

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars



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## VERITAS



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## Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH**

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**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**



**Where 2 or 3  
gather in my name**

**there am I  
among them.**

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provided in the foyer.**

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it home put it in the bin.**

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### Entrance Antiphon:

Psalm 118:137,124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

## FIRST READING

### First Reading:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 94:1-2. 6-9

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

## SECOND READING

### Second Reading:

Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation:

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God was in Christ,  
to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News  
of reconciliation  
he has entrusted to us.  
Alleluia!



## GOSPEL

### Gospel:

Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### Communion Antiphon:

Cf. Psalm: 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

## A CATECHESIS ON THE MASS

### Eucharistic Prayer



Our little framework we mentioned last week gives us the fundamental meaning of the Eucharistic Prayer. The framework set out the following "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." The Eucharistic

prayer is an extended grace whereby the food that we will receive is blessed and becomes the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ.

We have already set the table during that part of the liturgy called the "**Preparation of the Gifts**": the altar has had placed on it the **Corporal** (a large square piece of cloth symbolic of the shroud in which Our Lord was bound in the tomb); placed on the corporal are the chalice a top which is placed the **Pall** (a small square of stiffened linen, or, of cardboard which protect the contents of the chalice, from debris or small insects), beside the Corporal is placed the **Purificator** a long strip of linen used to cleanse the chalice after communion and to wipe any of the Precious Blood if communion is distributed with the chalice.

With the **Prayer over the gifts** said, which thanks God for the gifts received and looks forward to the gifts becoming the Lord Jesus, the **Eucharistic Prayer** begins then in earnest, here is its structure:

- a. **The Preface**- tells of the wonderful actions of God, both throughout history and in our lives, giving thanks to God for all these things. Often the Preface mentions something about the feast of the day, so it is variable as it narrates something about the saints we celebrate. The Preface may also reflect the event we are celebrating so for instance Marriage, Funerals and other Sacraments celebrated in the Liturgy (for example Confirmation) have a Preface that is either proper to it or that resonates with the celebration.

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b. **The Sanctus**- In Western Christianity, the Sanctus forms part of the Ordinary (the unchangeable parts of the Mass which include **The Kyrie** (Lord Have Mercy) **The Gloria in excelsis Deo**, **The Creed** and the **Agnus Dei** (Lamb of God). The Sanctus is sung (or said) as the final words of the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer. The preface, which alters according to the season, usually concludes with words describing the praise of the worshippers joining with the angels, who are pictured as praising God with the words of the Sanctus. The Sanctus reminds us that our liturgy is where heaven meets earth. It is worthwhile remembering that invisibly host of angels attend the Mass for as St John Chrysostom writes: "The angels surround the priest, the whole sanctuary and the space before the altar is filled with the heavenly Powers who come to honour Him who is present upon the altar."

c. **The Eucharistic Prayer proper**

Currently there are four main Eucharistic prayers in the Roman Liturgy. For over 1500 years there was only one known as the Roman Canon, now known as Eucharistic Prayer I. The rationale of the Eucharistic prayer is based on Jewish Meal prayers called 'Berakah'. Fr Roch Kereszty writes: "The solemn Eucharistic prayers of the Church have probably developed from the blessings said after festive Jewish meals. These prayers praise God the Creator and Savior of Israel, who gave Israel the land and the law; by reminding him of his mighty deeds in the past, they call upon his saving intervention in the present." (<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=4179>)

d. **Epiclesis**: Within the Eucharistic prayer there is a special prayer invoking the Holy Spirit to come and change the humble elements of bread and wine and transform them into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The word 'epiclesis' means to invoke or call upon and this is what we do in the Eucharistic prayer when we say for instance:

**Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and + Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.**

e. **The Institutional Narrative**

We come to the Liturgy of the Eucharist's crescendo when the priest utters the words of Christ himself at the Last Supper.

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY OR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

With these sacred words the sacrifice of Christ is made present to us. Jesus utters these words before he is put to death and yet these words point not so much to what Jesus is actually doing at the Last Supper but what will happen to him on the next day at Calvary.

