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HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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**Mass Times**

Monday - NO Mass

Tuesday & Thursday  
8.00am

Wednesday & Friday  
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am  
Vigil - 5:pm

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

**Reconciliation**

Saturday  
4pm—4.45pm

**Adoration - Holy Hour**

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

**Pray the Rosary**

Before 10am Mass on Sundays

**ACU MASS - 12pm Wednesday**

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## Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is **NOON TUESDAY**

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ester 4: 17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things,  
the heaven and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.

## FIRST READING

### First reading - Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

*If today you hear 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.'

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

## SECOND READING

### Second reading - 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Cont...The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation - 1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The word of the Lord stands for ever;  
it is the word given to you, the Good News.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### Gospel - Luke 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.'

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### Communion Antiphon - Lamentations 3: 25

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

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## WHERE IS YOUR FAITH

'When the storm on the lake threatens the safety of the disciples, so that they wake Jesus up, he says to them, "Where is your faith?" (Luke 8.25). Faith is not faith if kept in reserve for emergencies. Faith is lived daily and shapes the way we think and behave. It is about receptivity to God's presence in our daily lives and it is seen in our faithful behaviour. The Greek text can actually mean "add to us faith". The request is a reminder that the source of our faith and that of the apostles is the Lord himself.

'Luke often uses the roles of the master and the servant or slave to talk about discipleship, faith and faithfulness. Here the point is that you can't expect a reward if all you are doing is your duty. A small landowner would have had a single slave whose duties included work in the fields by day and in the home by night.

'The bottom line is that obedience is not a means to some reward. It is simply what being an apostle and a disciple is about. The question "Who is the greatest" (9.46; 22.24) should find no room in the heart of a true disciple.' *Excerpt from a homily by Fr Dermot Morrin OP*



## INCREASE OF FAITH COMES THROUGH SERVICE



A major part of our Christian life is to follow Jesus sincerely and without dissimulation. Jesus' teaches us today that faith and service go together. This understanding is primarily seen in Jesus himself. Whilst Jesus as God and Man did not have the theological virtue of faith he certainly demonstrated the obedience of faith in his life and work, always doing the will of the Father who sent him.

And thus it is the same for us. To follow Jesus means to trust him and what he teaches as life giving and salvific. But this is the issue, we like the disciples say 'Increase our faith'. The only way to increase our faith is to accept everything Jesus did for us. We can only understand who Jesus is however by turning the pages of the gospels to rediscover him. When we do go on this adventure what will we find? We find primarily a servant who teaches and heals.

Jesus is the servant in our little parable today. The Lord articulates the *status quo* of his time, a servant serves and does his duty without any frills or expectations of his own. Paradoxically, Jesus does not reverse the situation as he so often does in his parables e.g. the Good Samaritan, or as in the story of the Publican and the Pharisee. Jesus here refers to the *status quo* as the best interpreter for his disciples. Why? Because the apostles are getting a reality check about what it means to be associated with Christ. Jesus is pointing out that there are no privileges or perks when it comes to being a disciple, the only reward is the work itself. The work being done is done for a heavenly master and in the service of those to whom the heavenly master sends them.

Whilst this scenario may be underwhelming, working for the Lord is the reward itself. Jesus puts pay to the disciple looking for a reward as compensation for all he has lost by attaching himself to Christ. Even Jesus receives no real reward for all his teaching, preaching and healing, well not from a purely worldly perspective.

The upshot of the whole gospel today is that our service of God should be such that we do not necessarily do our work for God's kingdom in view of what we can get out of it, but rather wait in anticipation for what the Lord wishes to give. Our service of God is not to be seen in worldly terms as a lucrative career move but rather our service must be a recapitulation of Christ's service for it is Jesus himself who said that he came to serve and not to be served. Our faith then is deepened if we indeed identify ourselves with the serving Christ, when we imitate Christ to the best of our ability under God's grace then in Christian hope can we look for the life we were meant to live, the life of God himself.

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

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

To celebrate this special day for the Parish it will be celebrated on the weekend of 15 / 16 October. The 10:00am Mass will be followed by a morning tea in the Parish Centre. Please bring a plate to share. Help on the day will be appreciated.

