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HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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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

Friday's 6pm - 7pm

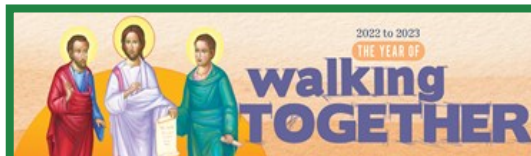
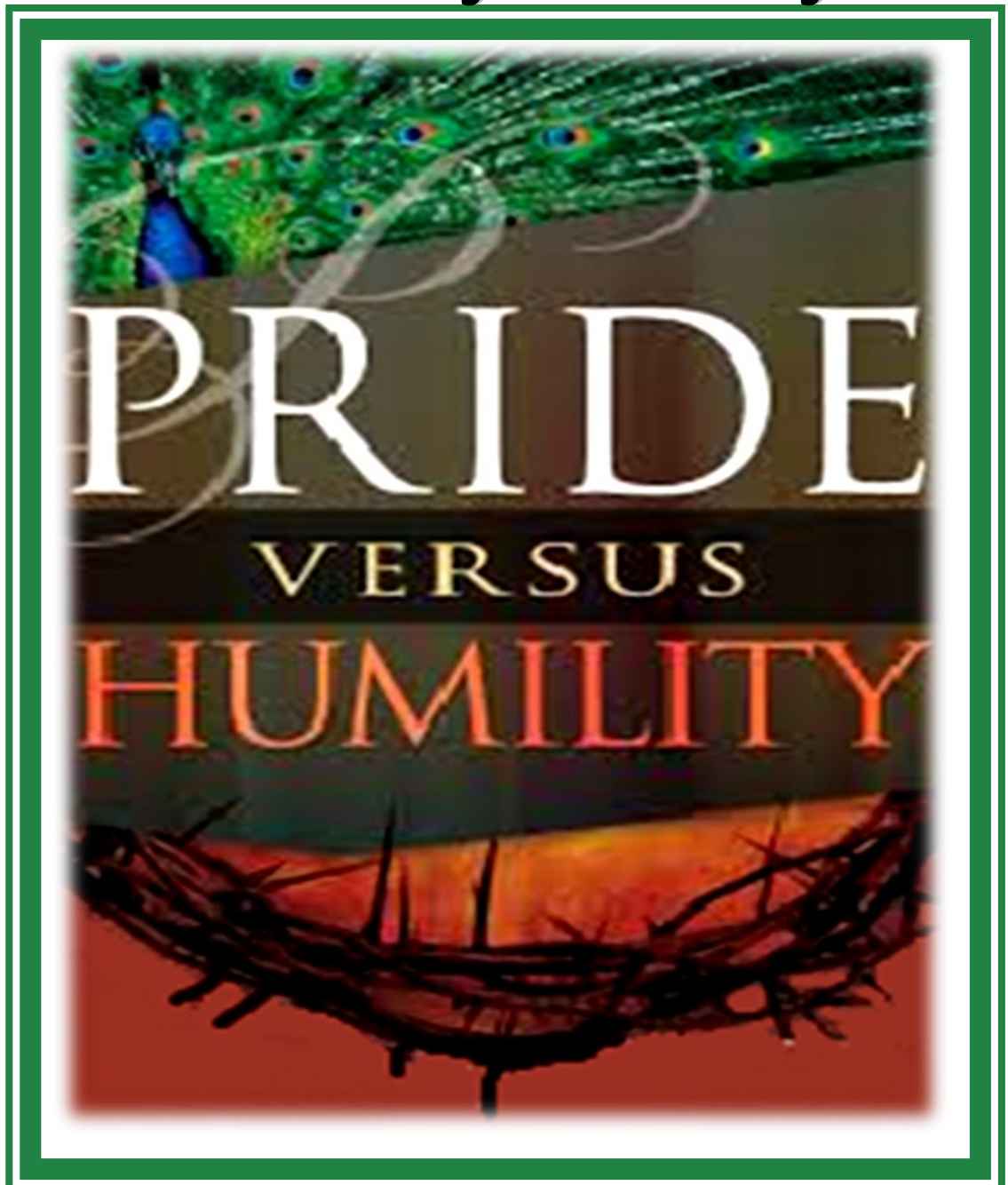
Pray the Rosary

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

Thirtieth 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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 104: 3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING

First reading - Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of
a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be
accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable,
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 33(34):2-3,17-19,23

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

SECOND READING

Second reading - 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and
the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought
the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the
finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is
the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the
Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day;
and not only to me but to all those who have longed
for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was
not a single witness to support me. Every one of them
deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it.
But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that
through me the whole message might be proclaimed
for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from

Cont...*the lion's mouth*. The Lord will rescue me from all
evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heav-
enly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel - Luke 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who
prided themselves on being virtuous and despised every-
one else: 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray,
one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee
stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you,
God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the
rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this
tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all
I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not
daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his
breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."
This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with
God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself
will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will
be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 19: 6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

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REFLECTION

God in his mercy will always hear us, we are told in the
scripture reflections. Together then we pray for all those
affected by flooding in Australia, and in other countries
throughout the world.

'Weapons cost more than money', though in one way
the arms trade is highly profitable, in important ways it
impoverishes nations with huge military budgets coex-
isting with 'great inequality, poor health systems, high
unemployment, inadequate expenditure on education
and lack of attention to the reality of global warming'.
We pray also for those suffering economic hardship,
those affected by changes to climate, and most of all
we pray for peace.

