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Year A

VERITAS

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

FIRST READING

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm: 23:1-6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord?
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

SECOND READING

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

SECOND READING

all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Acclamation: Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon: Matthew 5: 8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted
for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

THE MINISTERIAL PRIESTHOOD



When we think of the priests of the Church we tend to think of them as priests in themselves eg. Fr Bob, Fr Bill, as if the priesthood was contingent on each man who has been ordained. Rather it is the opposite, all priesthood is a participation in the priesthood of Christ, who in fact is the only priest. Jesus Christ, true God and true Man is, in the theological reflection on his person and work, priest and victim. Those who have been ordained to the ministerial priesthood are the instruments of the priest-Jesus Christ.

Cont... This is why the human agent ministering the sacraments or preaching the word is said to officiate *in persona Christi*. For the duration of sacramental liturgies the priest-minister acts in the person of Christ, thus the mere human agent can dare to utter the words "This is my body", "This is my blood" and "I absolve you from your sins".

It is to be kept in mind that the priesthood is dual in nature for there is a priesthood of the faithful as well. The theology of a priestly nation or people is rooted in the Old Testament and in the new. We see in the nineteenth chapter of the Book of Exodus that the terms of the covenant between Israel and God were established. As a consequence of Israel's acceptance of God's covenant one effect of that solemn agreement was that God would treat Israel as follows:

Listen, then, to my voice, and keep your covenant with me; and I, to whom all the earth belongs, will single you out among its peoples to be my own. 6 You shall serve me as a royal priesthood, as a consecrated nation; (Ex 19:5-6)

The whole body of Israel was seen as a priestly nation; all the people were regarded by God as his mediators with the rest of humanity. Yet, having established this point, this did not impede the development of a cultic priesthood developed to serve the priestly people, and thus we see the creation of the Levitical priesthood of Aaron and his sons.

The Church, the Body of Christ, is the New Israel and this situation of a dual priesthood continues. 1 Peter 2:9 echoes Exodus 19:5-6 when St Peter reminds the Church that it is in Christ:

... a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light;

The ministerial priesthood then "ministers" to the priestly people. Whilst this ministry includes leadership of the community, and indeed presiding over the Eucharist, that leadership takes Jesus' own ministry and leadership as its example. "**... the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many**" (Mt 20:28) it is with this quote that the entire work of the ministerial priesthood must be animated. Again, this point of service is illustrated in the very act by which Jesus ordained his new priestly disciples-the washing of the feet:

You hail me as the Master, and the Lord; and you are right, it is what I am. 14 Why then, if I have washed your feet, I who am the Master and the Lord, you in your turn ought to wash each other's feet; 15 I have been setting you an example, which will teach you in your turn to do what I have done for you.

As we meditate on the ministerial priesthood, both priests and the lay faithful need to always be aware of each other, as Pope St Paul VI mentions in his decree on the ministry and life of priests:

Priests, therefore, must take the lead in seeking the things of Jesus Christ, not the things that are their own.(53) They must work together with the lay faithful, and conduct themselves in their midst after the example of their Master, who among men "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life as redemption for many" (Mt 20:28). Priests must sincerely acknowledge and promote the dignity of the laity and the part proper to them in the mission of the Church. And they should hold in high honour that just freedom which is due to everyone in the earthly city. They must willingly listen to the laity, consider their wants in a fraternal spirit, recognize their experience and competence in the different areas of human

Cont... **activity, so that together with them they will be able to recognize the signs of the times. While trying the spirits to see if they be of God,(54) priests should uncover with a sense of faith, acknowledge with joy and foster with diligence the various humble and exalted charisms of the laity. Among the other gifts of God, which are found in abundance among the laity, those are worthy of special mention by which not a few of the laity are attracted to a higher spiritual life. Likewise, they should confidently entrust to the laity duties in the service of the Church, allowing them freedom and room for action; in fact, they should invite them on suitable occasions to undertake worlds on their own initiative.(55) Pope St Paul VI *Presbyterorum Ordinis* #9 (1965)**

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 to fulfill Government requirements.

THIS WEEK

This Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 5:1-12a) is a powerful reading of beauty and grace. As The Beatitudes, as pronounced by Jesus at the beginning of Sermon on the Mount, presuppose a vision that goes beyond the present to the future that God has in store for those who live out the values the Beatitudes commend. 'The Beatitudes cohere around the idea of living a non-grasping sympathetic way.'

As noted in this week's Spiritual reflection, the Beatitudes is a teaching that finds holiness both in the depths of human experience of loss, poverty and persecution, and in the expressions of compassion in response towards these sufferings.

