

# Catholic Parish of Blackfriars



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## VERITAS



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## Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.

## FIRST READING

### First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.  
My friend has a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil,  
cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle  
he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to  
yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you  
to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done  
for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield  
grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down  
its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned,  
undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.

I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard  
of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah  
that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed,  
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm

79:9. 12-16. 19-20

(R) The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.

And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.

God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R)

## SECOND READING

### Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need,  
pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and  
that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can under-  
stand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.  
Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, every-  
thing that is noble, everything that is good and pure, every-  
thing that we love and honour, and everything that can be  
thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things  
that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have  
heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:  
'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who  
planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and  
built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad.  
When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the ten-  
ants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants,  
thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent  
some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt  
with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them.  
"They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw  
the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let  
us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him  
and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when  
the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those ten-  
ants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a  
wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will  
deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said  
to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the key-  
stone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you  
and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

## THE COMMUNION RITE

### Preparation for Holy Communion



While the people are saying or singing the  
*Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God), the priest bows  
low with hands joined on the altar, here he  
says one of two preparatory prayers before  
his Communion:

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,  
who, by the will of the Father  
and the work of the Holy Spirit,  
through your Death gave life to the world,  
free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood,  
from all my sins and from every evil;  
keep me always faithful to your commandments,  
and never let me be parted from you.**

Or:

**May the receiving of your Body and Blood,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
not bring me to judgment and condemnation,  
but through your loving mercy  
be for me protection in mind and body  
and a healing remedy.**

I would like to explore for a moment the first prayer the "Lord  
Jesus Christ, Son of the living God..." which recounts in a  
very brief manner the work of the Triune God in humanity's



Cont... salvation. It is indeed the Father's will that his Son exemplify true obedience in reparation for the disobedience of Adam. The new Adam, whose presence in this world is brought about by the power of the Holy Spirit, gives his life for humanity's, this substitution then enables humanity to once more embrace the 'life' it was meant to have but lost in Eden. The reception of the body and blood of the divine victim enables this saving story to become a part of the one who consumes the sacrifice. By receiving Jesus' body, blood, soul and divinity the human participant internalizes the saving action that has been celebrated throughout the liturgy. This prayer also teaches us that by reception of Holy Communion any minor or venial sins are washed away and true friendship and society with God is renewed.

Lastly by receiving Holy Communion we are asking for that friendship to be permanent, requesting from Jesus the graces to never be fully attracted to the glamour of this world but rather always joined to him. This last petition **"keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me be parted from you"** reminds us of two quotes from scripture which Jesus teaches:

**"If you love me keep my commandments"** (John 14:15, 21, 23)

**"I am the vine and you are the branches. The one who remains in Me, and I in him, will bear much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing."**(15:5-8)

The reception of Holy Communion should be a time when we consider these particular quotes from Holy Scripture. When we receive Jesus he wants us to become a part of him, in fact he wants us to become like him, and this likeness is achieved by the grace of the sacrament we receive. Moreover, we are invited to become from the many of us the one Christ and this is made concrete in receiving the one Lord Jesus in Holy Communion. Bread made from many grains of wheat becomes one loaf, hence we need to become one in Christ. Communion is the sacrament par excellence of unity. St Augustine when preaching on the Holy Eucharist taught the newly baptized, and in fact to all his Christian brothers and sisters, the following:

**So why in bread? Let's not bring anything of our own to bear here, let's go on listening to the apostle himself, who said, when speaking of this sacrament, One bread, one body, we being many are (1 Cor 10:17). Understand and rejoice. Unity, truth, piety, love. One bread; what is this one bread? The one body which we, being many, are. Remember that bread is not made from one grain, but from many. When you were being exorcised, it's as though you were being ground. When you were baptized it's as though you were mixed into dough. When you received the fire of the Holy Spirit, it's as though you were baked. Be what you can see, and receive what you are.**

In other words Augustine is exhorting us to become or imitate him whom we receive, that is an invitation to become truly a part of Christ.

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.**

Help me to understand your laws,  
and I will meditate on your wonderful teachings.

Psalms 119:27

## THE POWER OF CHRIST

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year.*

*Fr John O'Connor preaches on the difference between true power and the abuse of power by the wicked tenants.*

Today's Gospel is about, power and the abuse of power, "We must look within, at our own tendencies towards the abuse of power. It is so easy to shift the attention onto others, as though these issues are not part of our lives. They are. All our lives are littered with the consequences of this: a loss of ability to hear what others are saying to us, and a deafness to the voice of God in our lives."

