

Catholic Parish of Blackiriars



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Year A

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Mass Times
Week Day
Monday - NO Mass
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday
5:30pm

Weekend
Saturday - Vigil - 5:pm
Sunday - 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
ACU Signadou Chapel
All Welcome

**If you are in Urgent need of a Priest
out of office hours call - 6248 8253**

Thirty Third 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



*Give your hands to serve
and your hearts to love.*



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon - Jer 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 - Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 127(128):1-5

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life!

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING

Second reading - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - John 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel - Matthew 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Communion Antiphon is NOT recited when
hymns are sung.**

Communion Antiphon - Ps 72: 28

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

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*Your talent is Gods gift to you
What you do with it is your gift back to God*

SUFFICIENT GRACE



Once again Jesus tells a parable about God's kingdom. This time the focus is utilising the graces that are given to us in this life.

Much like last week's gospel the concepts of lukewarmness and apathy, as evidenced in the pusillanimous servant entrusted with one talent, are contrasted with the ready acceptance of grace as illustrated in the first two servants.

God's grace is that supernatural hand up which enables our feeble human nature to attain its true destiny. Humanity, you see, was made to enjoy the life of God, but the wounded human nature which was first encountered by Adam's sin and thus passed on to his posterity saw that primordial grace lost. Only in the coming of Christ and the merits of his death and resurrection, saw this supernatural aid once more enter into the human story.

Grace is given as God wills it, It is understood in the Church's teachings that we all receive sufficient grace to attain heaven. Yet, grace is resistible. We can say no to God's help to get to heaven and this rejection of grace manifests itself in the selfishness of sin. Mortal sin particularly cuts us off from the life of grace, our spiritual life dies, the lights of our souls are turned off and we exist, as it were, off the spiritual grid. Grace can be restored by sacramental confession, and further augmented by the sacrament of the Eucharist, by our attendance at Holy Mass, and by our regular prayer life.

The parable of the servants and their talents remind us not to squander the graces we receive. These graces can come to us in a variety of ways, for instance it may be the opportunity to say more prayers, attend a Mass during the week, or perform some corporal or spiritual work of mercy. In short we must be attentive to those moments where we can tap into God's loving relationship with us. Yet, either we respond to God's grace and let it change us and further us in the life of holiness, or, we can reject it by burying it in the ground and forgetting about it. If we indeed reject grace by burying it or not using the graces we receive then we risk the following rebuke from Christ at our particular judgment after death:

"You wicked and lazy servant!
throw him out into the dark,
where there will be weeping
and grinding of teeth."

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

ARCHDIOCESE LETTER TO THE PARISH

A copy of this important letter about Parish Finances is on display in the church foyer.
If you have not already, please read this letter. Copies are available to take home.

WATSON CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Enjoy singing carols new and old!
Come along to the church on
Monday 20th November at
7.30 pm – 8.30 pm. The choir will
be practising the music for Advent
and Christmas.

No experience needed. Music provided.
Enquiries 61617100.



VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding its annual Christmas Appeal as a leaving collection at Masses on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd of December. Cash and electronic donations will be accepted. Receipts will be available. As ever, Vinnies appreciates the great support of the Watson Parish community.

SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us to celebrate key milestones in the life of our parish:

- Nov 25: a cuppa after 5pm Mass (including to acknowledge Jim Smith's amazing decades-long voluntary contribution to our parish)
- Nov 26: a cuppa after 10 am Mass (including to acknowledge that is Fr Mannes' last as our Parish Priest)
- Dec 3: a cuppa and BBQ after 10 am Sunday (see below).

FAREWELL TO THE DOMINICANS

Archbishop Prowse will celebrate Mass with the Dominican Provincial, Fr Mannes and other priests to farewell the Dominican Fathers at 10 am on December 3 with a cuppa and BBQ to follow. This is a once in a generation occasion. Please join us, if you can, to express our thanks for 60 years dedicated service and to wish Fr Mannes and his brothers "God speed".

JACQUIE CORTESE

There is a God! Jacquie Cortese has agreed to postpone her retirement until Christmas. We plan to celebrate with her on December 17.

