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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

Pray the Rosary

First Saturday each month 3.30pm

**If you are in Urgent need of
a Priest out of office hours
call - 6248 8253**



**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 or parish centre.
Please DO NOT return your bulletin to the basket, if you are not taking
it home put it in the bin.**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING

First Reading:

Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm: 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18

The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

The Lord is near to all who call him.

SECOND READING

Second Reading:

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel:

Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour

he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each.

When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

THE COMMUNION RITE



After having addressed God the Father in the Eucharistic prayer through his Son Jesus Christ, gathered together by the Holy Spirit, we come now to the Communion Rite which commences with the Lord's Prayer.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

The Our Father is the only prayer taught to us by Our Lord himself, he directs us that when we address God we call him Father; this is the appropriate and revealed name for the First Person of the Blessed Trinity. The Our Father also addresses our relationship with God in that we are his adopted sons and daughters. Just as God the Son is son of the Father by nature, by the eternal begetting and being begotten-the relationship between the two persons, so our relationship with God the Father is a true relationship of filiation but not by nature but by grace. We are elected as children of God by our baptism and this event constitutes the beginning of our life in the household of God, the God who is Father to us.

The petitions of the Our Father connect well with the reasons why we are at Mass:

Hallowed be thy name-points out we should venerate, revere and adore God whose name alone is to be held in the highest esteem possible

Give us this day our daily bread,-recalls for us the need to petition God for the things we need both material and spiritual

Cont... **forgive us our trespasses**-reminds us that we are to be contrite for our offences against the Lord. The following statement **as we forgive those who trespass against us** directs us that in order to experience the Lord's mercy we must also be willing to show mercy.

Next we shall explore the rest of the Communion Rite.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week's Gospel reading is the parable of the workers in the vineyard. 'Why be envious because I am generous?' the vineyard owner asks when workers complain that some people received the same wages for less work.

The parable challenges us to look beyond our own needs and desires, and to appreciate that all people deserve to be given what they need to live.

God's generosity to all people is a model for all of us, particularly in this time of COVID-19.

If we are to overcome the challenges facing us as a society, we must stop focusing only solely on our own health and wellbeing, and start focusing on the health and wellbeing of everyone, particularly those less fortunate.

GOD'S GENEROSITY

A fellow Dominican once suggested to me that envy is one of those sins which members of religious communities very rarely seem to confess. And yet it is usually those with whom we live and work in close proximity - our friends and colleagues - whose achievements can so easily arouse in us feelings of anger and resentment. We seldom feel aggrieved at the success of a great artist or expert musician. They are too distant from us. It is rather those we consider our equals - those with whom we in some sense see ourselves in competition - whose good fortune and success we are most likely to begrudge.

St Thomas Aquinas described envy as "sorrow at another's good fortune". It has been described as the only one of the seven deadly sins that gives the sinner no pleasure - however illusory or transitory - at all. It only eats away at us and destroys relationships.

The parable of the workers in the vineyard describes a group of people who are in one sense all equals. Each is a casual labourer in search of employment. But as in any group or community there are always those who are not the first to be chosen when some job needs to be done. Perhaps those workers hired only at the last moment were not particularly young or fit and were therefore less able to endure a long stretch of work outside in the burning heat. In worldly terms they were not of much use.

And yet the owner of the vineyard not only hires them for part of the day, but also rewards them with the same pay as those who had been toiling away the whole day. And this good fortune arouses feelings of bitterness and resentment in some of their colleagues. Their colleagues don't want them to be considered their equals. The pettiness of their sentiments stands out all the more starkly when set against the generosity and compassion of the vineyard owner.

In this parable the magnanimity of the owner of the vineyard is telling us something about God and how God relates to us. And there are perhaps two lessons we can immediately draw if we transpose this parable on to the level of God's dealings with us.

The Christian response to the good fortune of others is not to feel aggrieved and resentful, but to rejoice and be glad with them as members of the one body of Christ, knowing that in so doing we are not being deprived of anything ourselves, but rather opening ourselves to receive an even greater abundance of spiritual gifts.

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MY WAYS ARE NOT YOUR WAYS

When we meet people who are irrationally generous or profligate in giving we dismiss them as a little odd. We may even get angry as did the workers in the gospel. We say it is stupid, it is unfair.

But why are we so threatened?

Does it suggest that deep in our hearts we are more comfortable with what is sensibly selfish than with what is outrageously generous?

Is it some instinct for self-preservation or some darker corner of the human spirit?

Maybe we need to ask ourselves the Christ question 'why be envious because I am generous? It is hypocritical to preach the mercy of God and then be resentful of others who experience it. If we insist that everyone 'get what they deserve' will we also insist on getting what we deserve on judgment day?

