

WELCOME BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

TWO WAYS TO REGISTER FOR MASS

BOOK ONLINE OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

Weekend mass attendance via an online booking system has commenced. This will streamline the congestion at masses. Our registered number of persons in our church is still at 100. If you go to : <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event> Buy tickets website will come up, click on that It will then come up Search event—st raphael's Postcode—2620 and date of event, this will bring up the event and booking site. Continue from there. Bookings open from 9am Monday—Midday Friday. If you do not have the internet please call the parish office to book. Earlier in the week the better.

If you have booked on-line or called to register your attendance at mass, please call the parish office if the circumstances change and you are unable to attend.

We thank you again for your patience and understanding with this new system. Please respect the parish staff, they are doing their best with this transition.

This booking system does not apply to weekday masses.

2021 Parish budget

The Parish Finance Committee is currently preparing the 2021 budget. If you have anything you would like to have considered as part of this process, please contact Elenore on 0413 092 365 or the Parish Office. Note that the 2020 budget is in the annual financial report on the Parish website at <https://www.stgregsqueanbeyan.com/community-groups>

and the latest monthly report on financial results against budget is posted at the back of the church and is also on the website at <https://www.stgregsqueanbeyan.com/community-groups>

FINDING FAITH

I am Looking for YOU to be an instrument for people so they can Seek the living God.

Our parish have a vision, our parish is a vibrant Community and we want our place to be a place everyone can ENCOUNTER Christ. THROUGH Baptism we are all called to MAKE disciples, we want everyone to have the opportunity to ENCOUNTER the living God.

Helping a seeker encounter God should be seen as a privilege and responsibility to all of us in the parish. So when I need help with a "SEEKER" I WILL BE LOOKING FOR YOU. Training will be provided, if necessary. Really it's about two things, it's getting to know and welcome the SEEKER

So they can meet your God, your Jesus
And you can joyfully introduce them to your fellow parishioners

So if your keen to learn more there is a fantastic book you could read, FIELD HOSPITAL CATECHESIS (LEARNING) the core content f r RCIA by Nick Wagner. \$25.00 only, 101 pages easy to read we can order you one if you wish. Please see Fr Troy. Come on, at least have a read, guaranteed to change your life.

Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn invite all to join in a Public Forum (Zoomed) on Thursday 22nd October 5 to 6.30pm, on the topic: **How can The Light from the Southern Cross shine in dioceses? Speakers:** Susan Pascoe AM and Virginia Bourke. **FORUM CHAIR** Andrea Dean. Further information about the speakers and Zoom details are on the attached flyer, or visit"

www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events

"The Light from the Southern Cross (Promoting Co-Responsible Governance in the Catholic Church in Australia.)

Contact Mark Metherell 0417 603 697

Please pray for our sick in the parish: Mary Skidmore, Hayden Patterson, Mary Ian McAdam, Vincent Spiteri, Mary Michael (Sr Clare's mother), 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: Elisabeth Stumpf, Kevin Robinson, Edward Erland, Mr Jai Prakash Lepcha (in West Bengal), John D'Ambrosio, Gregory Morrison, Robert (Bob) Bradley, Tony Patterson (Fr Bernie's brother), Denis Bell, Lewis Horsfield, Maria Pullin (Bishop Pat Power's sister)

Anniversaries: Andrew Italiano, James Coleman

Baptisms: Trey, Blair and Blake Lorenz, Toby Crampton, Ethan Wrona

Weddings: Melissa de Jongh and Michael Kalcess



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.



PARISH TEAM
Fr Troy Bobbin PP
Deacon Chris Van Gessel

OFFICE TEAM
Queanbeyan: Lorraine Lasker
Rita Pelle

ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL
Principal – Mrs Claire Bermingham
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*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.

17 & 18 October 2020

Twenty—Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

REFLECTION

They must really have thought they had their victim sewn up! If Jesus said he paid the Roman taxes, he recognised the Emperor, not God, as his Lord. If he said he didn't pay, he was a traitor to Rome. Jesus turns the question back on them. First he makes them admit that they themselves recognise Rome as overlord by carrying a Roman coin, for the coin would carry the Emperor's head. Next he puts them a question: what do they consider is due to Caesar? Finally he goes beyond their question, to interrogate their ultimate loyalty: in the last analysis, just what is due to God? At a superficial level this seems a little verbal tussle, in which Jesus outwits his opponents. But the story was remembered and passed on in the Christian community not because of Jesus' cleverness, but because at a deeper level it is a question which Jesus puts to each of us: just where do our loyalties and priorities lie? Money? Respect? Fame? A good holiday? Comfort? Power? Jesus is not a dictator who imposes his will. He just asks the question and leave us to give our own answer. To those who question him he gives no easy answer, but always replies with another question.

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Sunday 18 Oct 2020

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading Is 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

- (R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.
- C. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
- L. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
- C. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
- L. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: ‘God is king.’ He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:1-5

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

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love. From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God’s. The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?’ But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, ‘You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.’ They handed him a denarius, and he said, ‘Whose head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s’ they replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.’

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

WEEKEND MASSES IN THE MISSION

St Raphael’s Queanbeyan

Saturday 5.30pm Sunday9am & 5.30pm

Michelago 6pm 2nd Saturday of month only

WEEKDAY MASSES IN THE MISSION

St Raphael’s Queanbeyan

Mondayno mass Tuesday5.30pm Wednesday12 noon Thursday.....7am Friday.....12 noon

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

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 this weekend in the parish meeting room.

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.

2 NOVEMBER 2020 ALL SOULS DAY:

will be commemorated with mass 7am at the Queanbeyan Cemetery.

The November remembrance book will be in the church from early November for you to enter the names of your loved ones. Also envelopes will be available at the church entry and near the book.

ARCHBISHOP’S VISIT

Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be making a mini parish visitation on Thursday 22nd October to celebrate Midday mass at St Raphael’s Church. We will be having a light lunch afterwards and this will be supplied for a gold coin donation. We can only accommodate 30 people for lunch so if you would like to come to lunch please place your name on the clipboard near the votive candle stand. You do not need to book in for the mass.

Mission Sunday Appeal—Weekend 17/18 October

This Sunday we will celebrate World Mission Sunday—a special day, called by Pope Francis, when we are called to pray and offer material support to the work of missions around the world.

Envelopes will be in the church if you wish to donate. Thank you.

WANTED: Does anyone have a spare office chair without arms for the parish office.

Church Cleaning Monday 19th October - David Sealey + 2 others

CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE



In memory of our dearly departed family and friends

MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2020

7PM St Raphael’s Church. Please RSVP to the parish office 62994611.

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop 17th October 2020

In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to “Take fresh courage.”

This year is the ten year anniversary of Mary’s canonisation. During the challenging times we all face, please pray and support Mary MacKillop today, so that we can continue to transform lives through our vital works and carry on the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross. For more information please call 02 8912 2777 or visit marymackilloptoday.org.au

MARY MACKILLOP today

BLESS YOURSELVES AT HOME!

If you have placed an order for a holy water font with the parish shop, they are now available for collection for \$8.00. The shop will be open after 9 am mass only. If you haven’t pre ordered one, there are still some available at the shop.

Women’s Breakfast

The Women’s breakfast will recommence on Tuesday 3rd November at 7.15 pm at Ciao Café. Please place your name on the clipboard to confirm your attendance for booking purposes. We are planning to alternate months for the Tuesday and Saturday. So therefore December will be a Saturday. A date will be given soon. Thankyou.