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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**

THE PARABLE
OF THE
TWO SONS



**It's not what you say
It's what you do**

**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

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us
according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING

First Reading: **Ezekiel 18:25-28**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm: **24:4-9**

Remember your mercies, O Lord.
Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.
Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.
The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.
Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING

Second Reading: **Philippians 2:1-11**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel: **Matthew 21:28-32**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

THE COMMUNION RITE

Following the Lord's Prayer is a prayer known as the **Embolism**



**Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

This prayer elaborates on the final part of the 'Our Father', '**deliver us from evil**'. The embolism reflects the request of the gathered assembly for God's protection, care and concern in the midst of dangers, anxiety and depression. Furthermore, it asks for the grace to resist sin and the desire to remain with hearts in right relationship with God, that is in a state of sanctifying grace. Lastly this short prayer looks to the future, that is the second coming of Jesus at the end of time. The disposition of the Christian is always to look to the future with "blessed hope" that the sorrow and distress of the current world will melt away in the triumphant return of Jesus.

The Rite of Peace

There follows the Rite of Peace, by which the Church entreates peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family, and the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament. As for the actual sign of peace to be given, the manner is to be established by the Conferences of Bishops in accordance with the culture and customs of the peoples. However, it is appropriate that each person, in a sober manner, offer the sign of peace only to those who are nearest. The offering of the sign of peace reflects most especially the command of Christ himself in Matthew 5:23:

Cont... **Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift**

In the early church, as evidenced by the writing of St Justin, Martyr, the kiss of peace was given prior to the offertory:

Having ended the prayers, we salute one another with a kiss. There is then brought to the president of the brethren bread and a cup of wine mixed with water; and he taking them, gives praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and offers thanks at considerable length for our being counted worthy to receive these things at His hands.

(Justin, Martyr, *First Apology for the Christian Faith* 153 AD)

The Fraction Rite

The Priest breaks the Eucharistic Body of Christ, with the assistance, if the case requires, of the Deacon or a concelebrant. The gesture of breaking bread done by Christ at the Last Supper, which in apostolic times gave the entire Eucharistic Action its name, signifies that the many faithful are made one body (1 Cor 10:17) by receiving Communion from the one Bread of Life, which is Christ, who for the salvation of the world died and rose again. The fraction rite is begun after the sign of peace and is carried out with proper reverence, and should not be unnecessarily prolonged or accorded exaggerated importance. This rite is reserved to the Priest and the Deacon.

The Priest breaks the Bread and puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, namely, of the Body of Jesus Christ, living and glorious. The supplication *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God) is usually sung by the choir or cantor with the congregation replying; or at least recited aloud. This invocation accompanies the fraction of the bread and, for this reason, may be repeated as many times as necessary until the rite has been completed. The final time it concludes with the words 'grant us peace'.

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

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.

LIGHT SHINES IN DARKNESS

In today's gospel, Jesus is finding difficulty with the clergy of his day. He has to lead them to admit that talking and doing aren't always the same thing. He emphasises the prophets' wonderful, hopeful messages about 'thinking better': repentance. Pointedly he states that this can be more likely - in some very unlikely people. He mentions financiers, and prostitutes. These came to Prophet John for help.

'This impressive fact seemed to have met with neglect, perhaps even hostility, in that clergy. They were in no need of any forgiveness. They felt how they had to struggle to reach, and keep safe, their favoured status. They seem to have little or no understanding of the love in forgiveness. Perhaps love had just ceased to be, in the world they had made and maintained with regulations.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr Duncan Campbell OP

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

At first glance, not perhaps the most promising readings this week! Even the usual link between the reading from the Old Testament and the Gospel is not all that easy to find. What the readings do seem to have in common is the theme of personal responsibility for salvation. While salvation is from beginning to end the product of divine grace, we are free to say 'Yes' and 'No' to God's invitation.

God wants us to share eternal life as friends drawn by love, rather than puppets pulled by strings. And – the readings today suggest – God is prepared to take from us a lot of 'Nos' in the hope that finally our freedom to say 'Yes' will prevail.

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ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

Wednesday Archbishop Christopher paid a visit to the Parish and celebrated Adoration and Benediction with Parishioners. Thank you to parishioners who attended and to all who helped with the refreshments and food.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

The Feast day of our Church Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on Wednesday 7 October. On the weekend of 10/11 October will our Parish will celebrate the Feast Day at all Masses that weekend. The 10:00am Mass will be followed by refreshments (with social distancing requirements being observed).

UPCOMING ROSARY GATHERINGS IN CITY

Rosary Prayers (socially distanced) outside the Canberra Legislative Assembly on 2pm Wednesday 7 October Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary to pray for the ACT election. All welcome as we ask Our Lady to intercede, as she has so often in church history when Christianity has been under threat.

Public Square Rosary on Sunday 11 October 2pm in the city, Garema place near merry-go-round.

HELP FOR MARRIAGES UNDER STRESS:

The Parish Marriage Resource Centre exists to support your parish in ministering to the married (and engaged) couples in your community. The BreakThrough Online Course created by SmartLoving will enable you to identify your conflict triggers, learn strategies to de-escalate an argument and find constructive ways to re-establish connection. Restore hope for your relationship's future. Visit: www.smartloving.org/breakthrough Mary Undoer of Knots Discount - 50% | until September 30.

QUOTE POPE FRANCIS

The perfect family doesn't exist, nor is there a perfect husband or a perfect wife, and let's not talk about the perfect mother-in-law! It's just us sinners." A healthy family life requires frequent use of three phrases: "May I? Thank you, and I'm sorry" and "never, never, never end the day without making peace."

CONFIRMATION

Last week a number of our young Parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate students and their families on the way they have participated in the Liturgy for the Ceremony. They are a credit to Rosary Primary School. A sincere **Thank You** to their Teachers, Sponsors and Parents - and all involved in the inspiring ceremony.



Let us pray for all these young people that they will always be open to the working of the Holy Spirit throughout their adult lives.

ADVENT

The Parish is looking for interest in parishioners attending Advent programs. The programs will be conducted by Fr Mannes and would be:

- * Tuesdays at 11:00am
- * Tuesday at 7:00pm
- * Friday at 3:00pm

Alternatively we can offer the Advent books for parishioners to follow the program at home. There will be a small cost for the books. If you are interested in joining one of the programs offered or would like a book please put your name on the sheet in the foyer.



PRAY THE ROSARY

First Saturday Fatima Rosary will recommence on the 3rd October, at 3:30 at the parish. Refreshments will be available afterwards. Please bring a plate to share. For further enquiries, please contact Lety on 0418518033.

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 this weekend – the 26-27 of September. 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 are available at the exits. If you want a receipt, donate via a Vinnies envelope which are available at the rear of the church. 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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS
4th OCTOBER



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.

Joan Maher, Kymn Velders, Tony Patterson, Rosa Nelly Diaz Lorca, Bishop Pat Power's sister Maria

Anniversaries - In Loving Memory

Dion Convine, Labib Jazrawi, Dominic Musolino

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 should 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.

PRAY THE ROSARY - First Saturday each month 3.30pm

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets 2.00pm **Thursdays** in the Parish Centre. 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

ROSTER 3 / 4 October		
Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	VOLUNTEER	
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	N. Clarke	G. Thompson
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	M. Fitzgerald	K. McCluskey
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	D. Gomez	
Readers	M. Proctor	