God's mercy and God's justice tend to mean different things to different people. What do they mean to us?

WORKING ONE HOUR

Jesus usually taught by using metaphors drawn from the daily life of his day. But he always added a twist to bring out the message. The secret of the parables is to look for the twist. It was common to see migrant farm workers looking for hire. The farmer would need large numbers to harvest his crop. The fact that he would return seeking more laborers is not unreasonable. The twist to the story is the fact that he chooses to give everyone the same pay. In real life his largess would be ruinous. The next time no one would show up early. But this story is not about earthly wage practices. It is about God's generosity in giving everyone of us the same amount of heaven. There are no back seats in paradise—we will all get equal love.

<http://www.4catholiceducators.com/lonsdale>

CHURCH CAPACITY

Please make sure you arrive before the start of Mass to register. The 10am Mass is now reaching capacity (100 parishioners). Once the 100 has been reached, the door will be locked and no one else will be admitted. This is to fulfill Government requirements.

Sustaining Our Future: North Canberra Sustainability Festival

On 19-20 September, Holy Cross Anglican Church and St Margaret's Uniting Church, Hackett, are running a community sustainability festival as part of our joint churches Carbon Action Project. The programme includes:

SATURDAY

- 12pm-3pm: talks by speakers including Jamie Isbister, Australia's Ambassador for the Environment and head climate negotiator
- stalls by Capital Scraps Composting, Zero Waste Revolution, ENJO and others
- photography exhibition curated by prizewinning local artist Toni Hassan
- 3pm: ACT candidates forum run by students from Dickson College, with MLAs including Shane Rattenbury
- 4.30pm: concert with Lucy Sugerma (The Voice / National Folk Festival Youth Ambassador 2020) and local bands

SUNDAY

- 9.30am: ecumenical Creation Service outdoors under our flowering cherry tree
- 2pm: Ecumenical prayer walk up Mt Ainslie (joint with St Brigid's & St Patrick's Parish), with a time of prayer at the summit at 3pm

This is a COVIDsafe event and the programme may need to change depending on the situation in the ACT. Full details will be available on the parish web site: www.holycrosshackett.org.au

ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

On Wednesday 23 September the Archbishop will be visiting the Parish and will preside over the Adoration. Please come and join us for the Adoration and refreshments with the Archbishop in the Parish Centre.

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.

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.

CALVARY HOSPITAL

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is pleased to advise that it will be holding its annual Spring Plant Stall at Jamison Centre on Thursday 24 September, 8am - 4pm. There will be a great variety of plants including succulents, natives, exotics, roses, geraniums, lilies, iris, shrubs, strappy plants and trees, to suit all conditions - hardy, ground cover, shade or heat loving, and indoor. To look after our planet please bring your own bags or use one of our recycled boxes. All funds raised will be used to purchase equipment for the care and comfort of public hospital patients. For further information contact Jan on 0437790980.

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 have 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 Sept.

St Vincent de Paul Ozanam Appeal

The Vinnies Watson Conference is conducting its annual Ozanam Sunday appeal next weekend – the 26-27 of Sept. The Ozanam Appeal assists Vinnies conferences overseas to do work in their local communities. The Watson conference directly assists two Vinnies conferences working with the poor in Thailand.

Donation buckets will be available at masses next weekend. You will be able to obtain a receipt by donating via an envelope. Please complete your details on the envelope and Vinnies will send you a receipt.

If you are unable to donate cash, please consider making an on-line donation by depositing money into BSB: 062-786, ACC: 14760. Please make sure you enter the reference: OZANAM SUNDAY WATSON. If you require a donation receipt, please email finance.cg@vinnies.org.au with your name, donation amount, donation date and our parish location.

FR BERNIE MAXWELL OP

Fr Bernie Maxwell OP has left 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 and the message will be added to a book.

Fr Bernie's address: Calvary Ryde Retirement Community
678 Victoria Road, Ryde NSW 2112

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please check the notice board in the foyer for Covid 19 rules for the Church.

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 Loughton, Paul Neddrie, Pamela Sandy, Beth Delos Santos, Maureen Blood, Lesley Thompson, Anna Linard

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

Bob (Scottie) Johnstone, Joan Maher, Kymn Velders
Bishop Pat Power's sister Maria

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

Spirit of God.

Transform our hearts of stone, that we might find your life in embracing every good thing you have offered us. Amen

ROSTER 26 / 27 September

Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	T. Klekner	M. Falk
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	C. Rheinberger	
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	K. Watson	