## HUMILITY AND HUMILIATION

Albert Nolan tells us in *God in South Africa* about a young black man who could not bear to say the words in the Mass, 'Lord, I am not worthy to receive you ...' He had been told all his life, he said, by the white rulers of his country, that he was not worthy and he would not accept the same humiliation in church. It is often said of Christianity and especially of the Catholic Church that it instils an unhealthy sense of guilt in people. In a culture which sees believing in yourself as an important virtue, the excessive humility of Catholics is seen as something bad, self-destructive, and, let's face it, it can be. But is it the Church that is to blame? Maybe the foundational documents of Christianity, our Scriptures themselves, are full of the idea that human beings are worthless. In the Gospel today, the word the English translations politely render as 'servant' undoubtedly means someone who could expect no pay - the man in the parable is a slave. The master sees no reason to thank the slave since he is a possession and exists only to serve his master. If that is the whole story of the relationship of humanity to God, perhaps Nietzsche was right to want to get rid of God in the name of human freedom. If God is to be seen as the master and we as his slaves, belief in God doesn't look very attractive. In particular, it becomes hard to see how God could love human beings, for a master cannot love his slaves, at least as long as he sees them as slaves. Only when a master sees a slave as a human being, someone with whom he has some equality, can there be any kind of love between them, for love requires equality. But what kind of equality can there be between God and humanity? The answer is that, naturally speaking, there can be none at all. We are not even the greatest of God's creatures - that place is occupied by the angels - and there can be no question, it might seem, of creatures having any kind of equality with their Creator. When it comes to God and the possible, however, things are almost never how they first seem to us. As Jesus says, 'What is impossible for humans is possible for God.' The really extraordinary thing which Christians teach is that God does indeed love human beings. He shows this and has shown this in so many ways. This is shown even in our very origins: humans have the dignity of being made in the image of God. But of course he especially showed his love for us by becoming one of us. While we were still enemies of God, the Father sent his only-begotten Son, he came among us as a human being and died for us. In what clearer way could the dignity of humanity be shown? This love of God is made possible by an act of unimaginable generosity. Though creature cannot be equal to Creator, and though through our sin we have made ourselves even less worthy that God should come to us, through Christ's death and resurrection and the giving of the Holy Spirit we are not just healed but lifted up to God's level, made god-like, people who can be loved by God and love in return. Humility and humiliation, then, are two quite different things. The young man mentioned at the beginning was responding to being humiliated by (understandably) mistaking an act of humility as further humiliation. Real humility is not about considering ourselves to be so much rubbish, but about recognising the good in ourselves and then realising it comes from God. Our lives are valuable but we receive them from God and consequently owe everything we have and are back to God: that's what our slavery amounts to. But the amazing thing is that through the gift of God, when we recognise our debt and accept our slavery, it becomes possible to become children of God. That's where the most radical freedom of all is to be found.

Fr Peter Hunter OP <http://english.op.org/torch>

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

'The Rosary is a way of contemplating the face of *Christ*, seeing him - we may say - *with the eyes of Mary*.



For this reason, it is a prayer that drawing upon the core of the Gospel is in full accord with the inspiration of the Second Vatican Council and very much in keeping with the direction I gave in the Apostolic Letter *Novo Millennio Ineunte*: the Church has to launch out "into the deep" in the new millennium beginning with the contemplation of the face of Christ. Therefore, I wish to suggest the recitation of the Rosary to individuals, families and Christian communities.'

Pope John Paul II, *Angelus homily, Castel Gandolfo, Sept 29, 2002*

## PARISH RENEWAL GROUP

The Parish renewal group are inviting the parish to pray for renewal of our parish. The Prayer Vigil we are planning will start on Friday 7 October – Feast of the Holy Rosary, after the 5:30pm Mass with a Rosary and end six weeks later on Friday 18 November again with the Rosary after 5:30 pm Mass.

To help us pray during these six weeks, three different steps are suggested:

- At midday each day for the six weeks, all of us are asked to pray together for the renewal of our parish.
- Each week a verse from scripture and a prayer intention will be made available for each of us to pray with through the coming week, along with our prayer for parish renewal.
- We are all warmly invited to engage with one of the many prayer activities already present in the parish.

## PRAYER VIGIL FOR PARISH RENEWAL

In the lead up to the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of Blackfriars Parish next year, we are invited all parishioners to pray for Parish renewal. Our six weeks prayer vigil begins on the parish feast day of the Holy Rosary on Friday 7 October, with the rosary prayed in the church after the 5.30pm Mass, through to Friday 18 Nov, the weekend of Christ the King, with the Rosary again prayed after mass in the church.

## LAITY & MINISTRY

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry warmly invites all Catholics to 'Evangelise', a national, online conference to be held from October 20-22, 2022. The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship, and mission in the world. The conference will feature a range of informative and engaging presentations on topics such as liturgy, marriage and family, discipleship, formation, and prayer. Individual registration (\$25 each) and further information can be found at: [www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au](http://www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au). If you would like to watch part of the conference together with other parishioners please contact Emily at [emilykathryn-hall@gmail.com](mailto:emilykathryn-hall@gmail.com) to register your interest.

## PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Greg O'Neill, Mary Martin, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Mimma Gia, Philip Bailey, Veronica Cornelly, Rosa Maria Santos, Beth Delos Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Peter Catlin, Sue King, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Elizabeth Webster, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Una Bell Maureen Blood, Anthony Parsonage, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Alphonsa Bankovsky, Doug Gaudencio, Dennis McKeon, Fr Rafael Cabezon

## RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Mary Lou Pentony, Edward Pook, Frances Higgins, Bruce Feehan, Frank Zobec

## BAPTISM

*Evelyn & Myles Box* will be baptised this weekend. May their life be filled with God's peace, and their hearts with God's love...on this Baptism day and always.

**HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S FAITH CIRCLE** On Thursday evening 11 August at 8pm. Meeting fortnightly to connect, share, journey and grow together in faith. Please email Emily at [emilykathryn-hall@gmail.com](mailto:emilykathryn-hall@gmail.com) for further details.  
**BIBLE STUDY** Verbum: Bible study for Young Adults (18-35) Monday nights at 6pm (except public holidays) in the Parish Centre a group of young adults from around North Canberra come to study the scriptures and pray.  
**PRAY THE ROSARY** Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. Please join in.  
**HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP** meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.  
**CRAFT GROUP** meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays.  
**DOMINICAN LIBRARY** will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 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 Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - [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

## ROSTER 8 / 9 October

**Saturday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - M. Tran  
Reader - K. Markcrow  
**Sunday 8.00am** - Acolyte - K. Linard  
Reader - E. Smith, J. Smith  
**Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - R. Tanzer  
Reader - J. Cooke, K. Bergin  
**Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - P. Tran  
Reader - M. Brotohusodo, T. de Luca

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