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VERITAS



Solemnity of Mary

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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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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King,
who rules heaven and earth for ever.

FIRST READING

First reading - Numbers 6:22-27

A reading from the Book of Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

May God bless us in his mercy.

God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples.
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

May God bless us in his mercy.

SECOND READING

Second reading - Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation – Hebrews 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors
through the prophets;

now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel - Luke 2:16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon is NOT recited when hymns are sung.

Communion Antiphon - Hebrewa 13: 8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

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MOTHER OF OUR SALVATION

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

*Fr Nicholas Crowe OP looks at human motherhood
and what the Incarnate Word received
from his mother Mary.*

Just one week ago we celebrated Christmas, the great feast of the Incarnation when God himself took human flesh and came to live among us as a baby boy. Now, one week later, our attention broadens to include his Mother Mary. It's not that we are turning our attention away from Jesus. Instead, we are being asked to meditate on why it is important that Jesus should enter into our human world through a human mother and be welcomed into a human family.

The Scriptures tell us that Mary conceived her child Jesus by the Holy Spirit. Once Mary had given her consent to the message of the angel, the Holy Spirit descended upon her, granting her the power to receive the divinity of God's Word, and likewise the power to bring this Word forth. The child born of Mary is therefore God, and so she who bore him is truly called the 'Mother of God'. We can go further still: Mary bore God incarnate. Jesus did not bring down his body from heaven ready made. Neither did he simply pass through Mary like water through a pipe. Instead, he received flesh from Mary: through her flesh he shared our humanity. This is important: the child born of Mary is both fully human and fully divine. As such he was able to both heal humanity

Cont...from its sins and to elevate us to a new dignity as adopted sons and daughters of God from the inside. In Jesus, God saved us as one of us: God came to share our human nature so that through his flesh and blood we might share his divine life, and he shared our human nature by entering into our human world through a human mother.

The key point here, it seems to me, is that God did not just use Mary's body and her flesh as a convenient instrument through which to take human nature. God chose Mary out of love, gained her consent, and then loved her as a mother. This is appropriate and fitting if, as the Church teaches, Jesus -the Word made flesh – is indeed to be fully human. There is more to human life than biology alone. Like God, we are able to know and to love. Indeed, the fullness of human life is found in the knowledge and love of God which spills out into a love of neighbour. Yet this life of love has to be learned: we have to learn how to love in a human way, and our first school of love is our family which has at its core our relationship with our mother.

It has become commonplace to identify the sexual act as a moment when husband and wife mirror the unifying love of the Trinity and co-operate in the creative work as a child is conceived through their mutual self-giving. Yet it doesn't take too much reflection to notice that if the child born of this union is to flourish, then the co-operation with God's creative and recreative work cannot stop here. The child must still be delivered into the world, and even then the work is not done: the child that has been given life must be loved into fullness of life. To be a mother (and indeed to be a father) is to enter into an ongoing dynamic of co-operation with God so that over the years God might love the child through the love of his or her parents, and in the process the ongoing creative act of God that brought the child to life be brought to completion.

This sense that we need to be 'loved into fullness of life' is something that our society has become increasingly aware of over the last century as the extent to which our emotional, psychological, and even spiritual well-being is anchored in the love we received as children from our parents or guardians becomes better understood. It is the love of a mother and father for their child that calls or draws out from that child love in response to love, goodness in response to goodness, truth in response to truth.

Now in taking flesh from a human mother and entering into a human family as her son, Jesus too entered this same mother-child dynamic of love in which human love is learned and shared in a human way. This is very good news for us, for as we have said already, Jesus came to share our human nature so that through his sacred humanity we might share his divine nature. Now in baptism we become members of the Body of Christ, we share in Jesus' sacred humanity, and because we are members of His Body we become members of His family through Him: through our union with Jesus we are able to say truthfully, like Jesus, that God is our Father, and by the same token we can truthfully declare that Mary is our mother.

All of us who are united to Christ, then, have two mothers: we have our earthly mother, and we have our

Cont...mother in heaven, Mary. And as our relationship with our natural mother was, I hope, an immersion and education in what it means to love another human being, so in our relationship with our heavenly mother we have an immersion and an education in what it means to love God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Motherhood itself is a co-operation in God's creative and recreative love – the love of our mothers gives us life and leads us to fullness of life. Mary, because she is Mother of God, is mother of our salvation: and her love leads us to her Son.

