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Our Lady of the Rosary

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

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

FIRST READING

First Reading

Zechariah 2:14-17

Rejoice, daughter of Zion, for I am coming

Sing, rejoice, daughter of Zion; For I am coming to dwell in the middle of you - it is the Lord who speaks. Many nations will join the Lord, on that day; they will become his people. But he will remain among you, and you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. But the Lord will hold Judah as his portion in the Holy Land. and again make Jerusalem his very own.
Let all mankind be silent before the Lord!
For he is awaking and is coming from his holy dwelling.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm

Luke 1:46-55. R/: v. 49

**R/: O blessed virgin Mary,
you carried the Son of the eternal Father.**

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my saviour.

He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name.

His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.

He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons forever. **R/:**

SECOND READING

Second Reading

Acts 1:12-14

They all joined in continual prayer together with Jesus' mother Mary.

After Jesus had ascended into heaven, the apostles went back to Jerusalem, a short distance away, not more than a Sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Phillip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 1:17. 18

Alleluia, alleluia!
You have received the Spirit
Blessed are you among women.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name Jesus.

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS



After Holy Communion has been distributed, the priest, or an acolyte, cleanses the vessels used in the Mass, normally the chalice and paten (dish that holds the consecrated hosts) or the ciborium (a similar vessels used to contain the consecrated hosts, it usually has a handle or node to make holding it easier) are cleansed. If the priest cleanses the vessels he

says the following prayer:

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

During this time after communion it is a period where the faithful can make known to the Lord all their prayers and intentions as Jesus is really and truly present among those who are at worship. The directions of the Mass permit a period of silence after communion or the singing of some appropriate chant or song which reflects this special time of the Mass.

The Post Communion prayer

To bring to completion the prayer of the People of God, and also to conclude the whole Communion Rite, the Priest pronounces the Prayer after Communion, in which he prays for the fruits of the mystery just celebrated. These fruits are the benefits which we in faith hope to receive in Holy Communion. These fruits may include remission of venial sin, a growth in charity and indeed a deeper unity with God himself, lastly the graces of the sacrament are bestowed upon us and they assist to us to live the Christian life well whilst on earth with always a view of the life to come.

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The Concluding Rites

To the Concluding Rites belong the following:

- a) brief announcements, should they be necessary;
- b) the Priest's Greeting and Blessing, which on certain days and occasions is expanded and expressed by the Prayer over the People or another more solemn formula;
- c) the Dismissal of the people by the Deacon or the Priest, so that each may go back to doing good works, praising and blessing God;
- d) the kissing of the altar by the Priest and the Deacon, followed by a profound bow to the altar by the Priest, the Deacon, and the other ministers.

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.

SOLEMNITY OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

*Fr Leo Edgar OP,
who is based in the Rosary Shrine in London,
calls us back to Christ through Mary,
and to pray especially for the family.*

Today we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – normally held on October 7th – and during the month of October the practice of saying the Rosary is recommended to us by the Church and especially by Pope Francis this year.

What makes this special for us here at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary in London (Belsize Park) is that our parish is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary and St Dominic, and so, throughout the world, wherever Dominicans gather, the Rosary will be recited, and the beads fingered, recalling the tradition that Our Lady, by tradition, gave St Dominic the Rosary as the prayer most pleasing to her, and in recognition that the Dominican Order takes Our Lady as its special Patroness, dating back to the very beginnings of the Order; Dominic chose Our Lady as the Protector of his newly established Order.

Why should we then pray the Rosary in our daily lives? Prayer can take many forms in our lives. All prayer, even wordless prayer, can be enormously worthwhile. Conversation with God, talking and listening can be so beneficial to the furthering of our mystical life, a life of intercourse with God.

To quote Fr Henri Nouwen (1932 – 1996), a writer of deep spirituality in a most practical, human way: “Mary calls me back to where I most want to be”.

What makes prayer to Mary so special? It seems fitting that as we celebrate this Feast of the Rosary, we recall that Mary was, above all, the Mother of Christ and the wife of Joseph, the three forming the model of a Holy Family. This is an additional reason why we should observe this feast as something special, because it helps us to reflect on the importance of families. Pope Francis embarked on the Synods of the Family, and currently of the Youth, with Bishops and lay people to discuss family life in the world today, and a group met recently in Dublin in September for further discussions on the same topic.

What better way is there for us to support the discussions currently taking place in Rome and elsewhere to do with family life, than by reciting the Rosary? It helps us to visualise and contemplate the events of Christ's life on this earth, from the angel Gabriel's Annunciation to Mary that she had been chosen by God to be the Mother of his divine Son, right through to the crowning of our Lady as Queen of Heaven.

