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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

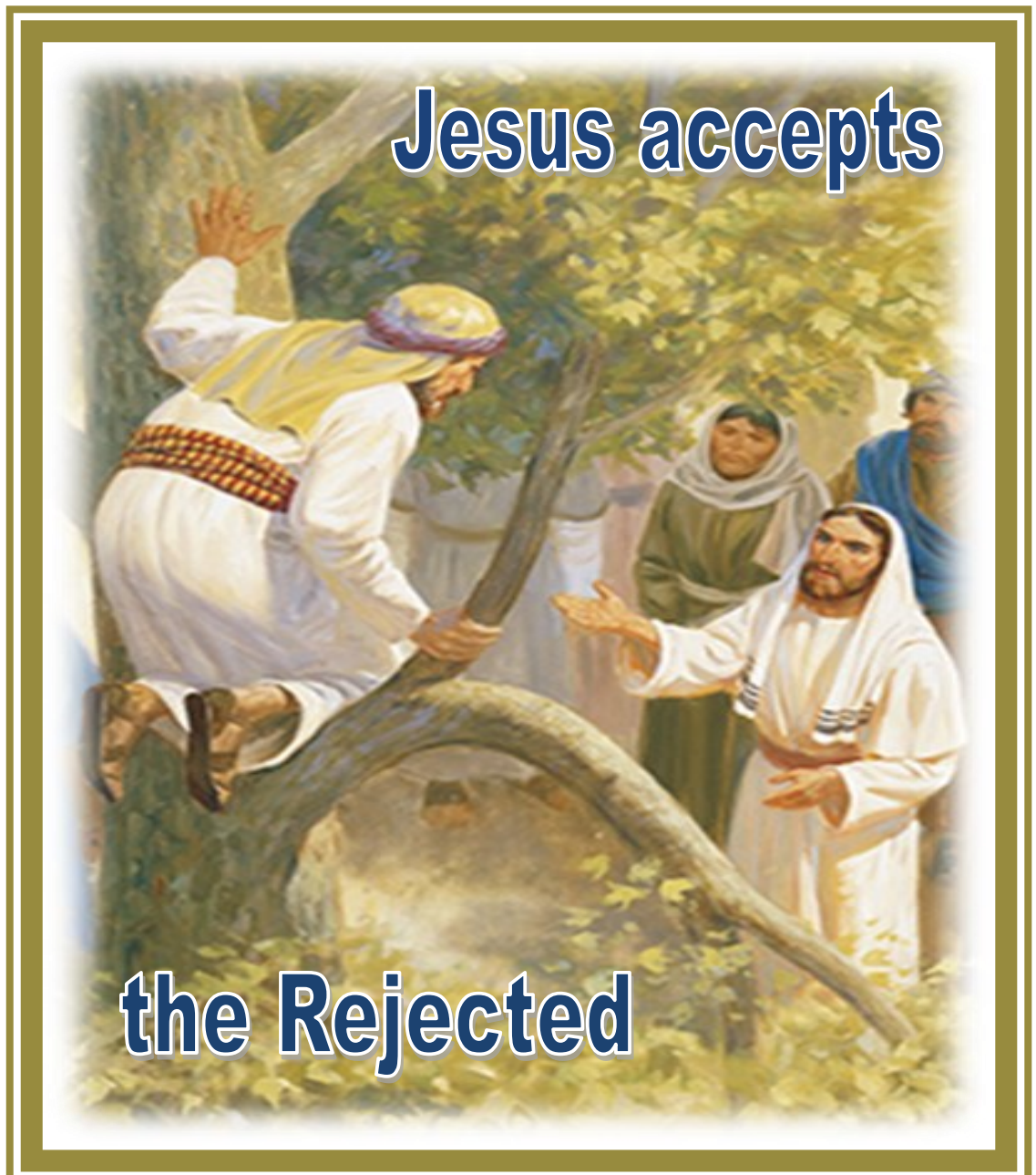
Pray the Rosary

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

Thirty First 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. Psalm 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

FIRST READING

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14

*I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

*I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

SECOND READING

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2

A reading from the 2nd letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by

Cont...the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation: John 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor' and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 15:11

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

**All Saints Mass 1 November 8.00 am,
All Souls Mass 2 November 8.00am & 5.30pm.**

November is a special time to pray for the dead. November Mass offering envelopes are available at the holy water fonts if you wish a Mass for your loved one.

WELCOME BACK

This week's readings tell us that no matter how far we stray, God always welcomes us back. 'The Son of Man has not come to judge and condemn but to seek out and save the lost. That is the whole point of his saving mission.' We pray for all those who feel far from God.

THE CHALLENGE OF CONVERSION

One of the genres of story I really enjoy reading or listening to are the stories of conversion. From the dramatic conversion of an Augustine or an Ignatius Loyola to the slower conversion stories of a Bill Hayden or the English formerly atheist philosopher Anthony Flew. I'm always intrigued as to what makes a person leave behind atheism, or a life of manifest sin, or simply indifference to a firm belief in God.

There is a theory that people are converted by one of three things, truth, goodness or beauty. For instance, one may find faith through the inescapable attraction of a well-crafted philosophical argument. A recent philosopher Edward Feser stated that it was the engaging arguments of St Thomas Aquinas that brought him back to faith. For years Feser had taught philosophy at a local community college in Los Angeles and taught the usual arguments for and against the existence of God. It wasn't until he took a closer look at what Aquinas was actually saying that Feser's whole life changed. Or, it could simply be like my friend Jared who was on holiday in Italy casually admiring the works of art in the Vatican museums and the Sistine Chapel that seriously stirred up his dormant faith.

