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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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Render to Caesar
the things that are
Caesar's,**



**and to God
the things that
are God's.**

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is

NOON TUESDAY

Please contact the office Ph. 6248 5925
or Email: watson@cg.org.au



Year of the Holy Spirit
AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING

First reading - Isaiah 45:1,4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 95(96):1,3-5,7-10

Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens,

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in his temple.

O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING

Second reading - Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel - Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

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 32: 18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

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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:

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

Please email 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 must be received by Friday 3 November 2023.

RENDER UNTO CAESAR ...



Within the context of early Christianity, the fundamental point of anxiety was to what extent could a Christian participate in the life of a pagan society?

Around 130AD an unknown Christian writer outlined to a pagan correspondent named Diognetus just how Christians differed from their pagan neighbours. This writer commented: For the Christians are distinguished from other men neither by country, nor language, nor the customs which they observe. For they neither inhabit cities of their own, nor employ a peculiar form of speech, nor lead a life which is marked out by any singularity. The course of conduct which they follow has not been devised by any speculation or deliberation of inquisitive men; nor do they, like some, proclaim themselves the advocates of any merely human doctrines. But, inhabiting Greek as well as barbarian cities, according as the lot of each of them has determined, and following the customs of the natives in respect to clothing, food, and the rest of their ordinary conduct, they display to us their wonderful and confessedly striking method of life. They dwell in their own countries, but simply as sojourners. As citizens, they share in all things with others, and yet endure all things as if foreigners. Every foreign land is to them as their native country, and every land of their birth as a land of strangers. They marry, as do all [others]; they beget children; but they do not destroy their offspring. They have a common table, but not a common bed. They are in the flesh, but they do not live after the flesh. 2 Corinthians 10:3 They pass their days on earth, but they are citizens of heaven. Philippians 3:20 They obey the prescribed laws, and at the same time surpass the laws by their lives. They love all men, and are persecuted by all. They are unknown and condemned; they are put to death, and restored to life. 2 Corinthians 6:9 They are poor, yet make many rich; 2 Corinthians 6:10 they are in lack of all things, and yet abound in all; they are dishonoured, and yet in their very dishonour are glorified. They are evil spoken of, and yet are justified; they are reviled, and blessed; 2 Corinthians 4:12 they are insulted, and repay the insult with honour; they do good, yet are punished as evil-doers. When punished, they rejoice as if quickened into life; they are assailed by the Jews as foreigners, and are persecuted by the Greeks; yet those who hate them are unable to assign any reason for their hatred.

If we analyse the works of early Christian writers, like the writer I have quoted, it was clear that those who embraced the faith differed greatly from their neighbours. Attitudes towards the dignity of human life, the nature of marriage and the obligation to honour the Roman deities all provided situations whereby believing Christians were at odds with the world around them. To some extent this is the case for us today. For us Christians there are some things which we differ in areas of such as the nature of human life, the nature of marriage, for instance.

Cont....Yet, regarding our relationship with government we would not have the same scruples as those Christians of previous

eras. Jesus teaching today is really meant to establish that we should be loyal citizens contributing to society insofar as that does not compromise our basic Christian principles. Jesus teaches that paying tax is a good thing and necessary for the running of society even if we would not agree with everything the government might do. Primarily this is because Our Lord is not so much concerned with the progress of human society in itself but only with regard to humanity's march towards the culmination of all things in God's kingdom.

Jesus' teaching to us today is simple 'by all means look after the legitimate affairs of this life, but more importantly attend to the nature of your soul which belongs to God, make that your priority'!

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

UPDATE: PARISH 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: 29 OCTOBER 2023

Next week (after the 10 am Mass on Sunday 29 October) our 60th 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.

BAPTISM

Evelyn Foti

will be baptised this weekend.
May her life be filled with God's peace,
and her heart with God's love...
on this Baptism day and always.



ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR GOLDEN JUBILEE



Our neighbouring parish of St Joseph's is celebrating its 50th year with events next Saturday 28 October.

Starting from 9am, St Joseph's will hold a Multicultural Celebration, including an adoration of the Eucharist, Mass (at 10am), food stalls, and a Songs of Praise and Hymns Recital by acclaimed Mezzo Soprano Donna-Maree Dunlop.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—VINNIES HELPLINE

Make a difference in the lives of those struggling in our community by volunteering for the St **Vincent de Paul Emergency Relief Helpline** at Yarralumla. For more information, pls call the helpline on 6282 2722.

RETIREMENTS: JACQUIE AND JIM

After years of dedicated service (in Jim's case for almost as long as the Dominicans have been here) both Jim Smith and Jacquie Cortese have announced their retirements from their current roles in the Parish Office. Jim has retired with immediate effect due to ill health. Jacquie is retiring from the workforce with effect from December 5. Our Office is well known in the Archdiocese for the quality of the work that it does, due largely to the work of Jacquie and Jim. We will miss their contributions greatly. We hope to acknowledge their work more formally in due course. In the meantime, we offer our thanks and prayers for them as they embark on the next stage of their lives.



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 11th November where there will be a Mass at 9am followed by Adoration and Cenacle at 10am. For more information visit the website: mmp-oceania.net



Catholic Mission are supporting life-changing program which aim to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in EAST TIMOR is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria has tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.



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.

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Mary Agnes Bergin

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
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 for further information.

ROSTER 28/29 OCTOBER

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M Tran / D Gauci
Reader - P Farrelly / N Clarke
Computer - Volunteer
Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - K Linnard
Reader - J Cooke / H Pham,
Computer - J Corteze
Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - S Sedgwick
Reader - J Schwinhamer / B Joseph
Computer - T Malone

ALL SAINTS - PARTY TIME

Dress as your favourite Saint and celebrate All Saints at St Christopher's Cathedral!

There will be activities for all the family and a costume procession. Sunday 29 October after the 11am Mass at the Haydon Hall (55 Franklin Street, Forrest). Please register for free tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/CLLJJ>