

Mass Times at St Raphael's

Sunday

5:30pm (Sat Night Vigil)
8am and 10am then Morning Tea

Weekdays

Tues, Wed & Thur 5:30pm
Fri at 12 Noon
2nd Saturday of month 9.30am
at St Gregory's Church
St Patrick's Michelago 26 Sep 4pm

Confession Times

Confession Times Tuesday-
Thursday 6pm - St. Raphael's

Parish Youth Group

Currently in recess but usually on
Wednesday evenings
in the undercroft at St. Raphael's
Contact Neeta 0490082345

Nursing Homes

Times

1st Wed of Month 10am
George Forbes House - Mass
2nd Wed of Month 10.30am Aeralife -
Communion Service
3rd Wed of Month 10.30am Warrigal -
Mass

St Vincent de Paul Conference

Meets every 2 weeks at 7pm on
Thursdays next
on 10 September ALL WELCOME
HOME in Queanbeyan
284 Crawford St.
Call Matthew on 0409228886

Rosary at St Raphael's

Rosary Tuesday - Thursday 5pm

**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament**
Thursdays at 4.15 with Benediction
Friday 11am
**Meditation starts again this
Tuesday 8 September at 7pm**

St Gregory's Catholic Parish

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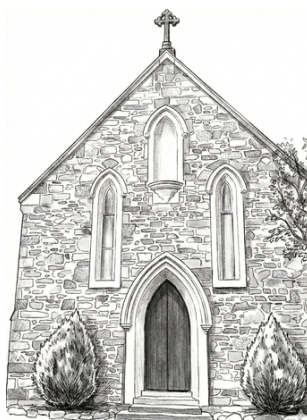
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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 5 and 6 September 2026 Year A

Announcements Parish

Charity Collection: This week \$38:55 has been collected for HOME in Queanbeyan. Please no foreign coins

Donations for Vinnies: Pantry items needed (inc UHT milk) and soups - leave in box at rear of Church

Vinnies Night Patrol: Donations of dark men's work socks, thick socks, dark track pants in sizes M and XL. Dark hoodies, jackets or jumpers, black is the preferred fashionable colour. Please drop off to the parish office. Thank you.

Missionary Sisters of Charity Sunday School every week at 11am at St. Raphael's Church. Include preparation for baptism for children older than 6 plus instruction for children of all ages. All children welcome.

Confirmation 2026. Please pray for the 80+ young candidates as they Celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this Friday evening with Fr George Ogah & next Friday evening with Archbishop Christopher Prowse.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Commences at 9am this Sunday 6 September 2026 in the Parish Room of the Presbytery at St. Raphael's. Leave your name at the office or just attend.

Parish Message Board on Lowe Street. The Parish Pastoral Council, as part of the parish communication strategy, would like to utilise the message board on Lowe Street more effectively to advertise upcoming events in the parish or communicate other relevant messages. If you are interested in being part of the team to update this board could you please contact Selina Stanford on 0438664110.

Father's Day Raffle: Tickets available now at \$1 each. Lovely hamper.

St Gregory's Parish welcomes seven Missionary of Charity Sisters to Queanbeyan till early December as they journey through a renewal course. Please keep them in your prayers.

Women's Breakfast Saturday 19th September at Suppeto Jerrabomberra at 8:30am please add your name to the sheet at the back of the church.

Acknowledgement of Country

Our parish acknowledges the original custodians, the first peoples of the land where we gather to pray. We welcome any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples present. We honour their elders past, present and emerging as we walk together continuing the path to reconciliation.

St Gregory's Catholic Parish

Readings and Psalms

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Fathers Day Appeal

Please support our annual appeal for retired clergy. Envelopes in the church or contact the Parish Office

Cenacle: Institute for Synodal Evangelisation's fourth Formation Forum, "What Do We Believe?"

Date & Time: Tuesday, 15 September 2026 | 6-8pm

Venue: Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre

Online Option: us06web.zoom.us/j/87199525802 | Meeting ID: 871 9952 5802

Free. Registration is required: tinyurl.com/35vs84j7

For more information, please email: institute@cg.org.au.

Pope Leo XIV: WITHOUT MERCY

Aug 25, 2026

Pope Leo XIV spoke to young people at Rimini, Italy, beach destination:

Against the false realism that rearms minds, words, and nations, Catholic culture today must set the realism of mercy, in which there can be no enemies, and all people, even adversaries, are brothers and sisters to be looked in the eye and encountered in truth.

Imagine a time without mercy. We don't have too:

The 20th Century was full of war and death, with revolutions abounding – political, cultural, sexual.

What to do in the face of it all? Run and hide? Give up?

Perfectly understandable, I guess.

But that is fear, and fear doesn't mature humanity or build nations.

Psalms 63 hits the nail on the head:

Lord, your love is better than life.

And the pope hits the nail on the head:

A relatively unknown figure in our tradition helps interpret the popes words. St. Joseph Cafasso (1811-1860):

Was a social reformer, 'priest of the gallows,' spiritual director to St. John Bosco.

He accompanied 59 young men to the gallows.

A statue was erected in memory of him with the inscription:

Human justice must be tempered with divine mercy.

