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## VERITAS



**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH**

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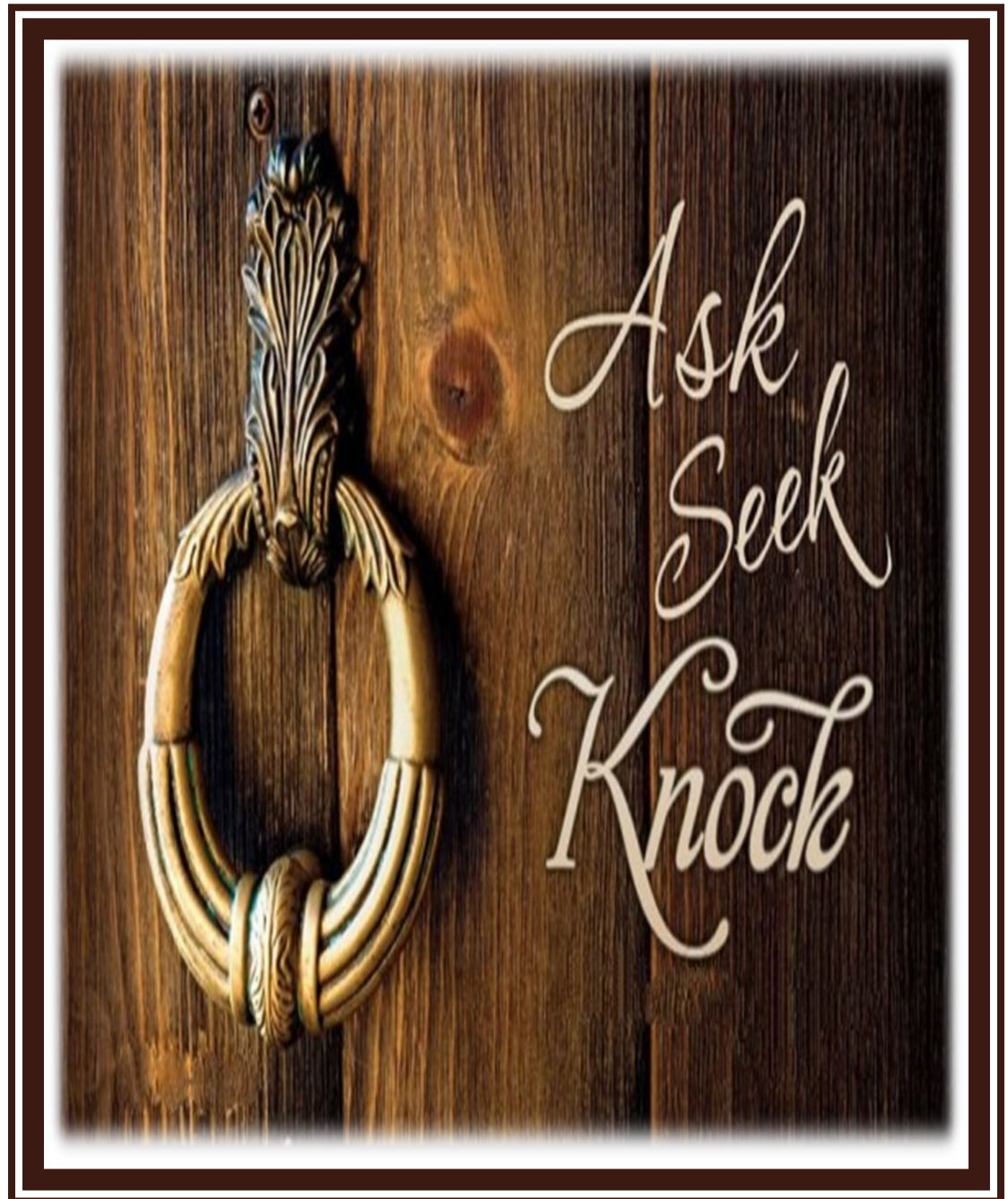
**Mass Times**  
Monday - NO Mass  
Tuesday & Thursday  
8.00am  
Wednesday & Friday  
5:30pm  
Saturday - 9:00am  
Vigil - 5:pm  
Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,  
5:00pm

**Reconciliation**  
Saturday  
4pm—4.45pm

**Adoration - Holy Hour**  
Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

**Pray the Rosary**  
Before 10am Mass on Sundays

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



If you are in Urgent need of a Priest  
out of office hours call - 6248 8253

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is **NOON TUESDAY**  
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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36**

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

## FIRST READING

**First reading - Genesis 18:20-32**

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

**Second reading - Colossians 2:12-14**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 137(138):1-3,6-8**

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Gospel Acclamation - Rom 8:15bc**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You have received the Spirit  
which makes us God's children,  
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**Gospel - Luke 11:1-13**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke**

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

“‘Father, may your name be held holy,  
your kingdom come;  
give us each day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive each one  
who is in debt to us.  
And do not put us to the test.’”

