

Please pray for the sick in our Parish: : Nathan Reynolds, Nicola Bono,

May they rest in peace: Fr.Peter Gannon, Maria Beros, Jean Hynes, Father Pat Kenna, Helen Farrelly, Alma Lemon, Patricia McCrorey, Michael Sealey,

Anniversary of Death: Brenda Stanford, Pasquale Pucci, Rocco Lumbacca,, Riccardo Bontempelli, Saverio Lentini, Paul Campbell, Stephen Gunther, Marce Dita Cuaresma

Baptisms: Georgia Violi, Mason and Lucas Beard, Chaste Cuaresma

Prayers and Intercessions

Priest: As our parish retreat draws closer, we pray through the intercession of the holy women who have loved Christ and served the Church down through the ages.

Reader: Through the motherly intercession of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we pray for the needs of the world and the Church.

R. May the world come to know the peace that only Christ can give, and may the Church be light to the world and salt to the earth.

Through the women martyrs who overcame death with undying courage.

R. Strengthen your Church in time of trial.

Through the married women who graced the lives of the human family.

R. Renew the Church in her apostolic mission.

Through all the widows who sanctified loneliness with prayer and hospitality.

R. Make your Church a telling sign of your love for all the world.

Through all the mothers who introduced their children to the kingdom of God and true human life in society.

R. May your Church bring all men and women to eternal life and salvation.

Through the intercession of St. Cecilia and St. Mary of the Cross, bless our parish retreat.

R. May the Holy Spirit come upon us with the grace of preparation and fruitfulness.

Through all the holy women who live in the light of your glory, we pray especially for Fr.Peter Gannon, Maria Beros, Jean Hynes, Father Pat Kenna, Helen Farrelly, Alma Lemon, Patricia McCrorey, Michael Sealey, who died recently and for Brenda Stanford, Pasquale Pucci, Rocco Lumbacca, Riccardo Bontempelli, Saverio Lentini, Paul Campbell, Stephen Gunther, Marce Dita Cuaresma whose anniversaries occur at this time.

R. Grant to the faithful departed the everlasting vision of happiness.

Priest: Almighty, ever-living God, your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, made Mary Magdalen the first herald of Easter joy. Grant that, following her example and helped by her prayers, we may, in this life, proclaim the living Christ, and come to see him reigning with you in glory. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

27 and 28 July 2024

Annual World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

Dear Parishioners,

Not wanting to be too pushy, but a gentle reminder of two important events coming up that we would benefit from enormously:

Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public and Political Life (Wednesday 7 August 2024, 6pm, Great Hall of Parliament House)

Parish Retreat (Saturday 10 August 2024 10am, St. Gregory's Primary School Hall, Macquoid St)

More details are available in our bulletin.

The **heating system in St. Gregory's Church** across the river has reached its use by date. The estimated cost of replacing the older gas heaters is \$5,000-\$6,000.

A new flued gas system will be employed, as the cost of an electrical upgrade to carry an electrical heater system is prohibitive. **If you would like to contribute to the cost of the new system, then please let me know.** It will ensure that our parish continues to use this most historic Church built in 1849.

We enter the world of the Gospel of John for the next five weeks, interrupting the proclamation of the Gospel of Mark in Year B. indeed, we are entering the world of John 6 where Jesus proclaims:

I AM the Bread of Life.

There are seven 'I AM' statements in the Gospel of John. Why don't we all do a little homework this week, go and find them, and see what they might mean for us?

John 6 begins with the miracle of the loaves and fishes. The crowds are huge. How to feed them? Andrew is not optimistic in the least: **There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish, but what is that between so many? (John 6).**

Jesus, as usual, makes use of these basic elements to satisfy the hunger:

Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready. He did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted.

Notice the pattern – throughout history and in our own time:

God takes what is elementary, not extravagant, and does marvellous things.

That is, he takes bread and wine into his hands in such a fashion that they become him – his very Body and Blood. That is, he takes us and we become the Body of Christ.

How blessed we are to have been given – and received with generous hearts – the gift of faith, ensuring that we are not isolated but in communion with one another.

The days are getting longer and a touch warmer, do you think?

Father Tony

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his
people.

First Reading

A reading from the second book of the Kings

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

ST GREGORY'S COIN CLUB - The balance we have collected for 2024 is ➡ **\$1597.40**

The receptacle for the coins is near the offertory table. Many thanks for your generosity! During the month of August we are collecting to provide assistance to the recently bereaved in our Parish.

Parish Notices

- ◆ **Monday Men's Group** We gather together using SOAP (Scripture, Observe, Apply, Pray). Mondays 6.30pm-7.30pm Parish Meeting Room (Macquoid St Campus, St. Gregory's School) Contact Pat Lang (0400 466 276)
- ◆ **Parish Youth Group.** First Wednesday of every month 5.30-8pm in the undercroft at St Raphael's.
- ◆ **Baptism -** If you wish to have your child baptised in our parish, please visit our parish website at: <https://www.stgregsqueanbeyan.com/baptism> for the new procedures on how to register and book in baptisms. Registration is via the QKR app.
- ◆ **Christ our Firm Foundation Retreat with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia 10th August 2024**
Rediscovering the wisdom of the Church's spiritual tradition
Men and women (ages 18+) are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a Parish Retreat day.
This day will focus on renewing the foundations of the spiritual life as we journey through the Year of the Holy Spirit in preparation for the Holy Year 2025. The retreat day will include talks by the Sisters, a Holy Hour and Confessions, fellowship and time for discussion.
Please bring a plate for Morning tea. Lunch will be included.
A \$20 fee assists with covering retreat expenses. Doors open at 9.30 am.
Booking is essential via QR code or you can contact the Parish Office for assistance and payment.
- ◆ **St Vincent de Paul needs the following:** . Cordial, juice, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, and school snacks please. Join us for the fundraising BBQ after 9am mass on 28 July. Join us for a fundraising **BBQ after 9am Mass on 28 July 2024.**
- ◆ **Women's Breakfast** – next date is Saturday 31st August at 8.30am at Suppetto's Jerrabomberra. All welcome. Please place your name on the list in the church for catering purposes.



Confession Times		
Tues, Thursday, Friday	6pm	St. Raphael's
Saturday	10am	St Gregory's

Mass Times		
Monday-Friday	5.30pm	St. Raphael's
Wed & Friday	12 noon	St. Raphael's
Saturday	9.30am	St Gregory's
Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	St. Raphael's
Sunday	9am and 5pm	St. Raphael's