

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal: This Weekend - 1st & 2nd May

Collection for Formation of our Seminarians:

We have two seminarians studying for the priesthood in our Archdiocese. There are other young men too, considering the priestly calling.

The 2021 Good Shepherd Appeal is an opportunity for spiritual and financial generosity.

Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today: By envelopes,

By giving at: www.cgatholic.org.au/goodshep or By calling: (02) 6239 9801

Your gift ensures our seminarians continue to receive the best possible formation and education.

St Gregory's School in Queanbeyan has their enrolment period starting Monday 3rd May until Friday 28th May 2021
All classes—Kindergarten to Year Six for 2022
Call Lowe St Campus—6297 1396 or MacQuoid St Campus—62972221
www.stgregsps.nsw.edu.au/enrolment for more information



On 1 May the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of St Joseph the Worker. Each year the Australian Catholic Bishops take this opportunity to reflect on issues concerning the world of work. Their letters have addressed unemployment, underemployment, insecure and casualised work, the meaning of work, the quest for decent work and much more. Thus they have developed a body of teaching on work. Furthermore, their annual Pastoral Letters for this occasion offer a uniquely Australian contribution to Catholic Social Teaching.

Watch this year's brief video and read the 2021 Pastoral Letter by Bishop Vincent Long

<http://bit.ly/stjosephtheworker2021>



Get vaccinated for the common good: Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

Please pray for our sick in the parish: Elizabeth Durr, Elaine Clift, Victoria Holland, Madeleine Thrift, Corazon Guemo, Anne McTernan, Nathan Reynolds, Fr Laurie Blake, Sue Etheridge, David Goldsmith, Gary Grady, Lina Christian, Fr Francis Carroll, Richard Picker, Tony Sealey, Mary Skidmore, Hayden Paterson, Mary Ian McAdam, Mary Michael (Sr Clare's mother), Jack Sealey, Regina Paredes, John Church, Trishy Mary Rankin, Juliet and Rommel Estabillo, Elisabeth Smyth, Emmanuel Corpuz, Carmelo Bautista, John Warner, Gywen McIntyre, Florence Bowell, Rosario B Surmielida, Anthony McGlynn, Helen Fraser.

May they rest in peace: Carlos Navarro, Mirosław "Mirek" Szychowski, Smiljka Ugrinic, Anna Degen, Adam Staniforth, Neville Layt, Carlo DeLuca, Gregory McAleer, Carmelina Di Dio, Daphne Huckel, Michael Mallon, Paul Neddrie, Nancy Blazic, Robert Poole, Thomas Manwaring, Michael Horton, Josef Baranowski, Sr Laurentina, Sr Shashitala & Sr Maria Maxima.

Anniversaries: Majella Etheridge (1 yr), Antonio Casetta (1 yr), Talipan Family, Heather Donoghoe.

Baptism: Hope Marmont



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.



St Gregory's Parish

St Raphael's Church Lowe St (main church)

St Gregory's Church Molonglo St (no weekend services)

St Patrick's Church Michelago

SAINT GREGORY'S PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

PARISH TEAM
Fr Troy Bobbin PP
Deacon Don Nguyen

OFFICE TEAM
Lorraine Lasker
Rita Pelle

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st & 2nd MAY 2021 YEAR B

REFLECTION

**Lord, we thank you for the bond
you formed with us,
and for the bond that exists between us
because of our union with you.**

**Thanks to this bond we have invisible riches
to share with one another.**

**Grant that we may never be separated from you,
so that we may produce in the world
the fruits of faith, hope, and love.**



Flor McCarthy SDB

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 9:26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.
When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

- (R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
- C. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)
- L. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)
- ALL. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.
My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be

condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:1-8

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.
Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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MASSSES IN OUR PARISH

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

Michelago 6pm
2nd Saturday of month only

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

Qbyn Heritage Nursing Home
1st Wednesday 11.00am
Commencing 5 May.

George Forbes House
(Postponed until further notice)

Warrigal (Kawaree)
3rd Wednesday10.00 am
Commencing 19 May

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

Reconciliation
St Raphael's—by appointment

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

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 Father of your requirements before Mass.

Morning tea after the 9am
Sunday Mass.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Little Sparks children's liturgy
Each fortnight commencing 2 May 2021,
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.

FOR THE WEEKENDS IN MAY -The Australian Catholic Bishops Commission of Australia will be holding their National Mass Count over the month of May. This statistical data is to be sent to the Vatican for its official report. The first 2 weekends will be a general head count, Week 3 general head count and gender, Week 4 general head count and age.

Parish Dinner

The Wisdom of Yesterday,
Creating a Path for Today.

Speaker: Fr Hilton Roberts will be speaking on Vatican 2, and the lead up to the councils, he will be discussing the 4 major documents relating to the life of the parishes. ie. The Church in the modern world, People of God, Divine revelation and Liturgical renewal. In his discussion with us he will be sharing his thoughts about how Pope Frances is bringing these 4 major issues to a new generation of believers.
Saturday 22 May, 7pm for 7.30pm start
At the Italian Community Association Hall, Carinya St ,Queanbeyan.
Dinner: Appetisers, hot buffet & dessert. BYO alcohol
Cost \$60 per person.
RSVP: Parish office
Payment due by 9 May: Cash or eftpos @ the parish office or at weekend masses via envelope with name and money and place in slot in offertory table, or eft via this link on the parish website. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/stgregorysparish> Choose events and if possible send a payment receipt to the parish email. There is a flyer at the events table and also the sign up list if you will be attending.

FIRST EUCHARIST: 20 JUNE 2021
Registration for the Sacrament of First Eucharist has commenced. Parents can download the necessary paperwork from the link below.
<https://www.stgregsqueanbeyan.com/first-eucharist>

Invest Your Marriage!

Starting Tues 11 May
St Gregory's Parish couples of every age and stage are warmly invited to join a 7 week course designed to strengthen your most important relationship. The Marriage Course, run via zoom by the Archdiocese, 7:15-9:30pm Tuesdays, starts May 11th. The cost is \$70 including two workbooks. Register for free 30min info session 7.30pm Tues 27th at bit.ly/TMCinonight Register and pay for course <https://bit.ly/TMCRegister> General info at <https://themarriagecourse.org/> Enquiries steph.ransom@cq.org.au

PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL

Our parish has collected \$3445.85
GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION
Our parish has collected \$2690.70
thank you to everyone who generously contributed.

St Gregory's Restoration

A couple of years ago we had a collection for restoration works to be carried out at St Gregory's Church.

We are now finalising the names of families who contributed to this fund as we would like to erect a memorial plaque with those donor names on it. This plaque will be placed at the church grounds at St Gregory's church.

If you would still like to make a donation and need more information please contact the parish office. Thank you

ROSTERS: New Rosters for Liturgical ministries will be prepared soon for June/July please notify the parish office if there are any changes or if we have left you off the rosters and would like to join a ministry. Thank you.

IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?



Alpha –

new series has commenced but its not to late to join in, come along on Wednesday 5 May at 6.30pm, at Home in Queanbeyan. Each week includes a meal, a short video and group discussion in a very relaxed atmosphere. No cost and no commitment, just come as much or as little as you wish. For more information or to book in: Selina - 0438 664 110 or email alphaatstgregsqueanbeyan@gmail.com.