

# Catholic Parish of Blackfriars



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## VERITAS



**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**

# Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 - Ps 129: 3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

## FIRST READING

### First reading - Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all Peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 22(23)

*I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

*I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

## SECOND READING

### Second reading - Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation - cf Ephesians 1:17. 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### Gospel - Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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 33: 11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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## UPDATE: PARISH 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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.

**Please use the sign-up sheets in the foyer to assist, if possible.**

Volunteers will be contacted between 16 & 28 October by our coordinator for each activity with details about specific tasks requiring your assistance and timings.

## YOU'RE INVITED.....



Jesus, knowing the hardness of heart of his interlocutors today, tries yet another parable on his unbelieving audience.

The Parable of the Wedding Feast is once more addressed to the Chief Priests and elders. This group of people knew of the prophecy of Isaiah which we've read already today. The messianic banquet "for all peoples" of Isaiah is what Jesus is intimating in his parable today.

First, Jesus recounts salvation history. The king's messengers are the prophets, and so Jesus reminds his Jewish friends of the following:

*He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them.*

In the history of the Jewish people there was a constant failure to listen to the prophets, the Jewish people being too distracted by the things of this world. The prophets' call to fidelity to God's Covenant was seen by the Jews as an interruption in their lives and these annoying utterances culminated in the maltreatment of the prophets and attempts to kill those messengers of God.

The invitation to the people on the crossroads and towns is a metaphor for the preaching of the gospel to the world. It is the gentiles to whom God will turn, as he revealed in the prophecy of Isaiah. Through this new call to the banquet of heaven all people, not just the "chosen people" are invited to the banquet at the end of time. This is done by Jesus' own band of apostles; God's new messengers.

Yet, even the gentile reception of the invitation is not all what it is made out to be.

This situation is borne out in the unfortunate man who is found to be without the wedding garment. The idea here is that even if one responds to the call of the gospel, one must be ready to be challenged by the invitation to become better, the wedding garment being a symbol of righteous deeds accompanying faith ( Rev 19:7-8) ( Mt 6:16-18), the condition for entering God's kingdom.

As we ponder who enters the kingdom of God let us reflect on how we respond to the invitation in our Christian life. Are we changed and challenged by the gospel, or will we, like the Jews of old, put worldly issues and cares ahead of God's call to join in the feast? Do we ignore the prophetic teaching of the Church and tend towards our own views and ideas about what is necessary for salvation?

Cont.... Let us today pray for docility to the Holy Spirit who teaches us how to respond to the wedding feast invitation sincerely, faithfully and courageously.

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



The International Director of the Marian Movement of Priests, Rev Fr Luca Pescatori is visiting Australia in November for the celebration of Masses and Cenacles of Prayer. He will be accompanied by Fr Donal McIlraith SSC, Responsible for OCEANIA.

Fr Luca and Fr Donal will be at St Brigid's Church, 2 Bancroft Street Dickson on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November where there will be a Mass at 9am followed by Adoration and Cenacle at 10am. There will be morning tea after the Cenacle in the Parish Hall where people will have a chance to meet with them. For more information visit the website: [mmp-oceania.net](http://mmp-oceania.net)

## PARISH OFFICE MANAGER INNER NORTH PARISHES

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Office Manager, Inner North Parishes (encompassing Campbell, Canberra Central, O'Connor & Watson). This is a full-time position (subject to review in 12 months)

Essential Requirements:

- ✓ An understanding of and support for the Catholic Church and its teachings
- ✓ Excellent verbal and written, interpersonal and communication skills
- ✓ Computer literacy in MS Suite and database skills, (in particular PACS database)
- ✓ Act with tact & discretion, maintaining high levels of confidentiality, honesty, integrity, reliability and punctuality

Please email [Deborah.foote@cg.org.au](mailto:Deborah.foote@cg.org.au) for a detailed copy of the duty statement and selection criteria. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria with attached resume to Fr Anthony Riosa, SSS, [anthony.riosa@cam.org.au](mailto:anthony.riosa@cam.org.au) must be received by Friday 3 November 2023.

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## NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Fr Mannes is away from Monday 9 October to Saturday 21 October on annual leave.

**There will be no weekday masses during this time.**

## NEEDS OF LAY CATHOLICS TODAY

What do adult lay Catholics need today to help them live a committed Catholic life amid the circumstances of modern society? To find out and to help improve their services to our Archdiocese, the Canberra Circle of The Catenians, an international association of lay Catholics, is conducting an Archdiocesan-wide online survey.

Please help by completing this brief, anonymous, tick-box survey via this URL or QR code. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLTZGM>



Contact: Phil Murray, President, Canberra Catenians  
0419 695 927 or phil13murray@gmail.com

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FUNDRAISING DINNER

Celebrate the contribution of Catholic Women to Church and society by attending this dinner on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Guest speaker, Ms Genevieve Jacobs, a well-known local personality, will reflect on her experience of her Catholic faith in both her professional and personal life.

Tickets are \$80. Carmel Lewis is the parish contact for the dinner and has been organising tables. Carmel attends the 10 am Sunday mass regularly. At this stage, ticket sales close 17th October.

The taskforce has requested that those attending with dietary requirements / allergies to please let them know. Please call 0487388873 for assistance. Pls make your own transport arrangements.



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

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

**4 NOV**  
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**2023**

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## 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:

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.

Clara Di Pauli, Laurie-Ann Marchesani, Sylvia Mantinaos, Susan Metcalfe and Joyce Thomson

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Philomena D'Cruze

## GANGGANG CAFE

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 by Monday 16/10. If outdoors, you may wish to bring a hat.

**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 21/22 OCTOBER

**Saturday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - M Tran / D Gauci  
Reader - E Smith / J Smith  
Computer - Volunteer

**Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - R Tanzer  
Reader - A O'Donnell / L Fardell  
Computer - J Corteze

**Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - P Tran  
Reader - T de Leuca / T Malone  
Computer - B Joseph