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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

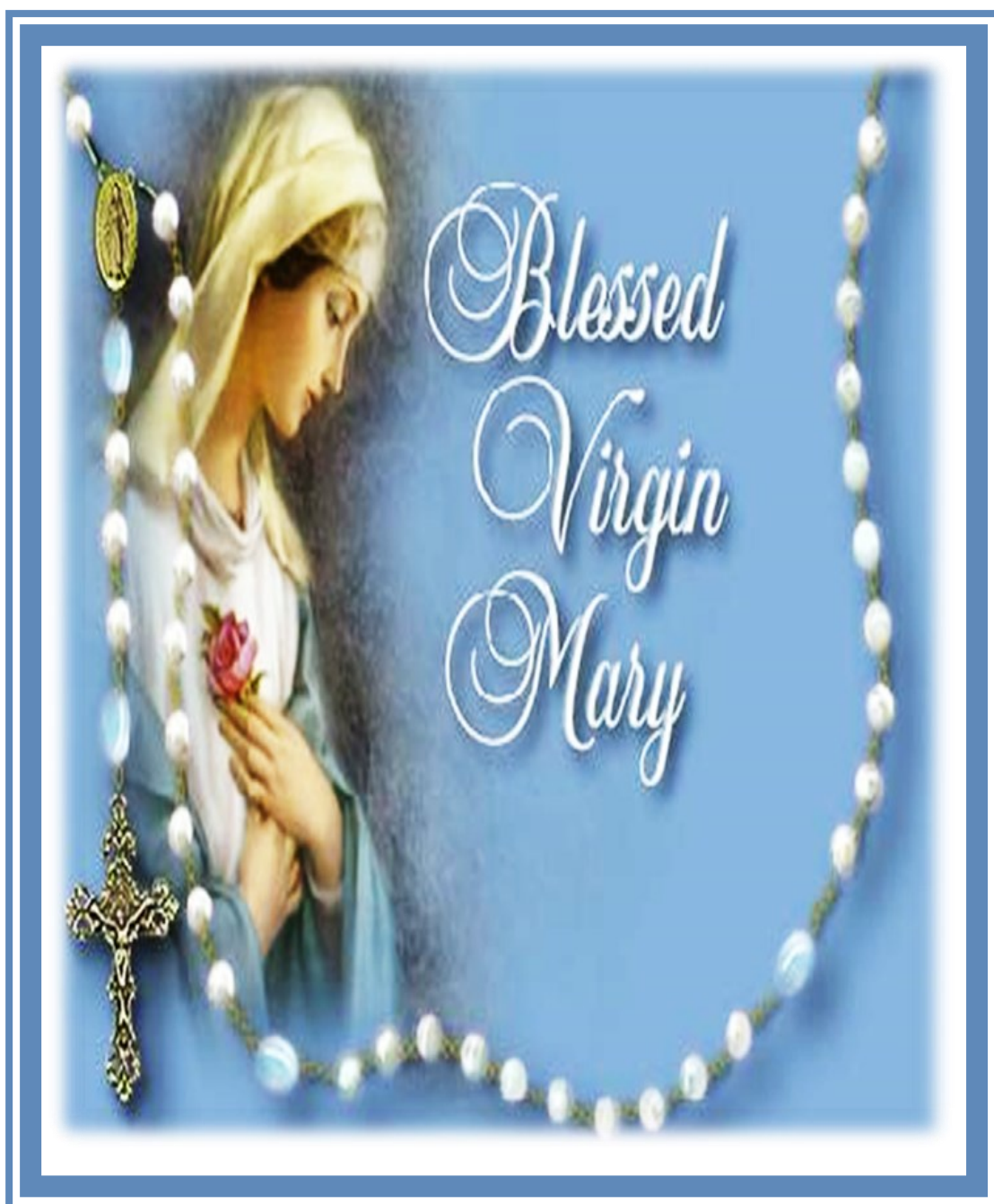
Pray the Rosary

Before 10am Mass on Sundays

ACU MASS - 12pm Wednesday

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

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon - Cf Luke

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blesses are you among women
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

FIRST READING

First Reading – Zechariah 2:14-17

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

Sing, rejoice, daughter of Zion;
For I am coming to dwell in the middle of you -it is the Lord who speaks. Many nations will join the Lord, on that day; they will become his people. But he will remain among you, and you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. But the Lord will hold Judah as his portion in the Holy Land. and again make Jerusalem his very own. Let all mankind be silent before the Lord!

