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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

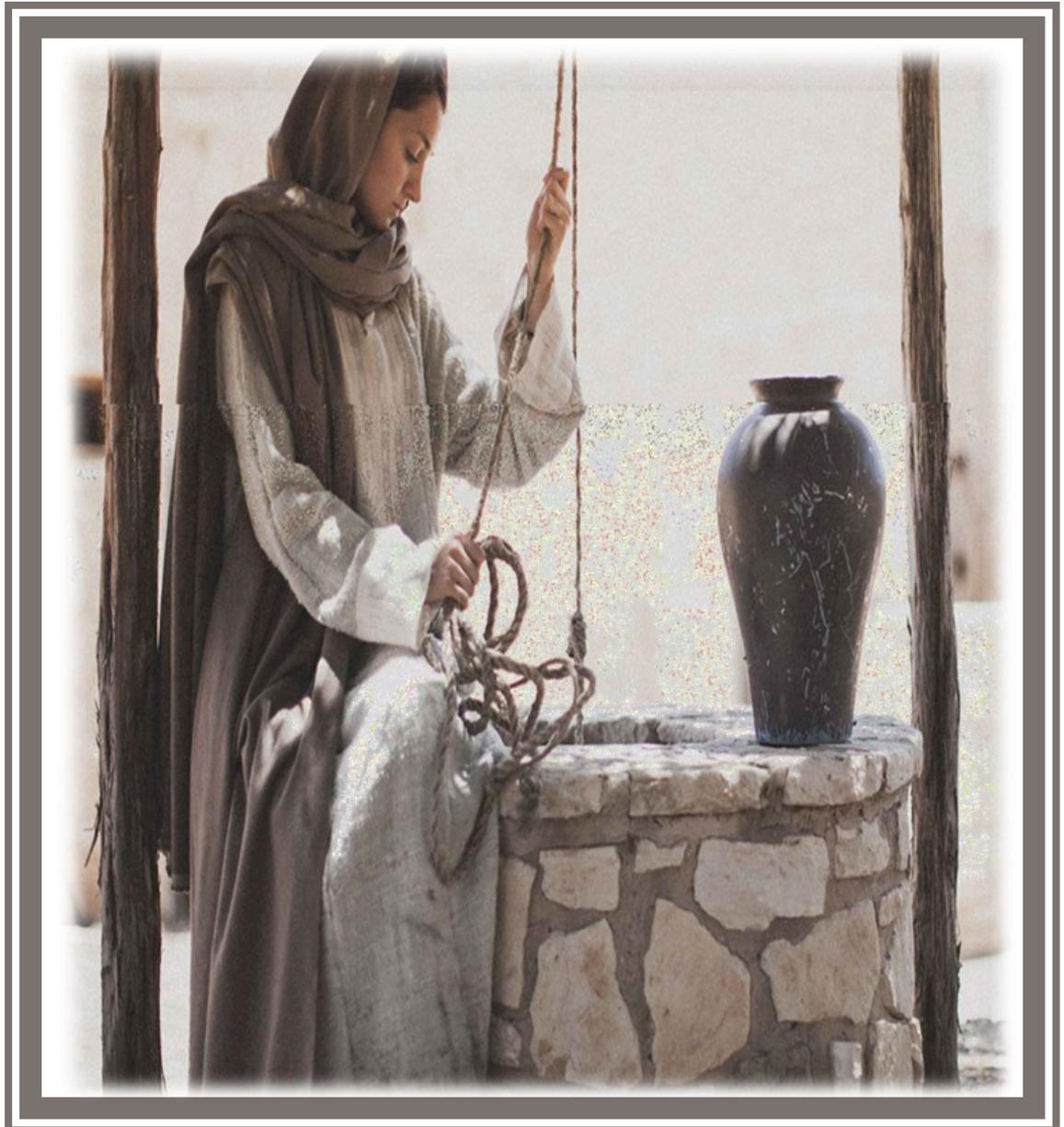
Saturday
4pm - 4.45pm

Adoration - Holy Hour

Friday's 6pm - 7pm

Pray the Rosary

Before 10am Mass on Sundays



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NOON TUESDAY

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 24: 15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING

1st reading - Exodus 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

Second reading - Romans 5:1-2,5-8

A reading from St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though

Cont...of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - cf John 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Gospel - John 4:5-16,19-26,39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:
Give me a drink, you would have been
the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again;
but anyone who drinks the water
that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him,
welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman,
the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we do know:
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come
– in fact it is here already –
when true worshippers will worship

Cont...the Father in spirit and truth:
that is the kind of worshipper
the Father wants.
God is spirit,
and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon is NOT recited when hymns are sung.

Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

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CONVERSION AND PROCLAMATION



A strong element of our Lenten journey is the characteristic of conversion. What we mean by conversion is the consistent turning back to God after our failures and falls into sin. A fundamental aspect of this conversion is that God gives us numerous opportunities to come back to him, and he waits for us with open arms.

The narrative we have before us today of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well aptly points out for us Christ's call to conversion and evangelisation.

How does Jesus do this? First of all he is happy to upset custom and culture. It was not the custom for single men to talk to unaccompanied women in public. This was a cultural taboo. Secondly for an observant Jew to speak civilly with a Samaritan was also unheard of. Jesus goes against these strong cultural mores to reach out to this woman, calling her first of all to conversion, but also to evangelisation.