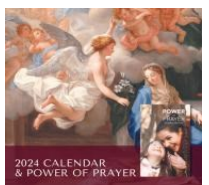
FUTURE PARISH ARRANGEMENTS

Our parish will come under the care of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers (who currently minister at O'Connor) from late November. Details are still being settled but it seems most likely that we will be joined by Fr Renoir Oliver at that point. He will most likely live in community with other Blessed Sacrament Fathers outside the parish. Fr Mannes and Fr Oliver have already begun discussions to ensure as seamless a transition as possible – for example, Fr Oliver joined a planning session recently conducted by the PPC and the Renewal team. We'll have more to say about all of this soon.

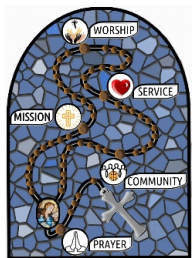
In the meantime: **No change is planned to Mass times** at Rosary; arrangements are in hand to secure secretarial support to help fill the void left by Jacquie's departure; we would value any helpers able to undertake tasks that Jim once did for us – please contact the office (aka Jacquie) to register your interest and availability; and we will arrange a formal welcome for Fr Oliver and his brother priests a little later.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND CARDS

As in recent years, Vinnies will not be selling Columban products at mass. However, you can order these on-line and by contacting the Columbans. Please go to www.columban.org.au and order on-line via the shop tab. Alternatively, you contact them via email info@columban.org.au or by phone on 03 9375 9475.



ADVENT PROGRAM



Advent is a time to prepare, wait and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives. Please consider joining one of two parish Advent programs.

One will be online, 7.30 – 8.30pm, starting on 28 November and finishing 19th Dec.

The other will be face-to-face in the parish centre, 7.30 – 8.30pm, starting 29 Nov. and finishing on 20 Dec. \$5 for the book to be used in this program. Payment to the parish office. A facilitator is needed for this program; please contact the parish office if you'd like to volunteer.

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.

CLIMATE CHANGE PRAYER VIGILS

Please join us in prayer and reflection for an important event that addresses Global Climate Change.

The 28th Conference of Parties (COP28) is scheduled to take place in the United Arab Emirates from Nov 30th to Dec 12th. This conference is a crucial platform where world leaders come together to address the challenges posed by climate change.

In his recent letter, Laudate Deum, Pope Francis has called upon all Christians to pray earnestly and act wisely in response to the environmental challenges we face.

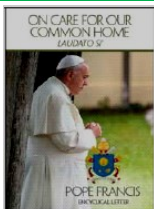
To this end, we will be organizing Prayer Vigils at Parliament House grounds, These vigils will be multi-faith, welcoming people of all beliefs to pray together for the success of COP28. Please bring your picnic rugs and water as we gather for these significant moments of unity and faith.

Event Details:

Sunday, November 26th, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Monday, November 27th, 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Location: Parliament House Grounds



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
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PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

Jim and Liz Smith, Mary Pavey, Anne Corver, Sue King, Barbara Wilson, Philip Bailey, Una Bell, Peter Catlin, Veronica Cornelly, Rosa Maria Santos, Gloria Sibley, Una Ford, Beth Delos Santos, Fr Ellis Clifford, June Pollard, Maureen Blood, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Elizabeth Webster, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Maria Bankovsky, Carmel Slammon, Robin Lees, Philip Cruz

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Mimma Giampietro, Gail Flegg, Ursula Ramsay

IN LOVING MEMORY

Helen (Jelica) Zobec, Teresa Paul

BAPTISM

Oliver Harms

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



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. Contact the office for details.

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 10.30am - 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 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 The Holy Rosary Women's Faith Circle returns on Thursdays. Please join us as we share life, break open the word, pray for and with each other. Contact Emily at emilykathrynhall@gmail.com for further information.

ROSTER 25/26 NOVEMBER

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M Tran / D Gaucci
Reader - L Dowling / K Marcrow
Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - Hugh
Reader - M Fitzgerald / K McCluskey
Computer - J. Cortese
Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - P Tran
Reader - M Proctor
Computer - T Malone

CATHOLIC WOMENS TASKFORCE FUNDRAISING DINNER

168 persons attended the fund raising dinner at Woden Southern Cross club on Friday 27th October. A profit of \$7,229 (inc from the silent auctions) was raised. This amount tripled the funds raised for McKillop House from 2022's inaugural dinner. Thank you again to Sr Veronica, Brother Francis, Kate Watson, Ruth Zochling, Dominica Gambale and friend Carlo and Michelle on our parish table for attending and supporting this event.