

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars



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## VERITAS



### 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**

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**NOON TUESDAY**

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Entrance Antiphon - Jeremiah 29: 11, 12, 14**

The Lord said:  
I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.  
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,  
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

## FIRST READING

**First reading - Malachi 3:19-20**

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of Hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 97(98):5-9**

***The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.***

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp  
with the sound of music.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
acclaim the King, the Lord.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;  
the world, and all its peoples.  
Let the rivers clap their hands  
and the hills ring out their joy  
at the presence of the Lord.

For the Lord comes,  
he comes to rule the earth.  
He will rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with fairness.

***The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.***

## SECOND READING

**Second reading - 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: do not let anyone have any food if he refuses to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Gospel Acclamation - Luke 21:28**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lift up your heads and see;  
your redemption is near at hand.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**Gospel - Luke 21:5-19**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Communion Antiphon - Ps 72: 28**

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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## SCIENCE & CLIMATE CHANGE

On 10 November the *UN World Science Day for Peace and Development* is commemorated. The day highlights the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. Consider the paradox that while scientific advances and technology are beneficial in solving problems they can create new issues or exacerbate existing problems. Science needs for us to always put others at the heart of our decision making. While 'we still look to science for discoveries and technologies that will limit climate change [ . . . ] we recognise now that we need a change of heart and change of priorities at every level if we are to limit the damage that suffered, and we as part of it.'

**We pray for all those who have been affected by flooding and other natural disasters.**

## YOUR ENDURANCE WILL WIN YOU YOUR LIVES.

The end of the world is nigh! This is what all of our readings would have us believe this week. As we know though there have been prophets of doom popping up all over history, all, so far, have been proved wrong. Yet, despite the fact that these dire predictions have yet to bear fruit we cannot summarily dismiss the fundamental claim that the universe as we know it is limited, is material and therefore corruptible, and that we have the Word of God warning us that all things must end.

The writings of the prophet Malachi, or as the text also calls him merely a 'messenger' of God, were penned around 515BC. Israel was still dominated by the Persian Empire, which was really quite liberal in terms of how the Jews conducted themselves. Nevertheless within the Israelite milieu there was the hope of some final resolution for the Jewish people. There was the hope that one day they would be free and on the path to self determination. More importantly Malachi talks about a future event mysteriously known to Old Testament scribes simply as the 'Day of the Lord', it is this future event which would effect a final resolution to Israel's woes. We note that despite the rather chilling vibe Malachi's oracle of disaster entails the prophet concludes his vision with an air of hope for those who are faithful to God: **'But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays'**. This conclusion teaches us that it is reverence for God and his commandments that will grant us endurance when the final test for humanity arises.

Paul in his second epistle to the Thessalonians advise them to not be in too much of hurry to pack their bags for heaven. Paul's concern is contrary to Malachi's, and a little more sobering. Earlier on Paul has had to warn the Thessalonians that the end of the world is something that is sudden, unseen and like a "thief in the night". By all means be prepared, he advises them, but don't put your lives on hold waiting for it to happen! Paul's balanced advice is good news for us in that we should not be anxious about such things. If we are truly trying to live good lives in response to God's word and the teachings of the faith this will be our protection against woe.

Lastly, the Gospel for this week details a prophecy by Jesus concerning the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. The importance of the Temple was second to none for the devout Jew. For the Chosen People this was literally the place of God's presence on earth and it was the holiest site in the world. However, the Temple had been destroyed before by the Babylonians in 587 BC this was the Temple built by King Solomon. When the Jews were in the thrall of the Persians, who had defeated the Babylonians, Cyrus King of the Persians allowed the Jews to rebuild the Temple, this reconstruction is narrated in the Old Testament books of Ezra and Nehemiah. The Temple Jesus knew was this Second Temple, and it too would meet the same fate as it's predecessor. Jesus' prophecy came true in 70 AD when the Roman military under the general Titus besieged Jerusalem and burnt the Temple and its environs with fire. This military incursion was initiated by ongoing unrest in Jerusalem particularly over heavy taxation.

Jesus' prophecy however underlines that no matter how safe we feel or no matter how secure we may be there will be trials sent to us to determine our fidelity to God. Jesus predictions include environmental disaster

**"There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven."**

Cont...The Lord also warns of false messiahs. Meaning that no human agency can truly stop what will happen, and no human knows for sure when the end will come:

**'Take care not to be deceived,' ... because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand."**

A final, and perhaps, more dire prediction is that to be a Christian will entail persecution, ostracisation and trial.

**'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness.'**

In the context of St Luke's gospel Jesus' predictions were becoming apparent, indeed many early Christians did suffer for their beliefs. Nevertheless, even in our own time Christian beliefs are under attack on a variety of fronts. To be a Christian is seen now to be, or an object of scorn. Often Christian views in areas of human life, marriage and family, and even the nature of the human person are ridiculed or seen as "dangerous"; Yet we're supposed to live in a pluralistic democracy where officially there is "freedom" of religion.

As we see off this liturgical year let us be mindful that indeed the world we live in is fragile, corruptible and set for a cosmic conclusion, but may Jesus' own words be our hope:

**Your endurance will win you your lives.**

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

## 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. cup-cakes, 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.

## OZANAM APPEAL RESULTS

The Parish Vinnies Conference has finally been advised of the total figure for our Ozanam Appeal in September. With your support, we raised \$5347.45 to assist Vinnies Conferences in developing countries. Thank you to Watson parishioners for your ongoing support of our important work here, and overseas.

## PARISH SECRETARY

**Canberra Central St Brigid's & St Patrick's Parish Secretary:**  
This is a part-time permanent position, 11 hours per week. 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.**



## CATHOLIC WOMEN IN CONVERSATION

### 12 November Reconnect and Respond Catholic Women in Conversation.

Reconnect after restrictions, review the work of the ACT/ Goulburn Catholic Women's Taskforce and respond to the Plenary Council recommendations, especially decree Number 4: on Witnessing the Equal Dignity of Women and Men. The Taskforce serves the women of the Archdiocese through advocacy, formation and building community. It also advises the Archbishop on women's opinions, needs and goals. All women are welcome. 10am to 3.30pm Saturday, 12 November at Merici College, Braddon. \$20 contribution to cover catering on the day. Ms Phil Billington, a member of St Bernard's Parish Bateman's Bay and one of Australia's most experienced Catholic leaders, will guide the day. For further information and to register, please use Catholic Women Taskforce (cgwomen.com.au) or call 0487388873."

## HOLY LAND COLLECTION

On behalf of the Holy Land Custody of the Franciscan Friars and the Christians of the Holy Land, I would like to sincerely thank you and your parishioners for your contribution of \$36,120 to the Good Friday Holy Land Collection for 2022. Please continue to remember the Holy Land in your thoughts and prayers, and please know that whatever signs of solidarity you can make with the Holy Land Church and its peoples will be used well.

## 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."

## CHRISTMAS STALL

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding its annual Christmas Stall on Wednesday 30 November and Thursday 1 December 2022, 8am-4pm both days, in the foyer of Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce.

There will be a huge range of home-made cakes, slices, jams and preserves; craft items such as aprons hand-made children's gifts, clothing and toys; and Christmas themed decorations and gifts.

All proceeds go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital Patients and staff.

## 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**

When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them...that is trust.

## 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, Gabe Savas, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.  
Rosa Ting Siew Ying, Peter Dingle, Malcolm Brown

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Mary Boyle, Gerald Tellis

**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.  
**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

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.

## GANG GANG PARISH MORNING TEA

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.