

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars



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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**

## VERITAS Our Lady of the Rosary



**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—Matthew 11:25

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

## FIRST READING

### First Reading Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Take courage, my people, who perpetuate Israel's name! It was not for destruction that you were sold to the nations, but you were handed over to your enemies because you angered God. For you provoked the one who made you by sacrificing to demons and not to God.

You forgot the everlasting God, who brought you up, and you grieved Jerusalem, who reared you. For she saw the wrath that came upon you from God, and she said: Listen, you neighbours of Zion, God has brought great sorrow upon me; for I have seen the exile of my sons and daughters, which the Everlasting brought upon them.

With joy I nurtured them, but I sent them away with weeping and sorrow. Let no one rejoice over me, a widow and bereaved of many; I was left desolate because of the sins of my children, because they turned away from the law of God.

Take courage, my children, and cry to God, for you will be remembered by the one who brought this upon you. For just as you were disposed to go astray from God, return with tenfold zeal to seek him. For the one who brought these calamities upon you will bring you everlasting joy with your salvation.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm - Ps 68:33-37

*The Lord Listens to the Poor*

## SECOND READING

### Second Reading – Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
After Jesus had ascended into heaven, the apostles went back to Jerusalem, a short distance away, not more than a Sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Phillip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### Gospel – Luke 1:26-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. HE went in and said to her: 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her: 'Mary, to not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the house of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel: 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' The Holy Spirit will come upon you,' the angel answered, 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary, 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

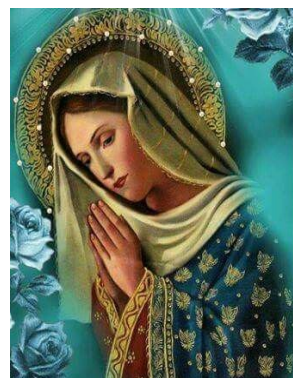
## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

### Communion Antiphon - Lam 3: 25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

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## ROSARY SUNDAY



In an age which actually craves spiritual Experiences, the recitation of the Rosary can truly offer a simple way of attaining a spiritual dimension to one's life.

In order for us to become more Christlike we have to walk with Christ on his Mission in the world. What the Rosary does is to launch us into the very lives of

Jesus and Mary so that they may become more truly a part of our lives and we a part of theirs.

The key to the Rosary then is to meditate on the mysteries provided to us by holy tradition. It is in these mysteries that we can experience the life of Christ and the Blessed Mother. Yet, the allegation is often raised at how repetitive the Rosary is, particularly in the use of the Hail Mary. The device of the Hail Mary's is twofold, however. First, it is simply a tool, much like a mantra, we can say it and it more or less becomes the rhythm behind the actual work of meditating on the mysteries at hand. Nevertheless, there is a second reason the Church employs it and that is as an act of love for the Blessed Mother.

How often do we tell people we love them? How often do you husbands remind your wives of your love of them, and vice versa? How often do you children tell your parents that you love them? To say those words means something, something deeper than what those words can possibly convey. Similarly when we pray each Hail Mary we offer our esteem and devotion to this great woman who loves us in return, wants us to be holy and pure like her, and wants us to be true and loyal subjects of her Son. We should never be afraid of loving Our Lady too much for as St Maximilian Kolbe, that hero of Auschwitz once remarked, "You can never love her more than Jesus did." In fact we honour people more when we honour their parents, and it is the same in the supernatural order, to honour Mary is to honour Christ and therefore God. It was the will of the Father to send his Son into the world through this woman. Therefore Our Lady is intimately involved in the work of salvation, the work of bringing all people to God's kingdom. Finally it is the Blessed Virgin herself who prophesied this honouring of her would happen when she prayed in her Magnificat:

My soul glóriefies the Lórd,  
my spirit rejóices in Góđ, my Sáviour.  
He looks on his sérvant in her lówliness;  
henceforth all áges will cáll me bléssed.

Today as we remember the gift of the Rosary as a tool of spiritual support, an instrument that gives us that spiritual experience, let us nor forget it's true object. The object of this sacred device is to fashion within us a solid interior life of prayer. By the meditation on the great mysteries of Our Lord's and Our Lady's life, we witness with them the very seminal events of our own salvation—drawing from those same episodes the very virtues and gifts we need for our Christian life. Combined with this noble venture we also recall the devotion, esteem, and love we have for Our Lady; each Hail Mary really acting as an 'I love you' to this remarkable woman, God's chosen vessel which brought forth the true light of the world, Christ Our Lord. So let us once more take up that chain that links us to heaven and let us with deeper devotion commit ourselves to a devout remembrance of the sacred mysteries and the love of our Mother who earnestly desires us to come home.