He also said to them:

'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish?

**Cont...**Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Communion Antiphon - Ps 102: 2**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

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## WORLD GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY DAY

Sunday is the second World Day for Grandparents and Elderly. The theme for this year's celebration is 'In Old Age They Will Still Bear Fruit' (Ps. 92:15) and emphasises how grandparents are a gift both to society and the Church.

## A LOVING FATHER



It is interesting that as Catholics we have a lot of prayers that we say, a lot of formulas, a lot of prescriptive prayers for things, but in essence Jesus only taught his disciples, and us, only one prayer the 'Our Father'.

Of all the prayers that we need to say and to learn it is the 'Our Father'. A normal experience of fatherhood should be positive, uplifting and character-building. On reflection about my own father I would endorse the words of my mother who once quipped "if he had breasts he would've fed you", such was Dad's interest in us children and such was his ability to provide for everything we needed. Yet, for some even the 'Our Father' is a little disconcerting. Calling God 'Father' may be very difficult. This situation may arise because people may have had poor images of fatherhood in their experience, fathers who had abandoned the family, been unfaithful, or violent. All these experiences perhaps distance one from God rather than open them up to the intimacy implied by this prayer when Jesus taught it. So how do we resolve the notion of poor paternal imagery?

In his letter to the Ephesians St Paul draws our attention to the concept of God as Father. Paul writes

**for this reason I bow my knees before the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. (Eph 3:14)**

What St Paul is endeavouring to relate is that God is the first Father, the primary analogue, the one from whom all paternity is derived. What he suggests is God's Fatherhood is before all others, eternal. This eternal paternity is such because he eternally begets the Son, as we say each Sunday in the Creed about Jesus Christ:

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,**

**Cont...begotten, not made, consubstantial  
with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

Whatever then of our own human experience of fatherhood the fatherhood of God is the fatherhood which we should incline towards when earthly fatherhood is weak, violent or inept. Jesus reveals God the Father's love in his own life of suffering and resurrection "**God loved the world so much he sent his only Son**" (Jn 3:16).

It is in the Our Father then that we can recover a true sense of fatherhood, that is a Father who loves us, cares for us, provides for us and desires us to be with him. So when we say the Our Father let us truly remember that along with Jesus, his Son by nature, we the children of adoption, have been especially chosen by God the Father for the eternal life he has prepared for us. However, most of all God the Father wants us to be intimate with him and thus this is the reason Jesus teaches us this divine prayer, it is almost as if Jesus is saying to us this is how God wishes to be addressed namely as a Father who is keenly interested in his children even if sadly earthly fathers don't.

As we remember Fr Bernie Maxwell this weekend let us ponder on how he represented to our community the fatherhood of the priesthood. Let us give thanks for how Bernie helped each of us to grow and may the Father of lights enlighten Bernie his servant giving him the delight of that blessed vision for which he, and us, were made.

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

## TEACH US TO PRAY

### Fr Bernie's short version of this week's homily

A simple sincere question from a disciple provoked an answer that has forever changed humankind's understanding of prayer!

- What is prayer? Is it just lifting of the mind and heart to God?

It is far more.

- '...in prayer God's heart becomes one with ours'

- Yet the place for meeting God has become a person.....Jesus

- Prayer is not an escape from reality or the troubles of this world.

- We can't use prayer as an alibi for involvement with our world.

- The promise of prayer does not excuse us from doing something to realise that for which we pray!

- 'Pray as if all depends upon God and work as if all depends upon you'

- To pray for our 'daily bread' is one thing....but we must be BREAD for the hungry, the wounded and the needy of our world.

- To ask for forgiveness is one thing....but we must be forgiving to all.

These four words 'Forgive us our trespasses' may well be the four most important words that ever cross our lips, provided we mean them!

These words of Jesus tell us how we are to respond to God's love for us, but they also tell us how we should treat one another If we dare to call God Father we are accepting one another as brothers and sisters.