For he is awaking and is coming from his holy dwelling.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Luke 1:46-55. R/: v. 49

The Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my saviour.

He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name.

His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.

He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - Cf. Luke 1:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you.
Blesses 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 – Luke 1: 31

Behold, you will conceive in your womb
and bear a son,
and you shall name his Jesus.

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MORNING TEA

A Morning Tea will be held after the 10:00am Mass in the Parish Centre to celebrate our Church feast day. Please bring a plate to share. Help on the day would be appreciated.

ROSARY SUNDAY

On October 7th, 1571 a fleet of ships assembled by the combined forces of Naples, Sardinia, Venice, the Papacy, Genoa, Savoy and the Knights Hospitallers fought an intense battle with the fleet of the Muslim Ottoman Empire. The battle took place in the Gulf of Patras located in western Greece. Though outnumbered by the Ottoman forces, the so-called "Holy League" possessed of superior firepower would win the day. This victory would severely curtail attempts by the Ottoman Empire to control the Mediterranean, causing a seismic shift in international relations from East to West. In some respects, the world that we know came into being with this victory. This event is known to history as the "Battle of Lepanto." The Dominican, Pope Pius V, whose treasury bankrolled part of this military endeavour, ordered the churches of Rome opened for prayer day and night, encouraging the faithful to petition the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the recitation of the Rosary. When word reached Pope Pius of the victory of the Holy League, he added a new feast

Cont...day to the Roman Liturgical Calendar- October 7th would henceforth be the feast of Our Lady of Victory. Pope Pius' successor, Gregory XIII, would change the name of this day to the feast of the Holy Rosary. It is to be noted then that Pope Pius attributed the defeat of the Muslim Turks to the recitation of the Rosary by the thousands of Catholics who prayed this prayer. This illustration demonstrates, within the realm of faith, the power of the Holy Rosary and what it can do for us.

The Rosary is first and foremost a Christological prayer with 90% of its mysteries really being concerned with the life of Jesus. But it Our Lady who takes us by the hand as it were and leads us through each episode. It is with her that we meditate on the most poignant moments of her life and the life of her divine Son, and it is really these 'mysteries' that form the kernel of this most beloved prayer.

The Rosary is as Pope St Paul VI called it a 'compendium of the gospel', this saintly pope wrote the following:

"As a Gospel prayer, centred on the mystery of the redemptive Incarnation, the Rosary is a prayer with a clearly Christological orientation. Its most characteristic element, in fact, the litany- like succession of Hail Marys, becomes in itself an unceasing praise of Christ, who is the ultimate object both of the Angel's announcement and of the greeting of the Mother of John the Baptist: 'Blessed is the fruit of your womb' (Lk 1:42). The Jesus that each Hail Mary recalls is the same Jesus whom the succession of mysteries proposes to us now as the Son of God, now as the Son of the Virgin"

Fundamentally the Rosary is a method of meditation and contemplation. In a period of the world's history when many Catholics find it hard to pray or find it hard to meditate, seeking often eastern forms of meditation like Yoga or Buddhist mantras, the Catholic will find when they endeavour to pray the Rosary that indeed the instrument for fruitful mediation is already available in the Holy Rosary.

The biggest obstacle however to the praying of this prayer is perseverance. Often people give up the Rosary because they find it too repetitive or they feel they must pray the entire Rosary in one sitting, both of these obstacles can be cleared away if we understand how and why we pray the Rosary.

The repetitive nature of the Rosary in its Hail Mary's, whilst important, is not so much there for us to pray but in effect to act as a kind of mantra forming the background to the real focus that is the mystery or episode at hand. The Hail Mary when prayed properly should in some respects fade into the background and the imagery of the mystery should slowly rise to the surface of our consciousness. When we engage with the actual mystery we then come to the Rosary's contemplative dimension. Sometimes, so as to aid the mind, it can be very helpful to use a piece of scripture which seems appropriate to the mystery.

The other obstacle is the perception the whole Rosary must be prayed in one go. This is far from the truth. If one has not the time to say the Rosary in one sitting it is permissible to break the Rosary up along the day. You could pray two mysteries in the morning, one in the

Cont...afternoon and two before bed. There is also no need to have to sit down or kneel down to say the Rosary, you can do it walking or perhaps even exercising!!! The way you pray this prayer is limitless or only limited by the imagination. To gain benefit from the Rosary really one must just pray it and persevere in praying it. Like anything important in life prayer is essentially a discipline it is not per se a relaxation tool or something which is intended to always make us 'happy'. Yet the happiness or the holiness which we intend to receive from this exercise will come to us gradually.