Let us remember these teachings as we go about our tasks this week.

THE ORDINARY EXTRA-ORDINARY

'All Saints is the feast of the ordinary saints of the church, the huge number, impossible to count of every nation, race, tribe and language.

'It is the feast of the mums and dads who have been gentle and merciful. It is the feast of the grandparents and neighbours who have mourned and been pure in heart. It is the feast of the children and young people who have been peacemakers and thirsted for what is right. It is the feast of those who have mourned and those who have been persecuted in the cause of right. We remember the ordinary Christian people who have been extraordinary.

'All Saints is a sign of hope that heaven is full. The Church is not a small isolated band of eccentrics, but a communion of women and men united in faith, hope and charity. All Saints is a sign of faith in the forgiveness of sins. Heaven will be full of prostitutes and lots of thieves, who have repented. Hope is trust in God and the goodness of creation.

'This feast is about heaven being for ordinary, normal people, not for a carefully self-selected holy huddle of like-minded bores. The saints are people who are able to love their neighbours as themselves.'

Excerpt by Fr. Peter Harries OP

5:00 pm MASS

Volunteers NEEDED Please contact the office as soon as possible if you can volunteer for the Liturgy Roster. At present we need Readers, People to operate the Data Projectors and volunteer for the register table for the 5pm Mass.

ALL SOULS

ALL SOULS MASS
9:00am
MONDAY 2nd November

CALVARY CHRISTMAS STALL

Christmas Stall - Calvary Hospital Auxiliary will hold its annual Christmas Stall at Belconnen Fresh Food Markets on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 November 2020, 8am- 5pm. A huge range of Christmas gifts and homemade goodies will be available. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of equipment and items for the comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients.

ARCHBISHOP'S TEACHING DAY

Archbishop's Teaching Day - Saturday 7 November.

Each year the Archbishop calls together all people in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal for a day of teaching. This year the theme is "Do not be Afraid!" All are welcome to join us at St Peter Chanel Church, Weston St, Yarralumla from 10am to 4:30pm. Talks, testimonies, praise and worship and prayer ministry. Holy Mass at 12:15pm. Sausage sizzle lunch \$5. The day is free, a collection will be taken for the work of the CCR. To register, go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BLXWI> or text your name to Maida on 0423 658 326

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 office at 7.30pm OR join us online using Zoom. Zoom details are - <https://zoom.us/j/91493407836?pwd=eVBQRohnZ05CL1YzWU93YmJLNm53UT09> The Meeting ID is 914 9340 7836 and the Passcode is 389526.

THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Dr Belle Joseph will be giving a talk **The Light in the Darkness: Suffering, Poetry and Faith in the Nazi Concentration Camps** in the Parish Centre on Sunday 22 November at 3pm. The talk to go for 20-30 minutes, and another 20-30 minutes for questions. The talk will be followed by refreshments.

Description: Seventy-five years after the liberation of prisoners from the Nazi concentration camps, the stories of camp survivors are still well known. Yet few people are familiar with the poems that a number of prisoners wrote in the camps. In poetry, these prisoners not only expressed their fears, desires, pain, and consolations, but they also found meaning in their traumatic experiences. For some Catholics in the camps, poetry became a way of discerning the presence of God in their ordeal. In this presentation, Belle Joseph will share the story of some of the French Catholic prisoner-poets and discuss what their lives and their poetry can tell us today about discovering the light of Christ in times of suffering.

Belle studied French at ANU and taught French there between 2010 and 2018. Her doctorate, completed in 2017, investigated the French poetry written in concentration camps during the Second World War.

If you are interested in attending there is a sign up sheet in the foyer.

DAILY MASS BOOK

Daily Missals that are normally available for use at Mass have been withdrawn due to Covid 19 restrictions. For the new Liturgical Year B commencing on the First Sunday in Advent Parishioners who wish to purchase a personal copy should let the office know or put your name on the list in the foyer by 6th November. Cost is \$22.

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, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Mimma Gia, Awny El-Ghitany, Rosa Maria Santos, Margaret Sullivan, Zelma McManus, Elizabeth Webster, Joe Schimizzi, Bob Hackett, Elsie Laughton, Paul Neddrie, Pamela Sandy, Beth Delos Santos, Maureen Blood, Anna Linard, Bernard Druett

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

Anna Koenigkamp, Marie Shaw, Trinidad Briones, Giovanna Italiano, Damian Ambrosini

Anniversaries - In Loving Memory

Sandra Wilson

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 7 / 8 November

Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	M. Pentony	
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	T. Klekner	M. Falk
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	J. Wade	
Readers	C. Rheinberger	
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	K. Watson	