

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars



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## VERITAS



### 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



**MASS CHANGE OF TIME:** Next Tuesday 29th November Mass will be at 5:30pm



PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is

**NOON TUESDAY**

Please contact the office Ph. 6248 5925  
or Email: [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au)

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 24: 1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

## FIRST READING

### First reading - Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the Temple of the God of Jacob  
that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
since the Law will go out from Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 121(122):1-2,4-5,6-9

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.  
For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
'Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!'

For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: 'Peace upon you!'  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good.

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

## SECOND READING

### Second reading - Romans 13:11-14

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans,

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were

Cont...converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation - Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### Gospel - Matthew 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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 84: 13

The Lord will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.

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## DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL PARISH SUBMISSION

Archbishop Christopher has proposed a new Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) that will assist him in the core mission of the Church in this Archdiocese – a mission involving evangelising, service and promoting human flourishing in a fulfilled creation.

Parish bulletins of 25 September and 16 October 2022 invited views on this proposal. A submission put together by a group of Blackfriars Parish parishioners was made on 28 October.

The submission said that a DPC would be an avenue for the Holy Spirit to speak to the Archbishop through the charisms that the Spirit gifts to all the people of God. A DPC would help the Church to function better through an embracing of culture and structures of inclusion and co-responsibility. It would assist the Archdiocese reading the signs of the times, asking 'what is God asking of us today?' and proclaiming the Gospel. The submission supported the desire for a more open, listening and participative Church and said that the

Cont...DPC should gather the different and especially less heard voices in the Archdiocese, and inform and work with the Archbishop to support, minister to and advocate for those voices and their communities' pastoral needs. And, in so doing, help to renew the Church.

Areas where the DPC could focus included discipleship and formation; bringing together the strengths of the clergy, religious and laity; development of an Archdiocesan Reconciliation Action Plan; building relationships across the Archdiocese as members of the body of Christ in prayer; and being a bridge between local faith communities and the national and global Church.

DPC membership should be diverse and the minimum female representation on the DPC should be at least 50% of the lay representation.

It was felt that greater attention should be given to ecumenism, building on very good ecumenical relationships that Pope Francis and our Archbishop already have. The submission pointed to examples of ecumenical collaboration between Blackfriars Parish, Holy Cross Anglican Church and St Margaret's Uniting Church in a number of areas including Alpha, *Laudato Si'* dialogue, moves to establish a Christian Economists Group, inter-church youth group, Lenten preparation and the annual combined churches Christmas Nativity Display and Carols.

The full submission can be found on the Parish website at <http://cg.org.au/Portals/3/ParishData/Id341/Uploads/Type3/Diocesan%20Pastoral%20Council%20submission%20-%20final.pdf>.

## SEIZE THE DAY

*First Sunday of Advent.  
As the new liturgical year begins,  
Fr John Patrick Kenrick OP reminds us  
that this may be our last.*

In Advent, as we prepare for the annual celebration of a past event - Christ's birth - we are also preparing for a future event - Christ's return in glory.

It is his unconditional love for each one of us that gives us the confidence to make every day of our lives a day to turn away from sin and back to the Lord, to allow the Holy Spirit to liberate us from that deadly indifference to God's will for us. And so in this season we reflect on those passages of scripture that renew our hope, our trust in the power of God to change us.

Our faith in God is often challenged by the sheer magnitude of human evil in the world which leaves us feeling quite helpless in the face of human greed and violence. The prophets of the Old Testament were made of sterner stuff and never lost sight of the advance of God's reign. Isaiah's words today ring out with a defiant message of hope. The Assyrian war machine was about to descend on Israel and Isaiah knew it. He also knew that the sins of those in power were inviting retribution. But he gives us a vision of a new world, the end of war and a time when all nations will acknowledge the True God and live 'in the light of the Lord'.

If the advent of God's reign is certain, there are no grounds for complacency. St Paul reminds us that the night of human history is almost over, 'the time' has come for us to make a final decisive break with all that is dark within us. If we truly long for God's reign our conversion to Christ cannot be half-hearted. We are too easily discouraged from tackling our sins. The season of Advent provides us with a concrete timetable for change and renewal. Like those stark health warnings on packets of cigarettes, the gospel today gives us a much needed jolt. The Lord will come like a thief

Cont...in the night, when we least expect it. From one perspective, that has been the story of humanity all along. The fall of man in the garden of Eden reads like a bad dream. And people have been sleepwalking into sin ever since. But God has all along been shaking us awake. He came in the words of his prophets and he came most dramatically of all, in person, not occupying centre stage, but taking the role of a minor character. That first advent certainly changed everything; it brought God as close to us as our neighbour. From that moment on it has always seemed that we only have to reach out to touch God. From God's perspective, no doubt, it has always been an eternal advent - the divine Word has never stopped proceeding from the Father and accomplishing his task. So we talk about the second coming in Advent but really it is our own *receptivity* to God's coming which is the heart of the matter.

