

WELCOME BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH



Second Sunday of Lent
28 February 2021



Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security. Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, which are available at church doors or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413

The Year of St Joseph

A father "in the shadows," centred on Mary and Jesus

"Fathers are not born, but made," says Pope Francis. "A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child." Unfortunately, in today's society, children "often seem orphans, lacking fathers" who are able to introduce them "to life and reality." Children, the Pope says, need fathers who will not try to dominate them, but instead raise them to be "capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities." This is the sense in which St Joseph is described as a "most chaste" father, which is the opposite of domineering possessiveness. Joseph, says Pope Francis, "knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus." Happiness for Joseph involved a true gift of self: "In him, we never see frustration, but only trust," writes Pope Francis. "His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust." Joseph stands out, therefore, as an exemplary figure for our time, in a world that "needs fathers," and not "tyrants"; a society that "rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction." True fathers, instead, "refuse to live the lives of their children for them," and instead respect their freedom. In this sense, says Pope Francis, a father realizes that "he is most a father and an educator at the point when he becomes 'useless,' when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied." Being a father, the Pope emphasizes, "has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a 'sign' pointing to a greater fatherhood": that of the "heavenly Father"

Read more: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>

Please pray for our sick in the parish: Fr Francis Carroll (former Archbishop of Canberra/ Goulburn) Richard Picker, Tony Sealey, Gary Grady, Teresa Kozinski, Mary Skidmore, Hayden Paterson, Mary Ian McAdam, Vincent Spiteri, Mary Michael (Sr Clare's mother), Jack Sealey, Regina Paredes, John Church, Trishy Mary Rankin, Juliet and Rommel Estabillo, Rosario B Surmiolda, Emmanuel Corpuz, Carmelo Bautista, Elisabeth Smyth, John Warner, Gywen McIntyre, Florence Howell, Anthony McGlynn, Helen Fraser, Norma V Wilcock.

May they rest in peace: Andrija Rusan, Kathleen Wilson, Antonio Pedro, Emily Ruth Thomas (baby), Carmel Yeo, James Leahy, James Cartier, Saverio Barbaro, Ivanka Kozic.

Anniversaries : Don Furner (1yr), Julianne Ambrus, Zika & Helen Stojanovic.

Baptisms: John Hill-Gray

SAINT GREGORY'S FAITH COMMUNITY QUEANBEYAN

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

St Patrick's Church
MICHELAGO

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.



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

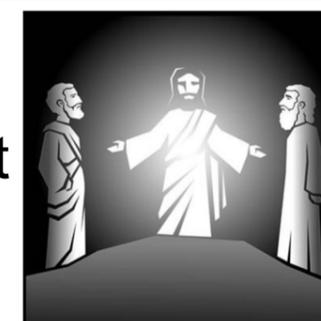
MISSION: To go out and make disciples, to be a servant to each other and to be a people who reach out to those in need.

- We are guided by the LIFE of Jesus,
- Sustained by the LOVE of God,
- And inspired by the LIGHT of the Holy Spirit.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B
27 & 28 February 2021



If we enter the desert with Jesus, we will leave it at Easter when the power of



God's love renews life, he said, and just like those deserts that bloom in spring with buds and plants suddenly sprouting from the sand, if we follow Jesus, our deserts will also bloom.

Pope Francis General audience 26 Feb 2020

Sunday 28 Feb 2021

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First Reading Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.
God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) **I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

L. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. (R.)

C. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)

ALL. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.
With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.
Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.
As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.



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WEEKEND MASSES IN THE PARISH

St Raphael's Queanbeyan
Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 9am
Sunday..... 5.30pm

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2nd Saturday of month only

WEEKDAY MASSES IN THE PARISH

St Raphael's Queanbeyan
Mondayno mass
Tuesday5.30 pm
Wednesday12 noon
Thursday.....7 am
Friday..... 12 noon

George Forbes House TBC
1st Wednesday...10.00am
Warrigal (Kawaree)
3rd Thursday.....10.00am
commencing 18th March
Qbyn Nursing Home TBC
4th Wednesday 11.00am

Exposition & Adoration
St Raphael's
Fridays.....11:00-11:55am
During Lent not Friday
Tues—6-7pm
Wed 7-8pm

Reconciliation
St Raphael's—by
appointment

Baptisms
St Raphael's Church only
3rd & 4th Sundays .10:30am

Baptism Presentations
TBC

Marriages By appointment

Cancer Support Group
1st Wednesday.....12.30pm
Ph: 0419694796 Louise for
inquiries.

Gluten Free Consecrated
Hosts are available at all
masses at St Raphael's.
Please notify the priest of your

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Little Sparks children's liturgy
each weekend during the 9am Sunday Mass

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

Wednesday Prayer Group
1.30 pm—3pm Parish meeting room.
The prayer group will be using the "Look to Jesus" Lenten programme. All welcome

LENTEN HAPPENINGS
STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Fridays at 11.15am.

EXPOSITION & ADORATION DURING LENT CHANGE OF TIME NOW 6-7PM
Tuesday & Wednesday 6—7pm

It's ALL ABOUT HOPE—Tuesdays 7pm

WALK IN THE SPIRIT—Thursdays 7.30 – 9pm

Please join us for conversation,
friendship & refreshments after
Saturday vigil mass, from 6.30-7.00 .
This will be an ongoing event.

Planned Giving -
That time of the year has come around again to order sets of planned giving envelopes. We have just been advised that a set of envelopes costs \$20. As we are trying to minimise expenses we are asking any parishioners that are currently giving by envelopes would they consider changing their way of giving by credit card or direct debit. (We can assist you at the office if you would like to change). So please advise Lorraine at the office if you would like to change or advise if staying with the envelopes. Thank you

GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS
In accordance to government regulations dated 12/2/2021 in regards to Group singing in the church.
"In indoor areas, congregants should not participate in singing or chanting"

So unfortunately we must refrain from singing at mass. The choir is still able to sing as long as they are observing the 1.5m rule. Please be patient but we must follow government ruling.

Date for your Diary
Next Women's Breakfast will be Saturday 6th March at 8.30am.
Venue will be Suppeto's Café at the old Jerrabomberra shops.
Please place your name on the attendance sheet for catering purpose and this is on the Events table. Bring a friend

MEN ALIVE WEEKEND



27th—28th March 2021
Collins Wing, St Benedicts
Parish Narrabundah ACT
Please register before the 12 March 2021. Forms are available at the events table.

Saturday evening 5.30 pm mass will be live streamed via our parish facebook page.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR. If you know someone who used to come to mass but have not returned and they live near you, please take a weekend pack to them, by either leaving it at their door or even knocking and saying hi. Packs are available at the events table.

People who have previously ordered Holy water fonts these are now available at the gift shop.

We are in the preparation stages of producing a St Gregory's Parish history (coffee table book). We are looking for someone who has qualifications/ experience in designing, editing, text, photography. Is this something that you can help us with or if you know of someone who is willing to donate their time to get this going. Also very importantly we need help from our parishioners, we would like to hear of any stories, information, photos of our wonderful parish of St Gregory's. If you need any further information please speak with Fr Troy.

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