The Zaccheus story is a narrative of conversion, albeit a rather rapid one, or was it? Luke paints the picture of this rather unscrupulous and rapacious tax collector who had made his fortune by "siding with the enemy". Jericho, where Zaccheus lived, was a lucrative area as it was a location where expensive balsam was harvested. This local export had a heavy duty applied to it and it was Zaccheus' role to collect that duty from the businesses in the area. It was likewise an unfortunate custom that the tax gatherers took a percentage from the duty as well. All in all Zaccheus was a greedy little man.

Remarkably, despite his riches, which could've helped him gain access to Jesus, little Zaccheus engages in a rather undignified method of seeing the Saviour, for a man of his wealth and age did not climb trees! One wonders how or what piqued Zaccheus' interest in Jesus though? Throughout Luke's gospel we see Jesus regularly engaging with tax collectors (Lk 15) or using them as paradigms of gospel values, as we saw in last week's gospel. Perhaps along the tax collectors' grapevine this mysterious prophet, who dared to contravene Jewish purity laws, was discussed as someone who would be sympathetic to their fraternity. It's possible Zaccheus had heard Jesus was tax collector- friendly. Nevertheless, I'm not sure Zaccheus was necessarily looking to be Jesus' next convert. Strangely, God often uses curiosity as a devastating trap for unaware souls. Just as philosopher Edward Feser, or my friend Jared, innocuously looked at a philosophical argument or a pretty picture, so the unworthy and devious Zaccheus looked into the eyes of Jesus and his heart was turned.

The encounter between Jesus and Zaccheus is even more interesting in that it is Jesus who speaks first. This exchange can be seen as the first grace of conversion. It is God who calls first. Jesus teaches elsewhere "no one can come to the Father except through me". Jesus calls Zaccheus even though he is unworthy and Jesus knows everything he has been up to.

Cont...The second stage of conversion is a change of lifestyle. "I give right now half of my possessions to the poor" and again Zaccheus exclaims that immediately he will restore fourfold to those whom he has defrauded. This astounding commitment ensures that Zaccheus' high rolling days are over. In effect Zaccheus' commitment is a return to a more frugal and simple way of living for the basic wage of tax collectors must've been pretty ordinary if one had to extort the poor or businesses for a little extra. The deeper teaching here is that life in Christ must change us in some way. We do not stay the same. Come as you are, but you are not permitted to stay as you are. Furthermore, Jesus' teaching on serving God or Mammon must be factored into our narrative today, one cannot prioritise wealth, comfort, and this worldly fascination over relationship with God.

Today then let us realise that conversion of life is an ongoing challenge of the Christian life. As followers of Jesus we are called to a continual renewal in our lives, a continual conversion from our own sinfulness, our own narrowness and our own complacency. May we like Zaccheus be keen to see Jesus so that we too may receive salvation into our own homes, hearts and minds.

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

ST DOMINIC'S GARDEN

Stage One of the St Dominic's Garden is now completed. Thank you to Joe Cortese, Richard Tanzer and Chris Webb for your hard work. A special thank you to Noah & Daniel Webb who helped with the planting last Saturday morning in the rain.

Stage Two of the garden will begin in the coming weeks. To complete the garden their will be further fund raising activities. If you are unable to attend any of the activities but would like to help, you can make a donation by using the Parish banking details over the page or contact the office.



GANG GANG PARISH MORNING TEA.

Please note: Morning tea at GangGang, Frencham Place Downer will be held as usual from 10-30am on the third Thursday of November 17th. New comers welcome. Carmel will be away. An indoor table has been booked for up to eight persons.

Due to the closeness of Christmas, there will be no gathering on the third Thursday in December.

GangGang will begin their internal renovations in January and therefore they will be open for take aways only.

Carmel will advise of a possible change of venue for 2023 if deemed necessary.

Thank you to all parishioners including Sr Veronica and Brother Francis who have faithfully supported this social event in 2022 each month.

THANK YOU

Thank You to all the helpers with the Our Lady of the Rosary morning tea. Thank you to Jim & Liz Smith for their help with the morning tea for the students from St Joseph's - Clare.

ARCHBISHOP'S DAY OF TEACHING

Archbishop's Day of Teaching - Saturday 12 November at St Peter Chaneels Church, from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome and it's free! Holy Mass at midday. Free Sausage Sizzle lunch! To register: <https://www.trybooking.com/CDFEF>. Or call/text Maida 0423 658 326

9 NOVEMBER MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

The **Catholic Care/Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation program** for engaged couples includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner, evening formation program and a private, follow-up couple discussion with a CatholicCare counsellor. The session is held in the St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, from 5-9 pm at a cost of \$300 per couple for the whole program. Online option also for regional couples. Information and registration at www.marriagefamily.org.au

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.

Sausage Sizzle – there will be a parish sausage sizzle after the 10 am Mass on Sunday 20 November. Look forward to seeing everyone there."

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. **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 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

DONATIONS TO OUR THE ST DOMINICS GARDEN BANK DETAILS - REFERENCE GARDEN

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,
Malcolm Brown, Colleen McPhillips

IN LOVING MEMORY

Domenico Barbaro, Tony Laria

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

WOMEN'S FAITH CIRCLE

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. Send me your mobile number to Emily 0422 815 680 to connect.

ROSTER 5 / 6 November

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M. Tran
Reader - K. Markcrow

Sunday 8.00am - Acolyte - K. Linard
Reader - M. Falk
D. P. - Clarke, Klekner

Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - L. Kim
Reader - A. McCarthy,
- C. Rheinberger

D. P. - J. Kim
Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - P. Tran
Reader - J. Curnow, K. Watson
D. P. - A. Paton