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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

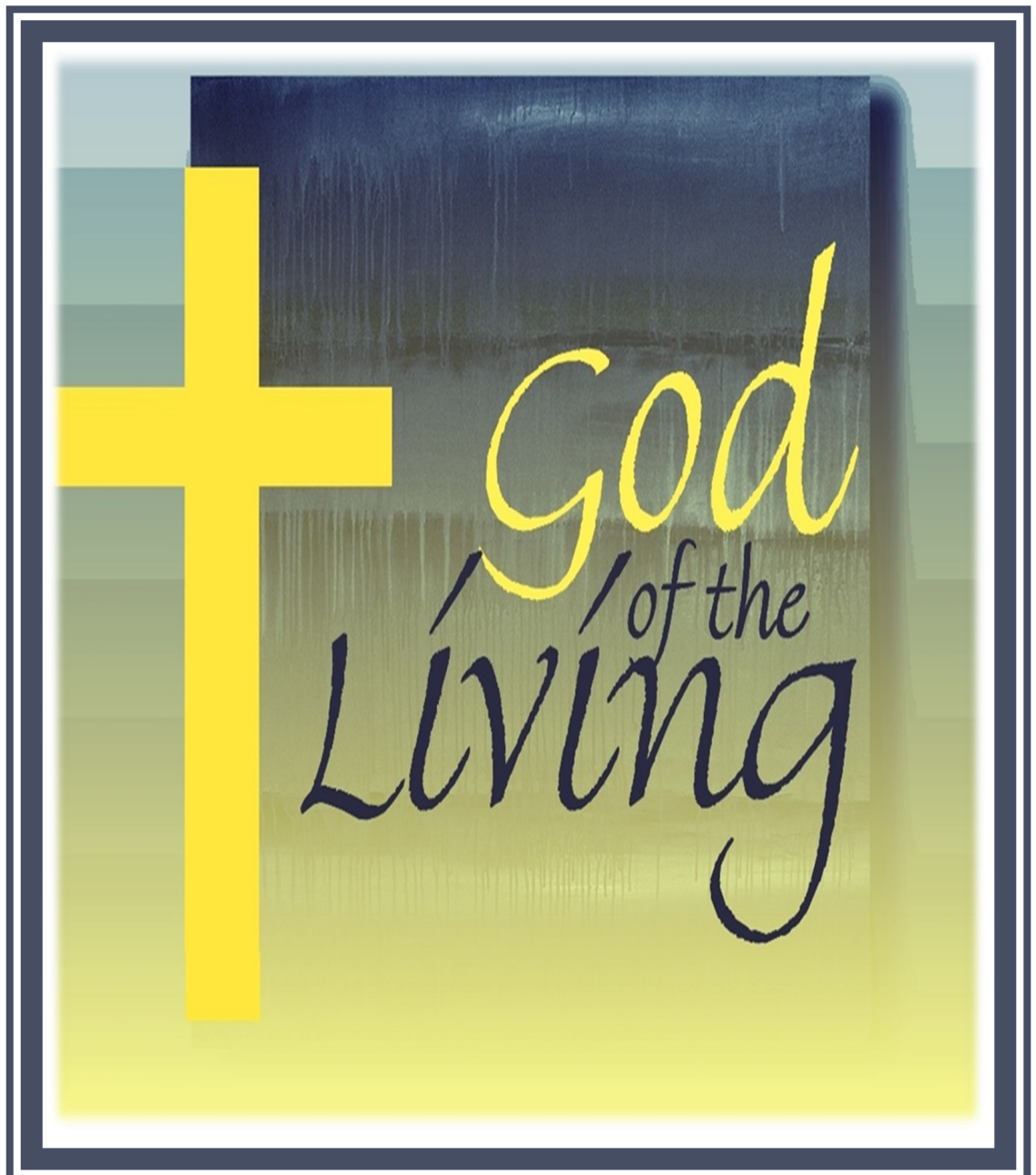
Friday's 6pm - 7pm

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



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 87: 3

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING

First reading - 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the laws of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 16(17):1,5-6,8,15

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips.

