either Carmel or



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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Are you engaged couples hoping to marry in the next 6 months (up to March 2024), Marriage preparation programs are available but you need to register now for programs commencing in November

There will be **NO FURTHER PROGRAMS** available over the Summer.

Please go to www.marriagefamily.com for all the Information you need to register for a marriage preparation program. Any enquiries, go to marriage.preparation@cg.org.au



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

PRAYERS

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

Mary Pavey, 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, Robin Lees and Philip Cruz

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

GANGGANG CAFÉ—IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our next third Thursday gathering will be 19/10 at 10-30 am. We will bid Br Francis a premature farewell that morning. If you are planning to attend, can you let Carmel Lewis know on 6249 8884 or email pandclewis@bigpond.com by Monday 16/10. It is important to arrive on time on the 19/10. Newcomers are always welcome.

By the way, Sr Veronica Dunphy was relieved of her neck brace on 21/9 and joined us at GangGang that day.

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

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 for further information.

ROSTER 7/8 OCTOBER

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M Tran / D Gauci
Reader - N Clarke / B Basu
Computer - Volunteer

Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - K Linnard
Reader - M Fitzgerald / K McClusky
Computer - Volunteer

Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - S Sedgwick
Reader - M Proctor / M Brotohusodo
Computer - C Bailey