THANK YOU

Fr Mannes and Br Francis

as well as members of the Parish Team would like to thank all parishioners for your generosity and help during the year. We have a huge list of people to acknowledge. 'Thank You' to the members Parish Finance Council, to the Acolytes, Readers, School of Religion Catechists, Musicians & Choir, Flower Ladies, Altar Linen Carers, St Vincent de Paul, Prayer & Reflection Groups, Social Functions, Maintenance and all the other quiet achievers who contribute to the life of our wonderful Parish!

*"We wish you all God's Blessing
and His Love at this festive time
and pray that 2017 will be a year of peace, joy
and happiness for you."
Happy New Year to all..*

NEW YEAR



On the first day of every year we are called to look back on the year that has been and to look forward to the year that has dawned upon us. Though, what sort of disposition are we called

to bring to this first day of the year?

As a people who stand on the shoulders of the Chosen People of Israel (who as we recall in the Book of Numbers, 'blessed God') we are called to look back over 2022 and look forward to 2023 in thanksgiving for the hope and strength God offers to each of us.

For while each and every one of us, to varying degrees, have faced trials and challenges, and joys and struggles during 2022, at the beginning of this new year we thank God that we have been able to walk this journey of 2023 accompanied by our faith - a faith that does not take away from us the trials and tribulations faced by all the members of the human family, but offers us the beacon of hope that can guide us through the darkness. As Pope Francis said, 'Although many clouds gather on the horizon of our future, we must not be afraid.'

As we look forward and look back, we make the words of the ancient prayer the *Te Deum* our own, 'In te, Domine speravi: non confundar in aeternum:'

In you, Lord is our hope:

And we shall never hope in vain. Amen

PRAYER

Go faithfully into the world!

We go to search and not be defeated by doubt.
We go to serve, and not be discouraged by a lack of response.

We go to create community, accepting that not all will feel at home.

We go to give thanks, yet not be overwhelmed at God's generosity.

We go to take the gift of Christ to heart,
and to respond with every fibre of our being.
Amen.

SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

1. Once all villages decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is **FAITH**.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is **TRUST**.
3. 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**.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is **CONFIDENCE**.
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is **LOVE**.
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience. That is **ATTITUDE**.

THE ROSARY

One of the great devotions to Mary as the Mother of God and Queen of Peace is the daily recitation of the Rosary. The word 'Rosary' comes from the Latin *Rosarius*, which means a garland or bouquet of roses. The history of the development of the Rosary is clouded by time but is popularly attributed to St Dominic in the thirteenth century. The Rosary combines both vocal and meditative prayer; while reciting prayers aloud, the supplicant meditates on particular events grouped in what are known as 'The Mysteries'. There are four Mysteries: The Joyful, the Sorrowful, the Glorious and, added most recently by the late Pope John Paul II, the Luminous

Mysteries. [The Summit, Journal of the Liturgical Commission, Catholic](#)

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In a world full of people who couldn't care less,
be someone who cares more.

LET IT BEGIN WITH ME

All of us can and need to be agents of forgiveness and reconciliation. We can all be peace-makers. "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." As the song tellingly says, "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with ME." We could hardly make a better resolution at the beginning of this new year.

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, Una Bell, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Elizabeth Webster, Una Ford, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Anthony Parsonage, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Alphonsa Bankovsky, Dennis McKeon, Michelle Brotohusodo, Carmel Slammon, Brian & Suzanne Brown, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.
Gabriel Savas, Romano Ippoliti

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 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 7 / 8 January

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M. Tran
Reader - C. Barbaro
Sunday 8.00am - Acolyte - K. Linard
Reader - M. Donnelly, L. Smith
D. P. - Clarke / Klekner
Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - T. Johnson
Reader - L. Fardell / A. O'Donnell
D. P. - J. Cortese
Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - P. Tran
Reader - J. Curnow / k. Watson
D. P. - T. Malone

From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things.
From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone.
From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God.