Let us once more pick up those beads which have been particularly entrusted to the Dominican Order so that we may delve more deeply into the mysteries of Christ, uniting ourselves with him and with his beloved mother. In doing this the Rosary becomes a veritable ladder to heaven where with the Blessed Mother we too hope to be crowned so as to reign with God forever.

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

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Today we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – normally held on October 7th and during the month of October the practice of saying the Rosary is recommended to us by the Church and Especially by Pope Francis this year.

What makes this special for us here at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary in London (Belsize Park) is that our

parish is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary and St Dominic, and so, throughout the world, wherever Dominicans gather, the Rosary will be recited, and the beads fingered, recalling the tradition that Our Lady, by tradition, gave St Dominic the Rosary as the prayer most pleasing to her, and in recognition that the Dominican Order takes Our Lady as its special Patroness, dating back to the very beginnings of the Order; Dominic chose Our Lady as the Protector of his newly established Order.

Why should we then pray the Rosary in our daily lives? Prayer can take many forms in our lives. All prayer, even wordless prayer, can be enormously worthwhile. Conversation with God, talking and listening can be so beneficial to the furthering of our mystical life, a life of intercourse with God.

To quote Fr Henri Nouwen (1932 – 1996), a writer of deep spirituality in a most practical, human way: "Mary calls me back to where I most want to be".

What makes prayer to Mary so special? It seems fitting that as we celebrate this Feast of the Rosary, we recall that Mary was, above all, the Mother of Christ and the wife of Joseph, the three forming the model of a Holy Family. This is an additional reason why we should



Cont...observe this feast as something special, because it helps us to reflect on the importance of families. Pope Francis embarked on the Synods of the Family, and currently of the Youth, with Bishops and lay people to discuss family life in the world today, and a group met recently in Dublin in September for further discussions on the same topic.

What better way is there for us to support the discussions currently taking place in Rome and elsewhere to do with family life, than by reciting the Rosary? It helps us to visualise and contemplate the events of Christ's life on this earth, from the angel Gabriel's Annunciation to Mary that she had been chosen by God to be the Mother of his divine Son, right through to the crowning of our Lady as Queen of Heaven.

The rose is perhaps the most beautiful of all the flowers, a symbol of love, and one that has a most beautiful scent. When roses are blessed in London at the end of Masses this weekend, they are distributed to all 'lovers' – lovers of the Rosary, lovers of Mary. Mary is referred to as the 'Mystical Rose' in one of the litanies used to honour her, and when we bless the roses we ask God, through the intercession of our heavenly Mother, to bless those who receive them, especially those who are sick, and in need of our prayers.

But in response to this gift we should endeavour to pray the Rosary regularly during this month of October, in particular for the success of the discussions on youth and family life currently taking place. The threat to family life in our society is perhaps greater than ever; there exist threats from every side on marriage itself and on other traditional family values in our world, with a depressing lack of moral guidance on customs and tradition that have stood us in good stead over many generations.

The "call back" (expressed by Henry Nouwen) indicates the urgent need of a return to Christ's compassionate love, expressed in the life of Our Blessed Lady, and expressed worldwide in the devotion shown to the Mother of God. This love, and the roses that remind us of it, directs each one of us to come close to the Sacred Heart of her Son – the heart that exudes God's infinite love on a world that seems to ignore it in many ways. This is an individual and a collective "call back" to Christ, via the route of the Virgin Mary. Our devotion to Mary ensures for us a true encounter with Christ; an encounter that the whole world should recognise.



October is one of the months of Our Lady when all of us should strive to find that inner joy that comes from such an encounter. "Go to Mary, and learn from her how to live in this anguishing world as Peace - bringing witnesses to her Son", concludes Henri Nouwen. Such very sound advice!

Fr Leo Edgar OP
<http://english.op.org/torch>

FEAST OF THE ROSARY

Pope Pius V established the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary on the anniversary of that epic battle to demonstrate and celebrate the intercessory power of the Rosary. In fact, with the exception of the Mass, the Rosary is one of the most powerful prayers we have been given, since this devotion doesn't just invoke the intercession of a saint, but it is a meditation on salvation history itself.