The Lord does not grant favours
like the powerful in this world.
Rather, he is inclined to listen
to those in the greatest distress.



RUNNING WITH HUMILITY

Quite often in St Paul's letters the great apostle articulates the Christian life as a sporting event. Normally he sees it as a running contest, or preparing for some kind of athletic engagement. For instance:

In 1 Corinthians Paul writes

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

Later in the same passage Paul writes:

Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

And today in those famous lines to his dear disciple Timothy, an aged Paul nearing his execution comments:

I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

Paul here is not boasting that he will definitely receive the Crown of Glory but that by grace given perseverance he will attain it. Elsewhere in his writings St Paul is all too aware of his deficiencies, in his letter to the Philippians the Apostle laments:

**12 Not that I have already won the prize, already reached fulfilment. I only press on, in hope of winning the mastery, as Christ Jesus has won the mastery over me.[3]
13 No, brethren, I do not claim to have the mastery already, but this at least I do; forgetting what I have left behind, intent on what lies before me, 14 I press on with the goal in view, eager for the prize.**

The foundation then of Paul's spirituality, and a spirituality we can all assimilate in our own lives, is the notion of "pressing on" in the contest, not giving up, persevering. Often it is our sinfulness, or our weakness in the various situations of life, that overwhelm us, or make us believe we should give up on our Christian calling to glory: "its all too hard!". The temptation to give up on the perfection which our Christian life demands is strong in a world full of amusements, distractions and a variety of voices which will easily explain away our difficulties. The detours from the race are eventually dead ends because we know deeply no created thing can possibly give us ultimate happiness. We were not brought into this life for merely created pleasures and contentment but for something higher. Being made in the image of God impresses upon our souls a yearning for an uncreated and eternal happiness. The only issue is that we need to run this race we call life with all its pitfalls and dead ends.

Today Paul, and our gospel, which focuses on humility before God, encourage us to continue to play the game, to run the race, to compete, even if it means sometimes going off course. The parable of the Tax Collector and Pharisee brings home to us that even when we are aware of our sinfulness, our woundedness, and our weakness it is in those precise moments that God is there to assist us to get us back on track.

In fact acknowledging our weakness as Paul does when he says in 2 Corinthians (12:10) "when I am weak then I

Cont...am strong" enables us to realise that playing the game of life with an injury, or with that weakness does not automatically disqualify us from the prize. It is the divine healer that comes to our aid through the medicine of the sacraments that helps us on to glory.

Our prayer today then is: Jesus help me to persevere each day. Give me the graces I need, despite my weakness, so that I too, like your apostle Paul, may receive the Crown of Glory, the crown reserved for me if I heed your saving help along the way.

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

GOD ISSUES PRIZES

The Pharisee illustrates the attitude of those who can only bolster their own self-image by putting down others. For such people life is a competition in virtue. God assesses the results and issues the prizes. Prayer is an opportunity to keep God informed about one's own success and also about the shortcomings of others. As so often in Jesus' parables, it is all a bit of a caricature. But nonetheless, if we are honest, we can ask ourselves how often we catch ourselves out doing much the same?

The tax-collector, by contrast, stands down the back simply pleading that God be merciful to him, a sinner. In what sense sinner? Because of personal moral failure, for which he now repents? We should not immediately jump to this conclusion. Could it simply be that he finds himself trapped in an occupation that makes him a sinner in his own eyes and those of his world – an occupation which, perhaps, with a family to support and no other job possibilities, he cannot simply abandon? All this the parable leaves open. In any case, as Jesus points out, God's view reverses both verdicts. The one who came to God's house in his own eyes a sinner went home with God's favour ("justified"); the one so sure of his virtue went home without it.

ARCHBISHOP'S DAY OF TEACHING

Archbishop's Day of Teaching - Saturday 12 November 2022 at St Peter Chancels 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

MARIAN PROCESSION

The Marian Procession participants will join the scheduled live-streamed Mass and Rosary at the Cathedral at 11 am. Directly after Mass and the Rosary, we invite all to join us for lunch in the Haydon Hall, where there will be a sausage sizzle and children's activities.

11.00 am – 12Midday: MASS St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka (live-streamed)

12Midday – 12.30 pm: ROSARY St Christopher's Cathedral with Mysteries animated by Youth Ministers

12.30 pm onwards lunch at the Haydon Hall with a provided sausage sizzle and children activities.

MEN'S CURSILLO RETREAT WEEKEND

A Cursillo retreat weekend offers you the opportunity for formation through talks, meditations, discussion and prayer, led by an experienced local volunteer team. A three-day retreat starts on the evening of Thu 24 Nov in a relaxed retreat setting. Contact Alfred (0412 268 044, readysset-go@live.com.au). <https://bit.ly/cursillo22>

WOMEN'S FAITH CIRCLE

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.

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.

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 DOMINIC'S 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

CATHOLIC MISSIONS

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones. Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.



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,
Malcolm Brown, 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) Tuesday nights at 6.30pm in the Parish Office a group of young adults from around North Canberra come to study the scriptures and pray. **On break at the moment.**
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 29 / 30 October

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M. Tran
Reader - P. Farrelly
Sunday 8.00am - Acolyte - K. Linnard / N. Webb
Reader - Webb Family
D. P. - Clarke/Klekner/Smith
Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - T. Johnson
Reader - L. Fardell, A. O'Donnell
D. P. - J. Cortese
Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - S. Sedgwick
Reader - T. Malone, J. Schwinghamer
D. P. - C. Bailey