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VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Mass Times
Week Day
Monday - NO Mass
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday
5:30pm

Weekend
Saturday - Vigil - 5:pm
Sunday - 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
ACU Signadou Chapel
All Welcome

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

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is

NOON TUESDAY

Please contact the office Ph. 6248 5925
or Email: watson@cg.org.au



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 85: 3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING

First reading - Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 62(63):2-6,8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING

Second reading - Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - cf Ephesians 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel - Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him.

'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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 30: 20

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

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MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

**Wednesday 13 September | CatholicCare /
Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program
| 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

Marriage Preparation program for engaged couples. Includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner, evening formation program and a private, follow-up couple discussion with a CatholicCare counsellor. The cost for the whole package is \$300 per couple.



Information and registration -

www.marriagefamily.org.au

Enquiries: Helena Zobec

mariage.preparation@cg.org.au

or on 0405 440 463

OFFER IT UP!



Many times when I was a child if something didn't go well or you felt sick my Dad would always roll out that Catholic saying "offer it up"! I never really knew what that meant, and even still it can be rather perplexing trying to explain what this saying was meant to convey.

The notion of redemptive suffering as a concept starts obviously with Jesus himself. Jesus' invitation to shoulder the Cross is an invitation to participate in his sufferings. Now first one might ask, how do I participate in the sufferings of Christ? I can't be Jesus, I can't imagine what he went through?

This line of thinking has its merits, ostensibly. Yet, we forget that we too are a part of the mystical body of Christ. Remember St Paul's journey to Damascus where he is, all of a sudden, hit with a bright light? After this incident Paul hears a voice which says:

"Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting;" Jesus does not say why are you persecuting my Church, but why do you afflict me?

Acts 9:4-5 RSV

We see in this remarkable scenario Jesus identifying with those who were suffering for the faith. This piece of scripture, amongst others, reflects the notion that we are an extension of Christ's body and that the suffering of any Christian is really the suffering of Christ. If then we say Christ's own sufferings redeem humanity, save it, then by extension so can our sufferings assist in saving others, bringing them to God. Even St Paul got this message as we read in his letter to the Colossians:

"Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,"

Colossians 1:24 RSV

Keeping these ideas in mind we begin to understand that the offering up of our own weaknesses, sickness, difficulties are a participation in the redemptive suffering of Christ. It is as it were that in order to draw humanity closer to God, Christ uses our visible suffering and our acceptance of it as a means to edify and convert those around us who do not see any use in suffering.

When suffering lacks meaning the only way of treating it is to extinguish it. Sadly this has become a mindset amongst many, that when faced with pain or difficulty the only way is to end things.

Pope Benedict XVI, however, in his encyclical "Spe Salvi," affirms that it is not by avoiding or fleeing from suffering that we are healed, but rather by accepting it and finding meaning through union with Christ. Our capacity to accept suffering, mature through it, and find meaning in it is what allows us to participate in the redemptive value of Christ's suffering.

Today as we bravely accept Jesus' offer of the cross let us realise that our suffering can be united with Christ's suffering and participate in the redemptive work of salvation.

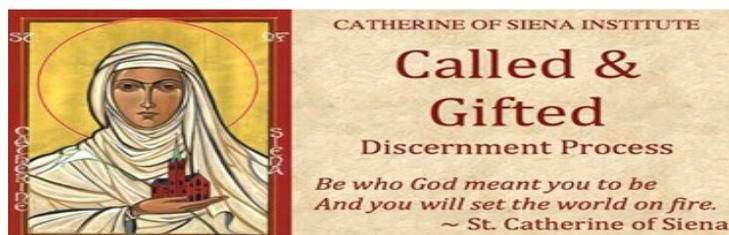
Cont.... By embracing suffering in the service of the Gospel, we can complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of the Church.

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

CALLED AND GIFTED SEMINAR

Year of the Holy Spirit: Called and Gifted Seminar. Called & Gifted is a 3 part discernment process intended to help lay Catholics discern their charisms. Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all baptized Christians by the Holy Spirit to give them the power both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for people (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 798-801). If you are wondering what God is calling you to do in this time and place - please consider signing up for the Called and Gifted Seminar. Run over five weeks we will journey together to discern God's unique purpose for each of us. When we work out of our charisms we are more fruitful, resilient and joyful. Starts Wed 27 Sept @ 7pm in the Holy Rosary Parish Centre (Watson). Contact Emily at

emilykathrynhall@gmail.com for more information.



VOCATIONS DINNER



There will be a Vocations Dinner at the Archbishop's House on Thursday 7 September from 6pm for men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood.

A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions and prayer.

To RSVP, please contact vocations director Fr Emil at emil.milat@cg.org.au or on 0414 523 036.

SAVE THE DATE

A free leaflet is available in the church foyer advertising a **Catholic Women's Dinner on Friday 27 October** at the Southern Cross club. Please take a copy and read more about the taskforce on the reverse of the leaflet, 'Working Differently'.

Becoming a member or friend of the taskforce is welcomed. Three Watson parishioners are already engaged in this service.



Brought to you by the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Women's Taskforce (ACGWT)

MERICI COLLEGE—50 YEAR REUNION



Did you start at what was then Catholic Girls' High School, Braddon, in 1968 and leave sometime along the way but by the end of 1973?

We are celebrating our 50 year reunion for the fabulous students from that era.

Join us at the school for a walk down memory lane at 4 pm on Saturday, 18 November, and afterwards for a buffet dinner at Yowani Golf Club at 6.30 pm.

Bookings are essential: please contact Anne at CGHSB1973@gmail.com

PARISH OFFICE - TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

Jacquie will be on leave from 8th August - 16th October the office will only be open on the following days:

- Mondays from 10am - 12.30pm
- Fridays from 9.00am - 12.30pm

Please email the office or text Fr Mannes 0414 396 532 for any inquiries.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND



27-29 October 2023

Join other couples for an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love

Location: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Enquiries: Christine and Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or

nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Book online: at www.wwme.org.au

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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:

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, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Elizabeth Webster, Una Ford, Maureen Blood, Una Bell, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Maria Bankovsky, Carmel Slammon, Brian & Suzanne Brown

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Joyce Thomson, Joe Schimizzi, Terry Stephens, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP, Gil Rodriguez, Fred Rumble

IN LOVING MEMORY

Paul Cornelly

NEXT WEEK—10AM MASS MORNING TEA

The 10am mass on Sunday 10 September will be followed by morning tea. All are welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Help on the day would also be appreciated.

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, 10.30am - 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
ON RECESS AT THEIR TIME.

ROSTER 9/10 SEPTEMBER

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M Tran / D Gauci
Reader - c Barbaro / M Dawes
Computer - Volunteer
Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - K Linard
Reader - J Cooke / H Pham
Computer - Volunteer
Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - P Tran
Reader - J Schwingamer / B Joseph
Computer - C Bailey