

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars

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## VERITAS



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Year B

## Thirteenth 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



**BOOKINGS FOR WEEKEND MASSES ARE ESSENTIAL.**

If you are feeling unwell please **DO NOT** come to church.

Please scan the QR Code & record your name, alternatively please write your name and contact number on the register provided.

**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.

## QR CODE & TRY BOOKING

We are using the online booking system TryBooking (which costs us nothing) and this means we can print off a list of people who have 'booked' for each Mass. This saves you and us time, speeds up the arrival queue at Mass, and helps us manage the numbers at each Mass.

### Government Requirements - Your responsibilities

- Use the Check In CBR app to check in before entering a business or venue, or before being seated.
- If you don't have the Check In CBR app you must provide your details to the church so they can check you in.
- Take personal responsibility for your own COVID safety.

*To comply with Government rules we need Welcome Ministers to check parishioners in. Remember that the Welcome Ministers are volunteers who have come to Mass but give their time to welcome you, and to help sign people in. PLEASE make sure you arrived before Mass begins.*

### TryBooking links for the month of June.

**26 / 27 June - The shareable link for your event is:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BRQRA>

**3 - 4 July - The shareable link for your event is:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BSFAD>

**10 - 11 July - The shareable link for your event is:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BSFAF>

**17 - 18 July - The shareable link for your event is:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BSFAK>

**QUERIES CAN BE ANSWERED ONLY IN OFFICE HOURS**

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### Entrance Antiphon : Psalm 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

## FIRST READING

### First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Death was not God's doing,  
he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.  
To be - for this he created all;  
the world's created things have health in them,  
in them no fatal poison can be found,  
and Hades holds no power on earth;  
for virtue is undying.  
Yet God did make man imperishable,  
he made him in the image of his own nature;  
it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world,  
as those who are his partners will discover.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm: 29:2. 4-6. 11-13

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cont...

The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

## SECOND READING

### Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

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

You always have the most of everything - of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection - so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation: 2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death  
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out of him, Jesus turned around in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace

## GOSPEL

Cont...and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Communion Antiphon: Cf. Psalm**

O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us,  
that the world may believe that you have sent me,  
says the Lord.

Text - Labora - Brisbane Liturgy

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY

In today's scripture reflections we are encouraged to have faith in the Lord and in the life that God brings – not just here on earth, but also in heaven. Keeping faith can be difficult, especially in times of personal tragedy, or events such as natural disasters and the pandemic, but one bulwark against despair is the support to be found in communities. In the Prayers of the people: A community for all, St Paul's visionary insight that 'believers in Christ formed a family that transcended barriers of tradition, race, status and place . . . is a powerful sign for our fragmented world', it speaks of the importance of working together. 'Our relationships must be based on respect. In our public lives, too, we cannot thrive or even survive if we are always competitors'. This week then, let us pray that our communities work together for the support and wellbeing of each other.

## THE FATHER'S LOVE

Message: Jesus Christ is the visible manifestation  
of the father's love

Currently we are seeing a growing epidemic, the epidemic of fatherless families. This crisis is particularly telling for young men, but also for young women too. On countless occasions of working with young people, particularly young men, I've encountered cases where dad has walked out, been abusive, or is not there emotionally or affectively. These scenarios then boil over into young people who are angry, bitter, and wounded. Among the success stories however is a young man called Andrew. Andrew's dad was an unpleasant character and made life for the family very difficult, he was violent and ultimately he walked out on the family and never came back. Andrew would've been about seven or eight, the time when

Cont...boys need their fathers. Andrew thankfully was a part of a faith filled family on his mother's side and indeed this saved him. I asked Andrew how he got through it all, processing the unpleasantness of the past. His secret was that he made God his father, and St Joseph as well. I think Andrew was on to something.

Today's opening prayer beautifully expresses our relationship with god as the relationship of a child to a parent, as a father to his children:

**O God who through the grace of adoptions  
chose us to be children of light....**

This opening prayer gives us an understanding about how God really relates to us, and he relates to us as a loving father. Theologically this is understood as the grace of filial adoption, that's just fancy language explaining that we are not God's children by nature, only the divine son is the natural son of the Father, rather, we are adopted children, or more clearly the chosen children. God the Father has said to each and every one of us by way of our baptism "you belong to me, I have chosen you".

So we are chosen as God sons and daughters because of God's Son, in fact God sees us through his Son; the heavenly Father indeed has rose coloured glasses when it comes to his offspring!!!! When we were baptised we were grafted on to the vine which is Christ, we became as St Paul puts it co-heirs with Christ and thus everything that belongs to Christ by nature belongs to us by virtue of our election, by virtue of being his chosen ones, by virtue of grace. Furthermore, our being God's children is an act of freedom on God's part: humans often adopt when they have no children of their own, God the Father has a Son who reciprocates his love so perfectly that the love between Father and Son is the person of the Holy Spirit, and yet the Father is so abundant in his loving that he wants us to be awashed with the same love he lavishes on his own Son by nature. It is for this reason we too receive the Holy Spirit at our baptism and again at confirmation, we receive God's manifested love in the spirit so we can become a part of the divine family as it were.

