

WELCOME BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Why we do the things we do Gestures

The sign of the cross is the most familiar gesture. We make it over our bodies as we begin Mass and in the blessing at the end of Mass. This gesture, which recalls the saving death of Christ on the cross, first marked our bodies at baptism, when we were claimed for Christ. So too, during the sprinkling rite at the beginning of Mass or when we take holy water upon entering the church, we make the sign of the cross.

Pope Francis' message

In his first public audience in six months, Pope Francis told his global audience that the Covid-19 pandemic "has highlighted our interdependence, [that] we are all linked to each other, for better or for worse. "Solidarity today is the road to take towards a post-pandemic world," the pope said, "toward the healing of our interpersonal and social sicknesses.... A solidarity guided by faith enables us to translate the love of God in our globalized culture, not by building towers or walls that divide and then crumble but by interweaving communities and sustaining processes of growth that are truly human and solid." Francis concluded: "We do not come out from a crisis the same as before. We either come out better or worse. We must choose. Solidarity is the way to come out better. Not with superficial changes or a coat of paint. No! Better! **"To come out of this crisis better than before," he said, "we have to do so together, all of us, in solidarity."**

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen



On Wednesday and Thursday 16 & 17 September the Year 6 children in our parish will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with their families at a special liturgy. A big thank you to Fr Troy, Veronica Hall, Marian Wells, Emma Farr, Fron Garrett Rumba and Rita Pelle for helping us prepare our candidates for this special day. We ask that you keep our candidates in your prayers during this special time as they prepare to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Due to COVID there have been restrictions on numbers allowed in our church. So that other family members can join in the celebrations, the liturgy will be live streamed. Parents will be notified in regards to log on details.

♦ Pro –Life Professionals Online event via Zoom 19 September 2 –4.30pm More info 0431060556

Weddings: Holly Cook & Andrew Byrnes, Erin Burke & Brendon Santleben.



Please pray for our sick in the parish: Rima Faatamala, Paul Mychailuk, Ivanka Kozic, Janene Hallpike, Ian McAdam, Vincent Spiteri, Denis Bell, Mary Michael (Sr Clare's mother), Fr John Fitzgerald (USA), Michael Gled, Jack Sealey, Regina Paredes, Allan Dunk, John Church, Trishy Mary Rankin, Juliet and Rommel Estabillo, Rosario B Surmiolda, Emmanuel Corpuz, Carmelo Bautista, Elisabeth Smyth, John Warner, Gywen McIntyre, Florence Bowell, Anthony McGlynn, Helen Fraser, Norma V Wilcock.



May they rest in peace: Barry Morrison, Lyn Gane, Angelo Talipan (Philippines), Margaret Shoobert, Evelyn Kelly, Marianna Daniel, Rod Lee, Chris Jaro, Ramsey Howard, Anne Coonan, Brenda Stanford.

Anniversary of Death: Rodger Mychailuk, Gordon Smith, Luisa Gaspari, Karlo Kucic (1yr), Carlo Zardo, Deogracias Sinay.

SAINT GREGORY'S FAITH COMMUNITY QUEANBEYAN

St Mary's Church BUNGENDORE
St Joseph's Church GUNDAROO
St Bede's Church BRAIDWOOD
Sts Peter & Paul HOSKINSTOWN
St Brigid's Church KRAWARREE
St Patrick's Church MICHELAGO

St Raphael's Church Lowe Street Queanbeyan
St Gregory's Church Molonglo Street Queanbeyan

We acknowledge the original owners and custodians of this land and pay respects to the elders past and present and all deceased members of the Ngunnawal people.

PARISH TEAM
Fr Troy Bobbin PP
Fr Peter Day Associate Priest Bungendore/Braidwood
Deacon Chris Van Gessel

OFFICE TEAM
Queanbeyan: Lorraine, Rita, Catherine
Bungendore: Maureen, Mary
Braidwood: Br Brian Pastoral Assoc, Helen

ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL
Principal – Mrs Claire Bermingham

ST BEDE'S SCHOOL
Principal - Trish Ferlitsch



*One thing I ask from the Lord, this
only do I seek; that I may dwell in
the house of the Lord all the days of
my life.*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
9am-3.30pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Closed Monday and Wednesday



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VISION: Our Parish is a vibrant community inviting everyone to encounter Christ.

MISSION: Our mission is to go and make disciples, to be a servant to each other and to be a people who reach out to those in need.

- We are guided by the life of Jesus
- Sustained by the love of God
- Inspired by the light of the Holy Spirit.

12th & 13th September 2020 Twenty—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

REFLECTION

This is a favourite parable of Matthew, continuing and concluding his theme that forgiveness is the life's-blood of any Christian community. Matthew gathers together into one chapter the special teachings about the community of the disciples, and half of it concerns quarrels, offences and disagreements. We cannot live together without upsetting one another, unwittingly, or even deliberately. So forgiveness is the vital step, and real forgiveness cements a relationship, leaving it stronger than it was before the offence. Don't forgive and forget, but remember the forgiveness!