Is this our deepest desire?

AMEN

From Bishop Tony Percy

St Gregory's Parish RCIA Program

Welcome to the St Gregory's Parish RCIA Program, commencing Sunday September 6 at 9:00am in the Parish Room. RCIA is for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter, and Catholics who wish to deepen their faith while accompanying and supporting others on their journey.

Sessions are welcoming, prayerful, and interactive, offering opportunities for learning, discussion, reflection, and spiritual growth. Meetings continue weekly, with breaks during school holidays, as we journey together towards Easter.

"Come and see." (John 1:39)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, guide us as we seek to know and follow You more closely. Bless all who gather in faith, strengthen our community, and draw us ever nearer to You. Amen.

We look forward to welcoming you to this enriching journey of faith at St Gregory's Parish.



Healing Mass

St. Peter Chanel's Church Weston Street Yarralumla

Wednesday 9 September 2026

6-9pm

Martin 0412 583 992

ALIVE BBQ and PRAISE Night for Young Adults

September 10 September 2026

Time 6pm

ACU Signadou Chapel 223 Antill Street Watson

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Let us pray for the sick in our Parish

Christian Borja, Dhel Borja, Hugo Villa, Fred Spiteri, Felicia Lyons, Robert (Ned) Vodovic, Mirella Wakim, Thomas, Juliet & Rommel Estabillo, Rosario Surmeida, Katie Casey, Andy McCosker, Patelisio Langi, Phil Hastings, Cheryl Smith, Ulima Faatamala, Gwyne McIntyre, Patrick McCormack, Patricia Mooney, Catherine Cullen, Eva Sutton, John Church, Rae Blyton, Oliver Pacione, Jamie Mansell

Recently Deceased

Jason Taylor
Annette Margaret Peters
Stoja Savle
Alexadra Urizar
Jozsef Trefeli
Desmond David Byrne

Anniversaries

Mario Sant
Jo Kalagayan
Natie Dabon
Felipa Ferrer
Darla Eloise Ocana
Pita Hala

Baptisms

Serafina Sergi

St. Gregory's Church Mass

There will be NO Saturday Mass at St Gregory's Church on 12/9/2026 as Fr George will be away

St Gregory's Parish Annual Memorial Service

Date 23 September 2026

Time: 7pm

St. Raphael's Church

You are invited to gather together and remember those known to you who have departed this life: Light supper to follow.

100th year School Anniversary Celebration – St Gregory's School (Lowe Street Campus).

We're excited to celebrate our school's anniversary later in the year, and we'd love your help to make this special occasion a memorable one!

We're looking for enthusiastic parents, carers, ex students, and rs of our school community to volunteer their time and talents. There are plenty of ways to get involved; to find out more, please come along next Tuesday 8th September at 5pm at St Gregory's School, Macquoid Street campus.

We are keen to obtain photos and stories relating to St Gregory's School (Lowe Street campus) over the last 100 years. Anyone who wishes to contribute can send them to stgregs100@cg.catholic.edu.au Thank you.

Season of Creation:

The Season of Creation opens with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September through to the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. It is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. This year the theme is Living Water, drawing on Ezekiel 47:9 and 12, as a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. It also echoes the recent Archdiocesan Assembly, which explored how the church can more fully be a "sanctuary for the thirsty".

This Mass was introduced by Pope Leo XIV in 2025 to mark two meaningful anniversaries: the 10th anniversary of *Laudato Si'*, written by the late Pope Francis & the 800th anniversary of *The Canticle of the Creatures* by St Francis. We will close the Season by joining other Christian faith communities in Queanbeyan for an **outdoor prayer service followed by lunch at noon** on Saturday 3 October.

Other events during the Season of Creation include:

- 5:30pm Sunday 20 Sept: Taizé ecumenical *Prayers by Candlelight* with a Season of Creation Living Water theme. Immanuel Lutheran Church 37 Burnie St, Lyons
- 6pm Tuesday 29 Sept: film screening and panel discussion *Everyone, Everywhere, Everywhen* 40min film on national water justice and water governance. Orana Centre, 7 Bindel Street Aranda.

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Readings 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 118:137, 124

**You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

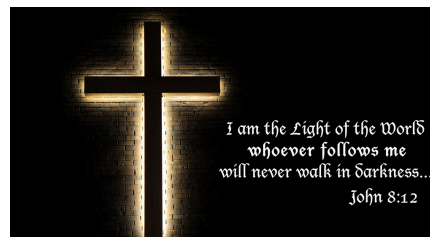
'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them

Communion Antiphon

John 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.



Mass Intentions

Tere Baranoski and family

Pita Hala

Parish Safeguarding Commitment

Our Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the center of all our thinking and action. For more information visit the Canberra Archdiocesan website at <https://cgcatholic.org.au/professional-standards.Communicating Concerns>: Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing the Parish Office. Alternately, Parishioners may raise any specific safeguarding issues by emailing the Parish Office marking the email to the attention of the Parish Safeguarding Volunteers. Parishioners are also welcome to contact Maria Hicks, Manager for the Archdiocese Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding (IPPS) by emailing ipss@cg.org.au or phone 02 6239 9806

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