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

## BAPTISM

*George Pearson*

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.



### REMINDER: MERICI COLLEGE—50 Year Reunion

Catholic Girls High School Braddon Students—1968-1973, are celebrating our 50 year reunion. Join us at the school for a walk down memory lane at 4 pm on Saturday, 18 November, and afterwards for a buffet dinner at Yowani Golf Club at 6.30 pm. Bookings are essential: please contact Anne at CGHSB1973@gmail.com



## Vinnies

The Parish Vinnies Conference is holding its annual **Ozanam Appeal** as a leaving collection at masses this weekend.

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 rural India involving the purchase of 5 buffaloes for milk production, for five poor families.

Cash and electronic donations will be accepted in the foyer and receipts will be available. You can also make donations online to the St Vincent de Paul Society, BSB: 062 -786, ACC: 14760, giving 'Ozanam Sunday Watson.' (i.e the name of the appeal and our parish location) as the Reference. It is IMPORTANT to include this Reference. If you require a donation receipt, please email [finance.cg@vinnies.org.au](mailto:finance.cg@vinnies.org.au) with your name, donation amount, donation date and our parish location.

### UPDATE: PARISH 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: 29 OCTOBER 2023

At the end of this month (after the 10 am Mass on Sunday 29 October) our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will take place.

We need assistance with the BBQ, Morning Tea, Marquee set up and packing up - to name just a few activities on the day. Pls consider volunteering to assist with this important event.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the foyer soon for you to list your interest.

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



## ST THOMAS MORE FORUM

**St Thomas More Forum** 7.30-9pm Tuesday 10 October 2023 with Professor Patrick McGorry AO. This is World Mental Health Day, our speaker is former *Australian of the Year* and will speak on the issue of mental health in today's culture. At STM School Hall, 30 White Crescent, Campbell. Cost: \$15 / \$8 (Student/Concession). RSVP are helpful: Noon Monday 9 October 2023. Enquiries: [forum@stthomasmore.org.au](mailto:forum@stthomasmore.org.au) | 0416 823 447. Register on Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/stmf-231010>.

## CATHOLIC YOUTH BALL

Meet other young Catholics (18-40) and support Pregnancy Crisis Centres by attending the *James Bond Catholic Ball*. This will be held on Saturday 4th November from 7-11:30pm at the Southern Cross Club Woden! Tickets are \$85 and include a 4 hour drinks package and delicious canapes.

Tickets can be purchased on <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/canberracatholicball2023>.

Follow the *Canberra Cathedral Young Adults* Facebook group for event details and other young Catholic activities. If you have any questions, please email [catholicyoungadults.cbr@gmail.com](mailto:catholicyoungadults.cbr@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!!

**GANGGANG CAFÉ.** Our next gathering is 19/10 at 10-30 am. We will bid Br Francis a premature farewell. If you are coming, pls let Carmel Lewis know on 6249 8884 or email [pandclewis@bigpond.com](mailto:pandclewis@bigpond.com) by Monday 16/10.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COCKTAIL PARTY**

**4 NOV  
2023**

**QT HOTEL**  
LUCKY'S SPEAKEASY  
JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EVENING  
TO CELEBRATE 60 YEARS OF  
ROSARY EDUCATION.  
TICKETS \$90  
INCLUDES CANAPES, DRINKS  
AND ENTERTAINMENT  
[ROSARYPS60@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:ROSARYPS60@OUTLOOK.COM)

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

**TICKETS NOW ON SALE. CONTACT THE SCHOOL.**

## PRAYERS

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

Jim and Liz Smith, 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,

## IN LOVING MEMORY

*Colleen Bird*

## 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

**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.

## ROSTER 14/15 OCTOBER

**Saturday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - M Tran / D Gauci  
Reader - c Barbaro / M Dawes  
Computer - Volunteer

**Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - Hugh Bilton  
Reader - C Rheinberger/ A Verzosa  
Computer - Volunteer

**Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - L Kim  
Reader - K Watson  
Computer - J Kim