There was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory.

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

SECOND READING

Second reading - 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

A reading from the second letter of St Paul

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give

Cont...you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - Revelations 1:5a,6b

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel - Luke 20:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 22: 1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

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PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

November is the month when we remember our dead, those who have passed on to eternal life. Whether these people have died recently or have been so for many years, we still need to pray for them. The word of God today then points us in the direction of eternal life. Today I want to talk about a certain aspect of eternal life-Purgatory.

Our faith is based on what we hope for after death, our main hope is to be resurrected by Christ on the last day and reign with him forever, it is in this that our hearts will find their rest.

Every Mass we attend is a communion not only with God but a communion with the church on earth, the church in

Cont...purgatory and the church in heaven. When we receive communion we unite ourselves with those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

Yet, we know that many of us will leave this life with not all of our venial sins forgiven. This is why the church teaches the doctrine of purgatory. Purgatory is the place where we learn how our sins affected others; where our sins tarnished our relationship with God himself. In short purgatory is the place where we make up from our end the sins we have committed in this life so that we can enter into life with God purified and perfect.

Purgatory then is a merciful and just state because it enables us to satisfy God's justice for those offences we have committed in this life.

How do our prayers help the dead? First of all praying for the dead is a spiritual work of mercy-it is a good work, and we should do it often. We pray for the dead because they can no longer pray for themselves. It is a bit like being in gaol and not being able to pay the bail money, you need someone else to do that. Thus this is why we have Masses offered for the dead. Each Mass pays some element of the bail for the deceased person so that they may be freed from rightful detainment. The precious blood of Christ is offered to the eternal Father on behalf of the individual for whom the Mass is offered so as to satisfy for the temporal punishment due to those sins that still cling to the holy soul.

One might ask however-would not one Mass be enough considering that the worth of Jesus' blood is infinite? Yes, this is true Jesus' sacrifice is infinite; it has infinite value. But the offering of that sacrifice also relies on the dispositions of those offering it, both priest and people.

Both the priest and the people who offer a mass for a certain person must offer that mass devoutly and with deep prayer.

St Thomas Aquinas says that:

Although one sacrifice of mass is in itself sufficient to satisfy for all suffering, nevertheless its value, both for those for whom it is offered and for those who offer, is measured by their devotion. This measure of devotion depends, in the case of the poor souls, on the dispositions they had at the moment of death. Here the only limit assigned to the satisfactory power of the Mass is the devotion of those who offer and of those for whom it is offered.

So it is important that when we offer a Mass for a loved one we do so attentively and devoutly, it is not sufficient to have the Mass offered and that's it. Yes the person may receive some comfort from the Mass which has been offered for them but the comfort could be greater if the Mass offered were offered more devoutly.

Furthermore, souls are detained in purgatory for lengthy periods of time especially those whose attachment to certain sins has been great.

Each Mass then offers the departed soul in purgatory a measure of refreshment and comfort, enabling the embattled soul to reach its destination. The souls in purgatory then have a bittersweet lot, they suffer for the sins they have committed willingly, but they are also happy because they know that when their suffering is over they will definitely see God. The souls in purgatory are happier than us on earth because they can now rest, their journey to heaven is almost complete, for most of us on earth our journey is barely begun.

May we follow today the example of those devout Jews,

Cont...who in the book of Maccabees had sacrifices offered for their dead, for it is a holy and pious act to offer prayers and sacrifices for the dead so that they may be loosed from their sins.

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

As we move about shopping centres and railway stations over the next couple of weeks we're likely to come across RSL representatives collecting for the annual Poppy Appeal. The appeal, which supports Australian veterans and families, is in preparation for Remembrance Day on 11 November. On that day we commemorate the armistice that ended World War I in 1918, as well as remembering all those who have died in conflicts around the world. As the war continues in Ukraine and violence occurs in countries throughout the world, let us pray for peace.