## Cont...Conclusion

The disciples like all of us were learners and asking led to a deeper knowledge of Jesus' teaching  
The Our Father is not the only Christian Prayer but it is the model for every Christian Prayer  
The Our Father tells us how to respond to Gods love for us and also how we should treat one another  
The Disciples and ourselves are encouraged by Jesus to ask and to be persistent.....

"Ask and it will be given to you;

Search and you will find;

Knock, and the door will be opened to you"

Remember prayer is not just talking to God but it is also **listening** to God.

## HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S FAITH CIRCLE

**Join the inaugural Holy Rosary Women's Faith Circle:** Our first meeting will be on Thursday 11 August at 8 pm. Faith circles or connect groups are gatherings of two or more women who meet fortnightly to share scripture, discussion and life. The group is intended to be a space where members connect, journey and grow together in faith. Amazing things happen when women from different backgrounds and stages of life come together. Please join us! Normally, we'd meet in person and share a cuppa or meal, but in these unusual times we will meet online and look forward to being in the same room sometime in the future. Please email Emily at [emilykathrynhall@gmail.com](mailto:emilykathrynhall@gmail.com) for further details.

## GOOD SHEPHERD

**Catechise of the Good Shepherd Information Evening:** Parents and carers of young children aged 3 to 12 years are invited to attend an information evening on Monday 1st August at St John Vianney's Primary School Waramanga. Come and hear how the Catechise of the Good Shepherd (CGS) can help your child nurture their own personal relationship with God. The CGS is a Catholic formation program for children grounded in scripture and the liturgy of the Church and then framed by Dr Maria Montessori's principles of education. Contact Anna Abraham at [canberraatrium@gmail.com](mailto:canberraatrium@gmail.com) for further information.

## ST DOMINIC GARDEN

Based on a proposal initially discussed with Fr Kieran, Fr Mannes has approved a project to establish a garden in honour of St Dominic and incorporating a remembrance wall in the Church grounds over the next 16 months. The garden will be created in time for the Parish's 60th anniversary in October 2023. The approved concept plan and a project brief is on display in the church foyer. Fundraising is planned to offset costs and details will be provided closer to each event. For further details to the project, please contact Jacquie - Parish Office on 6248 5925 /email [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au) . To make an online donation please use the Parish banking details below - Reference GARDEN

## 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.  
Bank Details – Account Name: Dominican Fathers Watson  
BSB: 083 347 - A/C: 97 310 5044 - Reference: Name - Donation

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy.

They are the charming gardeners who make our souls bloom.

## PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Greg O'Neill, Frank Zobec, Mary Martin, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Mimma Gia, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Rosa Maria Santos, Philip Bailey, Beth Delos Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Peter Catlin, Sue King, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Eddie Pook, Awny El-Ghitany, Mary Lou Pentony, Elizabeth Webster, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Patricia Zorzi, Anthony Parsonage, Neville Caulfield, Lily Copeland, Maggie McKeon, Alphonsa Bankovsky, Bruce Feehan, Fr Rafael Cabezon

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.  
Fr Bernie Maxwell OP, Carmello Abbondante, Rod Cooper, Doris Jacobs

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Janice Stephens, Zelma McManus

**BIBLE STUDY** Verbum: Bible study for Young Adults (18-35) Monday nights at 6pm (except public holidays) in the Parish Centre a group of young adults from around North Canberra come to study the scriptures and pray. Currently the group is looking at St Paul's Letter to the Galatians.  
**PRAY THE ROSARY** Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. Please join in.  
**HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP** meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.  
**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](http://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

## ROSTER 30 / 31 July

**Saturday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - M. Tran  
Reader - P. Farrelly, M. Dawes  
**Sunday 8.00am** - Acolyte - K. Linard  
Reader - N. Clarke, G. Thompson  
**Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - R. Tanzer  
Reader - A. O'Donnell, L. Fardell  
**Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - S. Sedgwick  
Reader - J. Curnow, K. Watson

## PARISH SECRETARY NARRABUNDAH

People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Secretary for Narrabundah parish, under the care of the Missionaries of God's Love. This is a part-time permanent position (12 hours per week, Tuesday to Friday 9-12noon). For more information please contact the Parish Office 6295 7879 or [narrabundah@cg.org.au](mailto:narrabundah@cg.org.au)

## COME HOLY SPIRIT SEMINAR

You are invited to the New Life in God's Spirit seminar at St Peter Chaneels Church, Yarralumla. From 7pm-9pm each Wednesday evening from 20 July to 7 September. Talks, worship, prayer ministry, fellowship! For more information call Susanna 0419 902 293 or Sue 0409 443 268