Reflecting all this then on our gospel today, we see too that the divine Son Jesus Christ is also a visible manifestation of the Father's love for his creatures. In the narrative we have two miraculous healings occur one of an old woman and one of young woman, in both of these miracles there is a giving of new life, an endowment of a new beginning, this is the Father's gift. The older woman is freed from years of suffering to embrace a new pain free future where she can get back to having her final years in peace and tranquillity, the young woman is given a new chance to begin her life with all its challenges and triumphs. Mystically speaking this is the work of the Father's love too, he gives us a new start when we have failed, when we have died through serious sin; in the sacrament of penance the father embraces us with the arms which are his Son and his Spirit of love pulling us back to the paternal bosom.

Today then let us relish our status as chosen sons and daughters of God realising that all paternity in heaven and earth comes from God the father, and even if our earthly fathers have been all too human, may the power of God's paternity heal the wounds that are found in those difficult relations, knowing full well that the true relationship we have does not come through our biology but by God's loving grace manifested in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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

## DO NOT CARE

Some years back I was called to the bedside of a young boy dying of cancer. His parents were there and we all sat together for the last few hours of his life. At one point the mother asked, 'Why does God let this happen?' I had no answer that could satisfy the bewilderment that a mother feels as she watches her son die, let alone soothe the pain. 'The wisdom and justice of creation and of the fate of each being within it is understood by God, yet it remains beyond the reach of men and women. It is the same God who, present as the man Jesus, calms the storm when the disciples in their distress implore him: 'Teacher, do you not care if we perish?'

'The solution Jesus offers us is his own suffering, a suffering which finally will mean the end of all our suffering, which finally will mean a new life in God's new creation. This is not an answer in any straightforward sense and the many attempts to explain the Passion of Christ in the New Testament or in the Church's tradition can never fully satisfy us if we ask why God let it happen. We are faced not by an answer, but by a solution. A solution we might ponder in silence, even share with others in silence.'

*Excerpt from a homily by Fr Martin Ganeri OP*

## FLORIADE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Floriade: Rosary School and the Parish are participating in the Floriade Community Garden initiative. The Parish has had five garden beds installed on the Antill St/Phillip Ave corner which will have tulips and perennials planted in them. Icon Water will be looking after the watering of the gardens but we need some parishioners to maintain the garden beds by removing any debris that accumulates in them. This is only lightweight work and if you are interested in assisting with this activity, please E-Mail or phone the Office and a roster will be prepared for those involved.

## PARISH

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION** - Parish School of Religion has recommenced in the Parish Centre from 9am. All children between from Year 3 – 6 are welcome – especially families wanting their children to prepare for sacraments, where the child does not attend a Catholic school. Contact Nicole Webb - 0414139170.

**PRAY THE ROSARY** - First Saturday each month 3.30pm

**HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP** meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th **Thursdays** in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.

**BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP** will meet on **Thursday** evenings at the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 / Michael Flynn 6257 1038 / www.wccm.org

**CRAFT GROUP** meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre every **Wednesday** ,

**DOMINICAN LIBRARY** will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

**WEEKLY READER FORMATION** - Formation sessions have are 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>

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The Meeting ID is 983 138 1937 and the passcode is 815443.

**PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE NOON TUESDAY**  
Ph. 6248 5925 or Email: [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au)

*There is nothing wrong with being a little more giving than others, after all, there has to be someone who gives light in a darkened room.*

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

Maria Martiniello, Greg O'Neill, Ruth Burke, Frank Zobec, Carol Hallam, Mary Martin, Barbara Wilson, Ursula Ramsay, Edith Jensen, June Pollard, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Mimma Gia, Awny El-Ghitany, Bob Hackett, Rosa Maria Santos, Margaret Sullivan, Mary Lou Pentony, Zelma McManus, Elizabeth Webster, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Joe Schimizzi, Terry Stephens, Bernard Druett, Patricia Sargent, Anne Corver, Veronica & Paul Cornelly

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

Alexia Harris, Fr Kevin Condon OP, Betty Rutter, Graeme Baker

## In Loving Memory

James & Judith Ellis

**PASTORAL LETTER OF ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE**  
**BREATHE IN .... BREATHE OUT**  
**ON EVANGELISATION AND THE PLENARY COUNCIL**  
The letter is available on the exit tables.

## A Faith Story ~ Something happening inside me

'Some years back I drifted from the Church. I stopped going to Mass for about a year or two - it might have been four. Then I did some travelling in Europe. Being a tourist, I would invariably visit a church at each city I visited. That got me thinking. Then one day I went to a rally where many people gathered to greet the Pope. I wept. I can't exactly explain why, but I found myself in tears. There was something happening inside me. After that I started going to Mass again and my Catholic faith has become very important to me.' The young man went on to say that he works as a sales assistant in a suburban store. He deliberately requested a change in his shift hours so that he can spend half an hour praying in his local parish church each morning before he goes to work.

'My morning prayers help me at work,' he explained. 'I used to go through the day and just see tedious work. Now I see so much more - I see the customers as people, I enjoy serving them, I'm much happier. My morning prayer gives me this different perspective on my day. It gives me a new way of looking at life.'

## ROSTER 3 / 4 July 2021

### Saturday 5pm

<b>Acolyte / Server</b>	I. Buckley	
<b>Readers</b>	K. Markcrow	M. Kraaz

### Sunday 8am

<b>Acolyte / Server</b>	K. Linard	
<b>Readers</b>	M. Falk	

### Sunday 10am

<b>Acolyte / Server</b>	H. Beasley	
<b>Readers</b>	C. Rheinberger	A. McCathy

### Sunday 5pm

<b>Acolyte / Server</b>	S. Sedgwick	
<b>Readers</b>	M. Brotohusodo	T. de Luca
<b>Counters</b>	I. Buckley	F. Higgins