In every generation the Father finds his children 'asleep'. Some have given up on God, some have never even known him. And even those who do claim to believe in God are very easily distracted by the cares of this world. Advent is another opportunity for change; but we will fail to grasp it if we start thinking that Advent comes round every year. This may be our last Advent. It certainly will be for millions. God is giving us another chance to respond to his amazing love for us before death steals up on us and we slip away, scarcely noticed, into divine judgment.

A contrite heart and a renewed hope is the visitation from on high that we need now. So that, in the words of today's psalm, we can truly rejoice when we hear it said 'Let us go to God's house'.  
*Fr John Patrick Kenrick OP*

## NORTH CANBERRA NATIVITY FESTIVAL

### 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> DEC: MULTICULTURAL NATIVITY EXPO

200 Nativity scenes from 45+ countries, showcasing diverse cultures that embrace the Christian story: from the Occupied Palestinian Territories to the Amazon rain forests, from India to the Inuits of the Canadian Arctic. An entrée to family discussion on the true meaning of Christmas.

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup>:** 12 noon to 5pm - **Sat 10<sup>th</sup> & Sun 11<sup>th</sup>:** 10am-7pm - **Mon 10<sup>th</sup>:** 9am-5pm - St Margaret's Hall, Hackett.

Contact: Keith at [linard.keith@gmail.com](mailto:linard.keith@gmail.com).

### Sat 10<sup>th</sup> - Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec: CHRISTMAS CONCERT, SAUSAGE SIZZLE & CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

**Sat & Sun 10am-7pm:** Exhibition 200 nativity scenes

**Sat 5.30pm:** Looking Glass Percussion Concert

**Sun 6.30pm:** Community BBQ free & open to all.

**Sun 7.30pm:** Carols by Candlelight

Venue: St Margaret's - Holy Cross, Hackett

Contact: [Tim Watson](mailto:Tim.Watson@holycrosshackett.org.au) at [rector@holycrosshackett.org.au](mailto:rector@holycrosshackett.org.au)

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## CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding its annual Christmas Appeal as a leaving collection at Masses next week-end. For cash donations, please donate into the donation buckets. If you require a receipt, please donate to our volunteers in the foyer. For electronic donations, there is an effpos machine in the foyer and there is a QR code on the appeal posters in the foyer for those wishing to donate online. If you want to donate online later, details:

- BSB: 062786.
- Account no: 14760.
- Account name: St Vincent de Paul Society.
- Description: [Donor name] [Conference name or code, ie Watson or 416] [Christmas Appeal].

There are also envelopes in the pews for those unable to donate on the day. These can be returned the following week.

## ADVENT FOR KIDS PROGRAM

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is running a three week Advent program for children aged 6 to 9 years. Starting on Wednesday 30 November at Our Lady of the Annunciation Atrium, Waramanga, children will meet weekly and delve deeper into the Advent season. For further information contact Camille Corson at canberraatrium@gmail.com or 0402 201 251.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPER DONATIONS

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 Dec. As ever, your support is greatly appreciated.

## NATIVITY SCENE LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME

If anyone would like this free nativity scene (h30xd26xw31) to bring the spirit of Christmas into their home please call Chris on 0402074765 to arrange collection/delivery.



## CHOIR

Join the parish choir now and have the joy of singing Christmas music for one hour every Monday night until Christmas. For more information, phone Maureen 61617100. Or just come along to practice at 7.30 pm in the church Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

## 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.

## 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**

## MASS CANCELLATIONS

Fr Mannes will be on retreat from the 19<sup>th</sup> Dec to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Mass on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Adoration will be cancelled.

**Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.**

## 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, Una Ford, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Una Bell, Anthony Parsonage, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Alphonsa Bankovsky, Doug Gaudencio, Dennis McKeon, Michelle Brotohusodo, Gabe Savas, Carmel Slammon, Suzanne Brown, 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, Mary Phillips

## BAPTISM

### *Isabel & Elsie Barrell*

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.



**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 3 / 4 December

**Saturday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - M. Tran  
Reader - K. Markcrow  
**Sunday 8.00am** - Acolyte -  
Reader - Webb Family  
D. P. - Klekner / Clarke  
**Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - R. Tanzer  
Reader - A. McCarthy  
D. P. - J. Cortese  
**Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - P. Tran  
Reader - T. Malone,  
J. Schwinghamer  
D. P. - C. Bailey