We pray for members of the Australian armed forces who, time and time again this year, have been called to aid in the recovery efforts after the flooding and other natural disasters. November is when the Church remembers those who have gone before us.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPER DONATIONS

The Parish Vinnies Conference is again seeking your support in putting together Christmas Hampers for local families in need. A box is available at the church entrance for donations. **We are looking for donations of:** Biscuits (tins are very popular) including shortbreads, chocolate and savoury biscuits; jellies, pudding mixes, cake mixes eg. cupcakes, muffins, pancake mixes and other desserts; lollies and snack food; jams and vegemite; pickles chutneys, tomato and other sauces; pasta and rice, packets of cereal; tea & coffee.

We cannot accept nuts or nut products for health and safety reasons.

We are not taking toy donations this year and indeed we have only a few families with small children. Instead, we ask you to consider providing gift vouchers of between \$20 -50. These are more flexible and can be used for all ages.

We need all donations by Sunday 4 December. As ever, your support is greatly appreciated.

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.

PARISH SECRETARY

Canberra Central St Brigid's & St Patrick's Parish Secretary:

This is a part-time permanent position, 11 hours per week. Essential Requirements: experience with database packages, strong communication and liaison skills, strong organisational skills, ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction, understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teachings, experience in an office environment. Please phone the Parish Priest, Fr Emil Milat 0414 523 036 for a copy of the duty statement and selection criteria, to be received by Monday **21 Nov.**

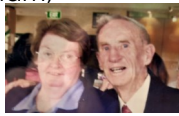
ANNE O'NEILL RECOGNISED BY VINNIES

Another former stalwart and past President of our Watson Vinnies Conference has been honoured with the presentation of a framed appreciation certificate.

Anne O'Neill, now living at the Sir Leslie Morehead Manor/El Alamein Village in Lyneham, was a mainstay of the St Vincent de Paul Conference from the 1990s through to her retirement in 2019.

Anne joined the Society in 1990 and worked closely with her late husband, Laurie, making a great team supporting needy families in North Canberra. Their daughter Robina was also an active Conference member in this period. Laurie served in a range of Conference leadership roles prior to his death and after that time, Anne began taking on leadership roles including as President and Vice President.

We thank her for great contribution.



Caption: Anne with her framed certificate & with late husband, Laurie.

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. Please see insert for further information.

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

ARCHBISHOP'S DAY OF TEACHING

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

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 ST DOMINICS GARDEN CAN BE MADE USING THE PARISH BANKING DETAILS ABOVE BANK DETAILS - REFERENCE GARDEN

MELBOUNRE CUP RAFFLE WINNERS

Kath O'Brien, Anton Dowling, Carmel Rheinberger & Bernadette Khoo.

BAPTISM

Willow Muscat

will be baptised this weekend.
May her life be filled with God's peace,
and her heart with God's love...
on this Baptism day and always.



THANK YOU - to Liz & Jim Smith, Ruth & Hugh Zochling, Joe Cortese for their help with the Melbourne Cup lunch. Special mention to Merv for his dish drying skills. A great fun lunch was had by all who attended.

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.

Peter Dingle, Greg O'Neill, Margaret Kirk, Malcolm Brown, Colleen McPhillips

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.
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 12 / 13 November

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M. Tran
Reader - C. Barbaro
Sunday 8.00am - Acolyte - K. Linard
Reader - E. & J. Smith
D. P. - Clarke, Klekner
Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - R. Tanzer
Reader - M. Fitzgerald, K. McCluskey
D. P. - J. Cortese
Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - E. Anderson
Reader - M. Brotohusodo, T. de Luca
D. P. - C. Bailey

SEEKING ASSISTANCE in relation to cooking dinner meals twice a week for a family of four in Franklin. Meals can be booked at the family home. All groceries will be provided. Payment can be negotiated with Karan Kaur on 0405 978 825.

Grief never ends...but it changes. Its' a passage not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith...It is the price of love.