The Rosary remains a powerful prayer to defend us on earth, and a powerful tool to help us attain eternal life. In every approved apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Lady stresses the need to pray the Rosary. Moslems, strangely enough, although our two religions have very little in common, one thing we share is a reverence of Mary. Even though the Moslems don't acknowledge Jesus as God, they still revere Jesus as a prophet, and so they believe in the virgin birth. The prophet Mohammed himself was well disposed to the Blessed Mother. When he was sacking Mecca and destroying all the icons of the saints, there was one icon of the Blessed Mother and the infant Jesus, and he forbade any of his troops from damaging it. So in my personal prayer, whenever I offer up the 5th glorious mystery, the coronation of Mary as Queen of heaven and earth, I always offer that decade up for peace and unity between Islam, and Christianity. Because if any one can get the job done, Mom can.

CROWN OF ROSES

The Rosary means "Crown of Roses". Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. The rose is the queen of flowers, and so the Rosary is the rose of all devotions and it is therefore the most important one.

The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary in fact we meditate the mysteries of joy, of sorrow, of glory and of light of Jesus and Mary. It's a simple prayer, humble so much like Mary.

It's a prayer we can all say together with Her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary we invite Her to pray for us. Our Lady always grants our request. She joins Her prayer to ours.

Therefore it becomes ever more useful, because what Mary asks She always receives, Jesus can never say no to whatever His Mother asks for.

In every apparition, the heavenly Mother has invited us to say the Rosary as a powerful weapon against evil, to bring us to true peace. With your prayer made together with Your heavenly Mother, you can obtain the great gift of bringing about a change of hearts and conversion.

Above all each day, through prayer you can drive away from yourselves and from your homeland many dangers and many evils. It can seem a repetitive prayer but instead it is like two sweethearts who many times say one another the words: "I love you"...

The whole Rosary is composed of twenty decades. Each decade is recited in honour of a mystery in Our

Cont...Lord's Life and that of His Blessed Mother.

It is customary to recite five decades at a time while meditating on one set of mysteries.

The decades may be separated, if the entire chaplet is completed on the same day.

Each Mystery may be meditate "bead by bead" for every Hail Mary of the decade.

FAITH

Looking at the church through a layperson's lens. It is not easy being a Catholic in this day and age. It is a conscious, defiant decision to stay and practice this faith. A decision I explain over and over to family and friends alarmed by the scandals in the church. I am alarmed, yes, heartbroken that Catholic institutions have been a place of abuse, of complicity, of criminality. But nothing will change if I leave. If I stay, as a Catholic laywoman, I can practice what I believe and be an agent of change.

My faith is rooted in the teachings of the Gospels, in the sacraments, and in the call to be the body of Christ in the world -- His eyes, His mouth, His hands, His feet. Catholic social teaching encourages us to see injustice, speak up and act, especially if that injustice is happening within our own institution.

So, I have decided to stay and reclaim the Catholic Church. I attend Mass, I am journeying with young families in my parish through volunteer work and prayer, and I keep myself well-informed on what is going on in the church. Unknown

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK

This year **National Anti-Poverty Week** (16-22 October) has become personal. It is not something that faces others far away from us but looms in an uncertain future as a risk for everyone. The rising cost of living, of mortgages and of renting, together with the uncertainty of income make homelessness something to reckon with.

National Anti-Poverty Week, of course, reminds us that this has always been the case: poverty is always about people and their suffering, and only secondly about statistics and economic settings. It is about hunger, anxiety at where the next meal will come from for ourselves and our children, shame at not being able to afford the money needed for our daughter's school camp, the humiliation of spending nights in the family car while seeking accommodation.

Poverty, of course, also has a political face. Societies in which many people live in poverty while the wealth of the few grows massively have neglected their charge to care for the good of all their people, especially the most vulnerable. Such neglect is a sign that those with power see the good of society as secured by economic competition between individuals and cosy deals between the wealthy. Governments then neglect their responsibility to serve the good of all people in society, and especially the most deprived. They have the duty to ensure that prosperity is shared across the world, and that the prosperity of the few is not built on the poverty of many. Poverty arises from the virus of selfishness. Its healing comes through the vaccination of solidarity.