The parable expands and stresses the petition in the Lord's Prayer, 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others.' The importance of this petition was already underlined by Matthew; it is the only petition of the Lord's Prayer to which he adds at the end a confirmatory saying of Jesus. Like so many of Matthew's parables, this one revolves round contrasting characters, the 'goodie' and the 'baddie' (wedding-guests and guest without a wedding-garment; the two who use their talents and the one who hides it; the girls with and without oil for their lamps; the sheep and the goats). The contrast between the two sums of money is deliberately fantastic: the first slave owes millions of dollars, a sum no private person could ever repay, let alone a slave; it is more than a year's tax for a whole Roman province. The second owes a couple of month's wages of a casual labourer.

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading Sirach 27:30-28:7

A reading from the book of Sirach

Forgive your neighbour’s faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm

- (R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.
- C. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
- L. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
- C. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults (R.)
- L. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on

others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven. Peter went up to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. ‘And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master’s feet. “Give me time,” he said “and I will pay the whole sum.” And the servant’s master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. “Pay what you owe me”, he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, “Give me time and I will pay you.” But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. “You wicked servant,” he said. “I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?” And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.’

Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

WEEKEND MASSES IN THE MISSION

St Raphael’s Queanbeyan Saturday 5.30pm Sunday9am & 5.30pm

Hoskinstown11.00am 1st Sunday of month only

Michelago5.30pm 2nd Saturday of month only

Gundaroo9.00am 3rd Sunday of month only

Bungendore Sunday ..8.30am

WEEKDAY MASSES IN THE MISSION

St Raphael’s Queanbeyan Mondayno mass Tuesday5.30pm Wednesday12 noon Thursday.....7am Friday.....12 noon St Mary’s Bungendore Wednesday.....9.00am

George Forbes House TBC 1st Wednesday...10.00am Warrigal (Kawaree) TBC 2nd Wednesday.....11.00am Qbyn Nursing Home TBC 4th Wednesday 11.00am

Exposition & Adoration St Raphael’s Fridays.....11:00-11:55am

Reconciliation St Raphael’s—by appointment

Baptisms St Raphael’s 3rd & 4th Sundays.....10:30am

Baptism Presentations TBC

Marriages By appointment

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Please call the Parish Office for inquiries, recommencing 2nd September

Cancer Support Group 1st Wednesdays.....12.30pm Ph: 6297 1912 for inquiries.

Gluten Free Consecrated Hosts are available at all masses at St Raphael’s. Please notify the priest of your requirements before Mass.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Little Sparks children’s liturgy each weekend after the 9am Sunday Mass Resumes in Term 4—October

Monday Friendship Group A social gathering for men and women. Lowe St Meeting Room. 10-12noon.

Wednesday Prayer Group An opportunity to explore the gospels. Lowe St Meeting Room. 1.30-3pm.

An evening to encounter Christ Taize Prayer Night Thursday 24 September—7pm St Raphael’s Church

Keeping connected:

The parish office is planning to provide parishioners with information via email in the near future. If you have not previously provided your details to the parish office could you please email them to queanbeyan@cq.org.au and provide us with the following Information: Name, Mobile number, Email address Thank you.

Parish Gift Shop—if you would like to make a purchase from the gift shop, please advise Fr Troy before or after mass or call into the parish office during the week.

Saturday 12 September 5.30pm

Acolyte: M Harriden Welcome & Prayers: N Priest Readers: G Bell J Rochford Ministers of Communion: W Unwin Altar Servers: T Harriden J Saji Greeter: Nick Hill

Sunday 13 September 9am

Acolyte: F Faatamala Welcome & Prayers: Tony Wood Readers: M Dorrian A Wiebe Ministers of Communion: D Sealey G Lasker Altar Servers: G Bruno M Duff Greeter: Gomes Family 5.30pm Welcome & Prayers: M Unwin Readers: C Emmett Greeter: C Emmett Acolyte: W Unwin

Father’s day appeal -

Envelopes are still available at the church entry. Donations can also be made via www.cgatholic.org.au/donate each donation will receive a tax deductible receipt on request.

New rosters will be prepared soon for the months of Oct, Nov & Dec. Could you please advise the parish office by Friday 18th Sept. of your availability to continue or if you would like to be included on the rosters.

NEW CLEANING PROTOCOLS

We are asking for volunteers to wipe the seats (pews) with disinfectant spray and cloths after each weekend mass and weekday masses. Gloves etc. will be supplied. We would like to commence next weekend 19/20 September. If you have some spare time after each mass to help out, please see Fr Troy next weekend. Many hands make light. work.

St Gregory’s Parish and the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

Saturday 19 September 5.30pm

Acolyte: W Unwin Welcome & Prayers: Karen Wheatley Readers: A Alexander L Mudge Ministers of Communion: N Priest G Bell Altar Servers: T Harriden J Saji Greeter: Ken & Rosemary

Sunday 20 September 9am

Acolyte: T Wood Welcome & Prayers: Nick Pelle Readers: E Berra R Gillett Ministers of Communion: R Matchett C Hobbs Altar Servers: L & H Lasker Greeter: Rita & Lorraine 5.30pm Welcome & Prayers: S Stanford Readers: S O’Sullivan Greeter: C Emmett