The rose is perhaps the most beautiful of all the flowers, a symbol of love, and one that has a most beautiful scent. When roses are blessed in London at the end of Masses this weekend, they are distributed to all ‘lovers’ – lovers of the Rosary, lovers of Mary. Mary is referred to as the ‘Mystical Rose’ in one of the litanies used to honour her, and when we bless the roses we ask God, through the intercession of our heavenly Mother, to bless those who receive them, especially those who are sick, and in need of our prayers.

But in response to this gift we should endeavour to pray the Rosary regularly during this month of October, in particular for the success of the discussions on youth and family life currently taking place. The threat to family life in our society is perhaps greater than ever; there exist threats from every side on marriage itself and on other traditional family values in our world, with a depressing lack of moral guidance on customs and tradition that have stood us in good stead over many generations.

The “call back” (expressed by Henry Nouwen) indicates the urgent need of a return to Christ's compassionate love, expressed in the life of Our Blessed Lady, and expressed worldwide in the devotion shown to the Mother of God. This love, and the roses that remind us of it, directs each one of us to come close to the Sacred Heart of her Son – the heart that exudes God's infinite love on a world that seems to ignore it in many ways. This is an individual and a collective “call back” to Christ, via the route of the Virgin Mary. Our devotion to Mary ensures for us a true encounter with Christ; an encounter that the whole world should recognise.

October is one of the months of Our Lady when all of us should strive to find that inner joy that comes from such an encounter. “Go to Mary, and learn from her how to live in this anguishing world as peace-bringing witnesses to her Son”, concludes Henri Nouwen. Such very sound advice! <http://english.op.org/torch>

FEAST OF THE ROSARY

Pope Pius V established the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary on the anniversary of that epic battle to demonstrate and celebrate the intercessory power of the Rosary. In fact, with the exception of the Mass, the Rosary is one of the most powerful prayers we have been given, since this devotion doesn't just invoke the intercession of a saint, but it is a meditation on salvation history itself.

The Rosary remains a powerful prayer to defend us on earth, and a powerful tool to help us attain eternal life. In every approved apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Lady stresses the need to pray the Rosary.

Moslems, strangely enough, although our two religions have very little in common, one thing we share is a reverence of Mary. Even though the Moslems don't acknowledge Jesus as God, they still revere Jesus as a prophet, and so they believe in the virgin birth. The prophet Mohammed himself was well disposed to the Blessed Mother. When he was sacking Mecca and destroying all the icons of the saints, there was one icon of the Blessed Mother and the infant Jesus, and he forbade any of his troops from damaging it. So in my personal prayer, whenever I offer up the 5th glorious mystery, the coronation of Mary as Queen of heaven and earth, I always offer that decade up for peace and unity between Islam, and Christianity. Because if anyone can get the job done, Mom can.

Excerpt Fr M. Sisco

REFLECTION

The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death, and resurrection. The Our Fathers remind us that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. The Hail Marys remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The Glory Be's remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity.

The rosary appeals to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.

Franciscan Media

THE SOCIAL DILEMMA

Netflix Documentary the Social Dilemma - Its central argument is that the algorithms that determine what we see on our social media is one of the reasons that people's views of each other have become so fractured. Essentially, these algorithms determine what interests us, and then continually feed back stories that conform to those interests. After a while, we become entrenched in our world view and anything that contradicts that view is suspect. A lack of agreement on 'facts' is polarising our communities and destroying the social fabric of our lives. How timely then is Pope Francis' new encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti*, in which the Pope suggests ways in which we can build a world in which we recognise each other as brothers and sisters of one human family.

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.



COFFEE MORNING

Coffee morning on Thursday 15th October from 10-30am at 'Gang Gang' in Frencham Place Downer. Regulars and newcomers especially welcome.

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 At checkout enter code: HOLYROSAARY to receive your discount.**

WEEKLY READER FORMATION

Weekly Reader Formation sessions have resumed on Wednesday evenings. 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, Anna Linard

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.

Anna Koenigkamp, Marie Shaw, Trinidad Briones, Rosa Nelly Diaz Lorca

Anniversaries - In Loving Memory

Melicent Gaudencio, Peter Ryan

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

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 17 / 18 October

Saturday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. de Riva O'Phelan

Sunday 8am

Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	B. Bandle	C. Bandle

Sunday 10am

Acolyte / Server	Q. Vu	
Readers	C. Barbaro	P. McDonald

Sunday 5pm

Acolyte / Server	P. Tran	
Readers	J. Curnow	T. Malone