ST DOMINIC'S GARDEN

Thanks to all those who have generously contributed their time, energy and some funding towards St Dominic's Garden. The garden is on track for official opening with the commemoration of the Parish's 60th anniversary in October next year. So far nearly \$6,000 has been raised for the garden. Please continue your support particularly through our next fundraiser at the Melbourne Cup function.

GARDEN FUND RAISING MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON



This year the Parish will once again hold a Melbourne Cup Luncheon. On Tuesday 1 November in the Parish Centre at 1.00pm. Cost \$20.00 per head for a two course lunch. BYO drinks. Sweeps will be available and a 'Hat Parade' with prizes.

Join us for good company and lots of fun!

There will be a Raffle to raise funds for St Dominic's Garden. Tickets will be available on the day and after Masses next weekend for those who would like to buy tickets.

To purchase a ticket for the luncheon please call 6248 5925 or email the office watson@cg.org.au to reserve a seat. Tickets must be prepaid.

Payment can be made in the office or collection box in an envelope by Cash, by Credit Card or Electronic Funds Transfer using the Parish bank details - reference Melbourne Cup.

Help on the day would be appreciated.

**DONATIONS TO OUR NEW ST DOMINICS GARDEN
CAN BE MADE AT ANY TIME BY USING THE BELOW PARISH
BANK DETAILS - REFERENCE GARDEN**

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

*Mother Mary
be with us and
obtain the
graces we need
as we train
ourselves to be
your servants
and soldiers
under your
title 'Our Lady
of the Rosary'*



DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

Archbishop Christopher has proposed a new Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) that will assist him in the core mission of the Church in this Archdiocese:

Evangelising: spreading the good news of Jesus to all;

Service: being instruments of mercy and Responding to the needs of the poor;

Promoting: human flourishing in a fulfilled creation.

A DPC is an instrument of *synodality* – walking together, inviting all those within the Church and those on the margins to journey in this common mission.

A report on the proposal is now available – in summary form (Summary) or the full report (Report) – for discussion and consultation across the whole Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

See <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/diocesan-pastoral-council-join-in-the-conversation/>.

Your views, as parish and as individual members of the Church, are invited. A response is sought by 28 October 2022. Four questions have been framed to gather views that might be a single sentence or a more extensive response:

1. Why should the Archbishop constitute a Diocesan Pastoral Council?
2. In your view what role might a Diocesan Pastoral Council play in the life of the Archdiocese?
3. To fulfil its synodal mission, a Pastoral Council should be both representative and skilled – what advice can you offer to the Archbishop about how best to achieve these goals?
4. Are there elements/issues that you believe the Summary or the full Report have missed that are important for the Archbishop to consider?

There are a number of ways in which you can provide your views, as set out at the above website.

If you would like to provide your views via, as set out at the above website. If you would like to provide your views via Blackfriars Parish, an online meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18 October, starting at 8pm. To register, please give the parish office your email address by 10am on Tuesday, 18 October.

Enquiries: Roger Paul at rpaul2572@gmail.com or on 0421 612 572.

ARCHBISHOP'S DAY OF TEACHING

Archbishop's Day of Teaching - Saturday 12 November 2022 at St Peter Chaneels Church, Weston St, Yarralumla, ACT from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome and it's free! Talks,

Testimonies, Worship, Healing prayer ministry! Holy Mass at midday. Free Sausage

Sizzle lunch! To register:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CDFEF>.

Or call/text Maida 0423 658 326



On March 19th 2021 (the Feast of St Joseph and the 5th Anniversary of publishing of *Amoris Laetitia*) Pope Francis announced that this current period leading up to the World Meeting of Families in June 2022 should be considered by the faithful as the "Year of *Amoris Laetitia*".

It was hoped that Catholics around the world would revisit the teaching of *Amoris Laetitia* on the beauty, joy and challenge of love in the family. We were asked to reflect personally and corporately on how we are implementing the insights of *Amoris Laetitia* in our personal lives and in our pastoral programs.

In response the Pope's request, a network of ministries, movements and agencies in our Archdiocese who already work to support marriage and family life, met to discuss how best to encourage local engagement with *Amoris Laetitia*.

It was decided that, as Christmas is a time when people's thoughts naturally turn to family, an "*Amoris Laetitia*" themed Advent program would provide an effective avenue for corporate reflection on Pope Francis' teaching.

And so the *Walking Together* Advent resource was born.