Cont... It is at this moment of the Mass that we realise that what is presented in ritual conveys that which happened 2000 years ago. Jesus invites us to be with his Mother, St John and the other faithful woman, at the foot of the cross. By these words Jesus reflects for us the importance of his death as it is really the triumph of life over death, of victory over sin and the opening of Heaven's gates.

We shall explore further next week the rest of the Eucharistic prayer.

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

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

A Dad is a person who is loving and kind,  
and often he knows what you have on your mind.  
He's someone who listens, suggests, and defends.

A Dad can be one of your very best friends!  
He's proud of your triumphs, but when things go wrong,  
a Dad can be patient and helpful and strong.

In all that you do, a Dad's love plays a part.  
There's always a place for him deep in your heart.  
And each year that passes, you're even more glad,  
more grateful and proud just to call him your Dad  
because he listens and cares, gives and shares,  
but, especially, for just being Dad!

Thank you...



## FR BERNIE MAXWELL OP

Fr Bernie Maxwell OP will be leaving  
Canberra to live in Sydney.

If you would like to send him your  
best wishes you can write on a card in  
the foyer, a box is available for your  
message. Alternatively you can send a  
message via email to the Parish Office -  
[watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au)  
and the message will be added to a book.



## A COMMUNITY OF MERCY

*Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year.*

*Fr Peter Harries OP preaches on forgiveness,  
the principal rule of the Christian Church.*

Today's gospel passage gives us a warning. Some patterns of behaviour are wrong and cannot be tolerated within the community. If, after repeated warning, someone persists in some serious wrong, then they are to be treated like a pagan or a tax-collector – they are no longer to be treated as one of the Christian community. Such a person has failed in some serious way to love their neighbour, and has failed to repent. The gospel does not give us a comprehensive list of such serious wrongs. Each generation will reflect differently but sins of violence against others, and the systematic exploiting of other people will surely feature. So will sins of deliberately neglecting the needs of others for food, shelter or care. These are total failures to love our neighbour as oneself. In contrast let us orientate our life to love of God and love of neighbour, with the help of God's grace.

Excerpt - Fr Peter Harries OP <http://english.op.org/torch>



**When my arms can't reach people who are close  
to my heart...I always hug them with my prayers.**

## SOCIAL DISTANCING

### Church Rules for Social Distancing:

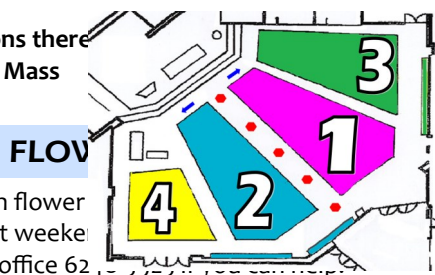
- If you are feeling unwell please DO NOT come to church.
- Please record your name & contact number on the Register provided in the foyer.
- Please sanitise your hands on entering the foyer.
- Please DO NOT return your bulletin to the basket, if you are not taking it home put it in the bin.
- Wipes 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.

Do you have an interest in flower people to help on the first weekend. Please call the office 62



## WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE CARD

Parishioners on the Liturgical Roster (Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, etc.) would have received a letter in March requiring them to obtain a Working With vulnerable People Card (WWVP). If you have applied and received your card please come in or send a colour copy to the office. If you have not applied please remember that it is a government requirement and that you need to apply as soon as possible. Our parish is up for Government review on 29 September.

## 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](mailto:watson@cg.org.au)

## 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 Laughton, 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

Allison Krebs - Sible, Eileen Liston, John Collett, Roderick Richardson

## 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. Part of the car park will be reserved for those attending Adoration. Use the reserved bays with witches hats. Please bring the hat on the bay you use to the foyer after parking.

**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.**

## VINNIES COVID-19 APPEAL

Vinnies supporters are encouraged to donate to the COVID-19 Crisis Appeal. You can donate online at [www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal](http://www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal). 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.

## CONFESSION

Parishioners who attend the 12 noon confessions on Saturdays: on Saturday 12 September there will be a wedding at this time.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all those parishioners who participated in the UC Vinnie's (not ACU) survey to develop a plan for the 2021 Doorknock Appeal.

ROSTER 12 / 13 September		
Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	Volunteer	
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer	
Readers	A. O'Donnell	L. Fardel
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	S. Sedgwick	
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	T. de Luca