To add to this woman's handicap it is also the case she is a public sinner; living with a man who was not her husband. Yet, we do not know the reasons for her sad run of luck with marriage. She has had five husbands, but perhaps the failure of these relationships were not her fault alone. Culturally women had no say about divorce and thus it could be the case that her husbands

terminated their relationships arbitrarily. Whatever of this woman's marital status her treatment from her fellow villagers is coloured with suspicion. She is ostracised, and indeed her embarrassment about her situation leads her to fetch water in the hottest part of the day to evade the judgmental gaze of her fellow citizens.

This scenario does not stop Jesus from offering her spiritual assistance to reform her life. The offering of spiritual water at first puzzles the woman who merely thinks on a materialistic level. Likewise Jesus' revelation of her marital status and the teaching that both the Jews and the Samaritans were wrong about the worship of God, piques the woman's interest. The woman's understanding of who Jesus is grows as well. First she questions the Lord with hostility, why would a Jewish man wish to talk to her? Later, their relationship grows, she calls him 'sir', and finally Jesus reveals who he is when the woman states that the Messiah will sort out the question of right worship:

"I who am speaking to you," said Jesus, "I am he."

At this revelation two things happen to the woman, there is a conversion and an evangelisation of the village. In that brief moment of revelation from Jesus the woman is convinced of his messiahship. Interestingly although she exclaims to the villagers 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did;' she is no longer embarrassed about her questionable marital status or her past, announcing the good news takes precedence. God uses a sinner to announce salvation to sinners.

The moral for us is that we need to encounter Jesus in our sinfulness willing to be changed by him, but also challenged by him. Our growth in faith then leads us sincerely to share Jesus' power to heal, to save, and to love.

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

Parish meeting regarding Renewal and Consolidation of Mass Times

Dear Friends,
Pursuant to my recent letter regarding consolidation of Mass Times I am convoking a meeting for **Thursday 30th March 2023 at 7pm in the Parish Centre**. The evening will include the following:

1. Hopefully an address by either the Vicar General or the Chancellor of the Diocese regarding arrangements for 2024 (this is contingent on their availability)
2. A brief presentation on parish renewal and our vision for the future of the parish
3. A presentation on Mass Times elaborating on the letter from Fr Mannes

I do hope that you would make time for this gathering so that we can discuss as a parish our concerns and our hopes for the future.

God bless
Fr Mannes OP

**In order to fully embrace your future
You must be willing to let go of your past.**

ST DOMINIC'S GARDEN A TASTE OF VIETNAM

Good news our Statue of St Dominic has arrived. The second stage has started. Please support our fund raising efforts to complete the garden.

A Taste of Vietnam - in March. To replace the postponed Wine Tasting, we are running a Taste of Vietnam Feast on Saturday evening 25th of March at the Parish Centre. Cost is \$20 per person for food, coffee/tea and desserts. BYO drinks. Entry from 6pm by pre-purchased tickets on sale after Mass or through Jacquie Cortese.

Come and enjoy the fare and great company. Al Fresco option will be available for those who want to dine outdoors.

Easter Raffle tickets to finish the garden will be available after Masses or contact the office.

Volunteers needed on Saturday 18th March at 9am to help spread the Soil & Mulch in stage two of the St Dominic's. Please bring a shovel & rake. Contact the office if you can spare a couple of hours to help.

PALM SUNDAY / HOLY WEEK CHANGES

Mass changes for Palm Sunday.

This year there will only be two Palm Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil at 5.00pm

Sunday at 10.00am

Holy Week changes:

Thursday Mass 6.30pm

Easter Sunday Mass 10.00am only.

The Schedule will be out once other times are finalised.

GANG GAND MORNING TEA

We remain hopeful that GangGang will be fully open by the third Thursday 16/3 from 10-30 am for our celebration of someone's forthcoming special birthday!!

If not, GangGang can still facilitate us outdoors at a reserved long table under the rafters and where we can order our take away drinks. Please do not be put off by the fact that we may not have the inner comforts of the indoors or drinking from a cup or mug. Do join us. All parishioners welcome and especially newcomers to the parish.

HOLY TRINITY 'SHOW 'N SHINE': North Woden Parish and the ACT Street Maching Assoc invite you to enjoy a display of beautiful cars of bygone years in the parish grounds, 10am – 3pm, Sun, 26 March, 3 Strangways Street, Curtin. Monies raised support Camp Quality. Inq 0418 208 129

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

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, Peter Catlin, Beth Delos Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Sue King, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Elizabeth Webster, Una Ford, Terry Stephens, Maureen Blood, Una Bell, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Michelle Brothosodo, Carmel Slammon, Katey Tuite, Nola Nolan, Brian & Suzanne Brown, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Dorothea Higgins, Rudi Basso

IN LOVING MEMORY

Domenica Cortese

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, 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 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.

VERBUM BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-35

We are starting up a new series of bible studies on

Tuesday 28th February. Topics will include:

- St Matthew's Gospel
- The Eucharist in Scripture

Please join us at 7pm in the Parish Centre. We hope to run the bible studies throughout the year.

ROSTER 18 / 19 March

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M. Tran
Reader - P. Farrelly
Computer - Volunteer required

Sunday 8.00am - Acolyte - K. Linard
Reader - E. Smith, M. Donnelly

Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - R. Tanzer
Reader - L. Fardell, A. O'Donnell

Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - Volunteer
Reader - J. Curnow, K. Watson
Computer - T. Malone

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