Keith Linard, a long-time parishioner of Holy Rosary Watson and a member of the Focolare movement for over 50 years, scoured *Amoris Laetitia* for approachable themes and discussion topics.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse generously provided the teaching element, deftly tying together the themes from *Amoris Laetitia* with those in the Sunday Readings of Advent.

YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER EVANGELISE ONLINE CONFERENCE

20-22 OCTOBER 2022 Catholics around Australia are invited to a unique, national event that will inspire, transform and revitalise faith communities! With presentations and workshops hosted by some of Australia's most renowned Catholic speakers, 'Evangelise' will cover a range of mission and ministry topics, from cultural engagement to liturgy and Sacraments. Participants will have the opportunity to gather in parish hubs or on their own individual device. Find out more, including the event program and keynote speakers at <http://www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au/>

YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER MARIAN PROCESSION

Sunday October 23 2022 Begins at 11am

Join local parishes, ethnic communities, clergy and religious for a unique multicultural family day of prayer and festivities. Located on the scenic grounds of St Clements Retreat Centre in Galong, we will gather for Mass, to pray the rosary and be inspired by speakers. BYO lunch, enjoy a sausage sizzle or bring a plate to

Cont...share. There will be faith-based activities for children and an opportunity to meet new and old friends within our Archdiocese as we journeying through Mary to Jesus. <https://bit.ly/MarianProcession2022>



20-22 OCTOBER 2022
evangelise
www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au
Year of WALKING TOGETHER 2022 - 2023
ENCOUNTER DISCIPLESHIP MISSION

As part of the Evangelise National Online Conference, Archbishop Christopher Prowse invites you to an **Archdiocesan Leader's Breakfast** on **Friday 21 October from 8:00 am to 10:30 am** at the St Christopher Pastoral Centre, Manuka.

This event is an excellent opportunity to connect with local Catholic leaders in a relaxed environment. There will be an opportunity to listen, pray and discuss how we can contribute to the renewal of faith within our communities.

Leading on from the breakfast, Archbishop Christopher Prowse will address the National Conference via live stream from Haydon Hall. **Those gathered for the breakfast will be invited to this plenary session of the conference via the online hub on the First Floor of St Christopher's Pastoral Centre.**

The online conference will begin on Thursday 20 October and conclude on Saturday 22 October. We encourage you to explore the full conference and gather in cohorts from your parish, school or community. A link to the conference website is below.

DATE: Friday 21 October 8 am - 10.30 am
PLACE: Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre Manuka
COST: Free but you will need to register
RSVP: Wednesday 19 October

WHY ATTEND?: You are a vital part of our community and we want to hear your ideas about how we as a group can renew our faith-filled connections

To Register:

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/archdiocesan-leaders-breakfast/>

<https://nce.catholic.org.au/bcelm-conference/events/bcelm-conference>

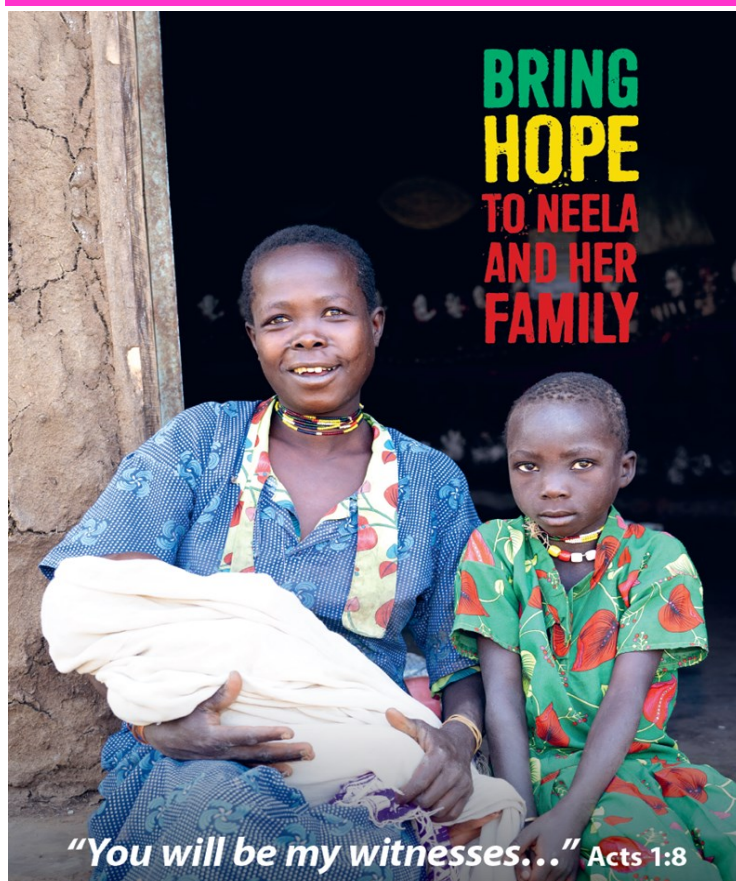
LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