Excerpt from a homily Fr John O'Connor OP

## REFLECTION

**This week's readings remind us that the Lord of the vineyard is the God of hosts, the master of creation and the giver of all gifts.**

The texts invite us to reflect on the Lord's giving of such gifts and on our acceptance of them. We, the beneficiaries, are totally dependent on the one giving. And God gives to us too, so that we can respond in a way worthy of praise. As we read and ponder, we see that, sometimes, the gifts are met with unproductivity; at other times they are even misused. This week, let's pray that the God of peace, who has already promised to be with us, may find in us a 'noble' and 'virtuous' response.

## A TRUE VINEYARD

The church is the vineyard of the Lord. It has been placed by God "on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines." Unfortunately, what grows in this vineyard is often not a crop of grapes but wild fruit, of no use to the master. We have within our community a good share of selfishness, power grabbing, and short-sightedness. The very same social ills that we see in the world at large can be found right here within our own community: racism, sexism, economic injustice, and marginalization. We pray that God "forgive our failings." We hope that God will "take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted." The challenge is for us to become a true vineyard of the Lord, free of all the sinful conditions that we lament in the world. We work for the day when Christians will form a Christian community united in love and service. Is it too much to hope for? No, it is not, as long as we maintain our faith in our God, who can "lead us to seek beyond our reach." Although the Catholic Church has been endowed with all divinely revealed truth and with all means of grace, her members fail to live by them with all the fervour they should.

As a result, the radiance of the Church's face shines less brightly in the eyes of our separated brethren and of the world at large, and the growth of God's kingdom is retarded. Every Catholic must therefore aim at Christian perfection and, each according to their station, play their part so that the Church ... may daily be more purified and renewed.

Gerald Darrin <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

## THE SOUL OF OUR WEEK

If you are feeling trapped and burdened by the pressures of contemporary living, then take heart: the Church holds out to you an invitation to rediscover the value of rest, celebration and true joy. The Lord's Day, Sunday, is meant to be refreshment for our inner spirit and holds a special place in the lives of Christians. Rather than simply being a day off, the Christian Sunday is an invitation to discover the deeper meaning and richness of life. As a church community is 'our' day, our 'weekly Easter'. It is a summons to remember the 'big picture' of what life is all about: in God we find our deepest origins and our true destiny.

**IF 2020 WAS A MATH PROBLEM**

**If you're going down a river at 2 MPH and your canoe loses a wheel, how much pancake mix would you need to re-shingle your roof?**

## 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).

### ADVENT

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

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

Beginning Tuesday 1st December.

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.



### CALVARY HOSPITAL

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary will be holding a Spring Plant Stall at Belconnen Markets on Saturday and Sunday 10-11 October, 9am-4pm. A wide variety of plants will be available for sale including indoor, outdoor, succulents, herbs and lots more. All funds raised will be used to purchase equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients. Ph: 0437790980.

### 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](http://www.smartloving.org/breakthrough) Mary Undoer of Knots Discount - 50% | until September 30.

### 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.

### CARMELITE SISTER IN PERTH

We are part of the Holy Rosary Parish in Nedlands Western Australia and had the idea of offering all our parishioners a special discount to celebrate the parish feast day. Then we thought of other parishes sharing our feast day and wish to offer them all the same discount. The Carmelite Gift Shop offers all Holy Rosary parishioners Watson a 25% discount on all purchases from October 7 2020 to October 18 2020. **Visit the Carmelite Online Gift Shop at: [www.holytrinitycarmel.com.au](http://www.holytrinitycarmel.com.au) At checkout enter code: HOLYROSARY to receive your discount.**

### WEEKLY READER FORMATION

Weekly Reader Formation sessions will resume on Wednesday 14 October. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. All parishioners are invited. Meet at the door of the church at 7.30 pm.

## 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

Jose Leal, Lima Nunes

### PARISH

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION** - Parish School of Religion is in recess. 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](http://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](mailto:watson@cg.org.au)

### ROSTER 10 / 11 October

Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	K. Markcrow	D. Hinds
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	K. Linard	
Readers	E. Smith	J. Smith
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer	
Readers	A. O'Donnell	L. Fardel
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	S. Sedgwick	
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	T. de Luca