

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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## VERITAS



### Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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#### 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**



## When is Enough Enough?

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provided in the foyer.**

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it home put it in the bin.**

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

## FIRST READING

**First Reading:** Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Responsorial Psalm:** 102:1-4. 9-12

The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.

The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

## SECOND READING

**Second Reading:** Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Gospel Acclamation:** John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

## A CATECHESIS ON THE MASS



After the consecration of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus Christ we enter into the rest of the Eucharistic prayer. There are five components of the Eucharistic prayer after the consecration, they include:

- a. Anamnesis
- b. Epiclesis
- c. Prayers for the Living
- d. Prayers for the Deceased
- e. Final Doxology

a. Anamnesis

The word *anamnesis* is a Greek word meaning 'remembrance'. Yet the theological construct of this term goes far beyond a mere remembering what Jesus did 2000 years ago. The reality of the Mass is not just like looking at the photo album and being reminded of past events, rather the true reality of the Mass is that the assembly gathered for worship are actually transported back to those salvific events—the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Theologically the Mass stands outside of time and enters into the eternity of God, this is understood as *Kairos* which in classical Greek meant a 'poignant moment' or 'an opening for some kind of decisive action'. In the Christian context the gospel writers eg Mark (1:15) use the term in a similar way pointing out that this *Kairos* is "the appointed time in the purpose of God," the time when God acts.

Fr Roch Kereszty writes: The Eucharistic thanksgiving prayed by the presider in the name of the Church **is not a mere psychological act of remembering God's mighty deeds in the past. Through Christ we are actually lifted up into the Father's presence,**

Cont...the primordial source of Trinitarian life and of Salvation History. There is no past, present and future for him but only an eternal present encompassing the whole duration of history. That the celebrating community does indeed enter into the Father's presence is assured by the Holy Spirit" (<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=4179>.)

b. Epiclesis

In the modern Eucharistic prayers there are two epiclesis prayers, one prior to the consecration and another in the place after the anamnesis. The epiclesis prayer once again calls upon the Holy Spirit. In the previous epiclesis prayer the Spirit is invoked to change the lowly elements of bread and wine so that they may be changed into the body and blood of Christ, in the epiclesis prayer after the consecration we call on the Spirit to transform us so that we may become truly the body of Christ in the world and Christ's credible witnesses.

And so, Eucharistic prayer II prays:

**Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.**

Eucharistic Prayer III prays:

**...grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.**

Eucharistic Prayer IV prays:

**Look, O Lord, upon the Sacrifice which you yourself have provided for your Church, and grant in your loving kindness to all who partake of this one Bread and one Chalice that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, they may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your glory.**

c. Prayers for the Living

d. Prayers for the Deceased

Prayers for the living and the dead are always included in the Eucharistic prayer. This is so because all the baptized, whether they are here on earth or in eternity are in need of prayers or intercession. The prayers for the living include first of all the Pope, the bishop of the diocese, then the people of God. The Roman Canon specifies in its prayer a number of categories of people we pray for:

- a. **All those gathered for worship at this Mass:**  
"Remember, Lord, your servants...and all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to you." This part of the Roman Canon then acknowledges both that the Mass is being offered on behalf of the faithful by the ministerial priest, so the Roman Canon prays: **For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise...**
- b. **Other people who are not at Mass but are part of the Church:**

The prayer likewise recalls the priesthood of the baptized insofar as the baptized can pray and make intercession for each other and hence we see in the Roman Canon the following:

**or they offer it for themselves  
and all who are dear to them:  
for the redemption of their souls,  
in hope of health and well-being,  
and paying their homage to you,  
the eternal God, living and true**

The prayer for the dead is always included in the Eucharistic prayer and the reality of this particular prayer recalls for us the Holy Souls in Purgatory. These Holy Souls although they are now at rest and are confirmed in their destination of God's kingdom still rely on the Church on earth for prayers so that their time in purgation

may be completed, for as the Book of Revelation tells us: 'nothing impure shall enter heaven' (21:27). Prayers for the dead are as old as the Christian faith, for instance, in the Roman Catacombs, which originated around 71 AD in the city of Rome to bury the Christian dead, many epitaphs are found written on the tombs of the early Christians, epitaphs such as "QUI LEGIS, ORA PRO EO" which means "he or she who reads this pray for him" (meaning the deceased buried in the tomb). Early Fathers like Tertullian (155 -240 AD) intimate that in some locales of the early church prayers for the dead, indeed offering Mass for the dead, was a usual observance, he writes "We offer sacrifices for the dead on their birthday anniversaries [the date of death or their birth into eternal life]." *De Corona* 3:3. To pray for the dead presumes that the dead are still in need of some kind of succour for it would be totally redundant to pray for souls who already enjoyed heaven. The practice of praying for the dead then demands that the doctrine of Purgatory, albeit in embryo, was a teaching early Christians would've been familiar.

e. The Final Doxology

Every Eucharistic Prayer concluded with the following prayer;  
**Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours,  
for ever and ever.**

The word "doxa" in Greek means 'glory' or 'praise'. The doxology recalls that the entire liturgy has the following framework: **All glory and praise is directed to the Father by the Son in the Holy Spirit.** The Mass is Christ's prayer to the Father, it is the worship the Father has deigned and it is offered on our behalf by Christ the Priest. It is in virtue of Jesus' sacred humanity that he is anointed High Priest by the Holy Spirit and this priestly offering of sacrifice of himself on the altar of the cross is crystalized here in this final act of praise. Fundamentally then we as the people of God gather to worship God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit in and through Christ's priestly offering of himself, this sacrifice is the way we as human beings give right worship to God "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23).

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

## CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

### CALL TO REFLECT DEEPLY

Now that institutions both in the Church and the wider society are developing protocols and regulations that keep children safe, Child Protection Sunday invites us to reflect more deeply on what it means to put children first. It certainly means ensuring a safe space in which children can live and grow in wisdom, self-assurance and confidence that they are respected and valued for who they are.

### FR BERNIE MAXWELL OP

Fr Bernie Maxwell OP left Canberra last Tuesday 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.



### COFFEE MORNING

Coffee morning on Thursday 17th September from 10-30am at 'Gang Gang' in Frencham Place Downer. Regulars and newcomers especially welcome.



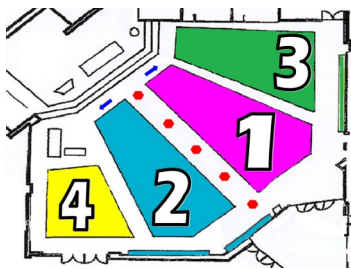
## SOCIAL DISTANCING

### 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.

## 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, Moya McGrath, Barbara Parsonage, 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, Lesley Thompson

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

Ricardo Villalon, Bob (Scottie) Johnstone, Joan Maher, Kymn V

## Anniversaries - In Loving Memory

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

## MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS

### CONGRATULATIONS

Emily O'Sullivan and Sean Beecher on your marriage this weekend. We pray that God will bless your marriage and guide you in your new journey together.



## 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.**

## CONFESSION

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

## BOOKS

Thank you for your past support in supplying used books and magazines for Calvary Hospital. Unfortunately Calvary can no longer accept your donations due to Covid 19 restrictions.

ROSTER 19 / 20 September		
Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	K. Markcrow	
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	K. Linard	
Readers	B. Bandle	C. Bandle
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	Q. Vu	
Readers	C. Barbaro	P. McDonald
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	P. Tran	
Readers	J. Curnow	T. Malone