The Parish email system has been going through some difficulties. If you have not received your roster and would like a copy emailed please contact the office.

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

Readers if you would like to purchase 'Break Open the Word' it will be out for the new Liturgical year. You can purchase a copy through the Parish Office for \$25.00. Please contact the office as soon as possible.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS



With over 70% of households in the remote township of Emdibir in Ethiopia unable to provide enough nutritious food for their families each day, malnutrition and other health issues are a significant problem, especially for babies and young children.

Many families in Emdibir are subsistence farmers, and distressingly, many are unable to put enough food on the table each day.

In collaboration with the local community, the Church, hopes to establish a goat rearing centre, where nutritious milk will be produced and distributed to families in most need to help reverse and prevent illness and malnutrition.

The Church and the community of Emdibir need support to construct, stock and run the farm. We invite you to partner with this essential program which can bring hope to those in most need.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Church and community in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where your gift can help build a life changing program from the ground up to help address this urgent Need.



We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia



catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia

WOMEN'S FAITH CIRCLE

As you may be aware, the Women's Faith Circle has been running for a couple of months now and many of you have written to me saying you want to participate but the day/time doesn't suit you or you just have too much on and can't commit to fortnightly meetings. For this reason, we have created the *Holy Rosary Women's Faith Circle WhatsApp Group*.

By joining the group you can connect with women of all ages from the Blackfriars (Holy Rosary Church) Parish and School community and grow in fellowship within the Blackfriars community.

You can participate when it suits you and engage as much or as little as you wish. It's not going to be a busy or onerous group - think of it as a place of connection, rest and encouragement for people who are on the journey of living out their passion and purpose in Jesus Christ.

I hope you will consider joining us.

All you need is a WhatsApp account which is free to use and can be downloaded onto your mobile phone at <https://www.whatsapp.com/join/>.

Once signed up just send me your mobile number and I will add you to the group. If you have any questions please get in touch Emily 0422 815 680.

PARISH RENEWAL GROUP

The Parish renewal group are inviting the parish to pray for renewal of our parish in the lead up to the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of Blackfriars Parish next year. The Prayer Vigil will run until Friday 18 November with the Rosary after 5:00 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.

Rosary Prayer Vigil

Following on from our invitation to pray for parish renewal. There are prayer cards and fridge reminder notices in the foyer and at each of the doors.

GANG GANG MORNING TEA

Time to catch up again, socially with fellow parishioners for morning tea at GangGang, Frencham Pl, Downer on Thursday 20th October. Due to the requiem Mass for Greg O'Neill at 11.30am, we will meet from 10-00am instead of 10.30am. Newcomers welcome.



**Good things come to those who wait.
Better things come to those don't give up.
The best things come to those who BELIEVE.**

PLANTS STALLS

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary will be holding two plant stalls in October:

*Thursday 20 October, 8am-4pm, Jamison Centre, (outside Aldi)

*Thursday 27 October, 8am-4pm, Calvary Public Hospital (outside front entrance, in foyer if raining).

A huge range of indoor and outdoor plants will be available at bargain prices!

All funds raised will go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. Enquiries: Jan 0437790980

PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: 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, Maureen Blood, Una Bell, 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.
Greg O'Neill, Margaret Kirk, Frank Zobec,
Colleen McPhillips

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 emilykathrynhall@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
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 22 / 23 October

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M. Tran
Reader - L. Dowling
Sunday 8.00am - Acolyte - K. Linard
Reader - M. Donnelly, L. Smith
D. P. - Clarke / Klekner / Smith
Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - R. Tanzer
Reader - V. Wilson, P. McDonald
D. P. - J. Cortese
Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - A. Vassallo
Reader - C. Paton, Catherine Paton
D. P. - A. Paton