

St Gregory's Catholic Parish

Mass Times at St.Raphael's

Sunday

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

Weekdays

Tues - Thur 5:30pm
Fri at 12 Noon

2nd Saturday of month 9.30am
at St Gregory's Church

St Patrick's Michelago 30 May 4pm

Confession Times

Confession Times Tuesday-
Thursday 6pm - St.Raphael's
Saturday 10am (2nd Sat of month
only) St. Gregory'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 -
Prayers & Anointing

3rd Wed of Month 10.30am Warrigal -
Mass

St Vincent de Paul Conference

Meeting 7pm every 2nd
Thursday next

on 21 May ALL WELCOME
HOME in Queanbeyan

284 Crawford St.

Call Matthew on 0409228886

Know your Faith

Sundays 9am

St. Raphael's Parish Room

Contact Janine Deakin via
the Parish Office ALL WELCOME

Rosary at St.Raphael's

Rosary Tuesday - Thursday 5pm

Adoration of the Blessed

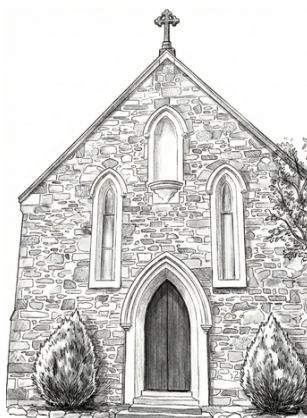
Sacrament

Friday 11am

Meditation

Tuesdays at 7pm

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The Ascension of the Lord Year A
16 and 17 May 2026

Announcements

Upcoming Events and Information

Charity Collection: totalled \$97.80 this week for the Sleep Bus and we thank you for your online donations (via the Parish website) for the Dylan House pilgrimage appeal. Please **do not** place foreign coins in the collection.

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

Mass Counts: The congregation numbers will be collected at Masses during May. This is just a count of numbers and no other identification details are required from the congregation.

Children's Mass next on 31st May 2026 at 10am

Parish Pastoral Council Next meeting on Saturday 13 June at 10.15am at the Parish Meeting Room at Macquoid Street.

HOME in Queanbeyan will have a working bee on Saturday 23rd May, from 9am to 1pm. If you would like more information and be able to help please contact either Anne Pratt on 62842409 or Nick Pelle (0418220137)

Vinnies Night Patrol - Donations of dark men's work socks or any 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.

Women's Breakfast Saturday 23rd May at 8.30am at Suppeto's Jerrabomberra - All Welcome

The Canberra African Choir will sing this Sunday at 10am Mass. Welcome to them!

Parish Bulletin by email every week. If you would like to be added to the 200 or so people who have the Bulletin by email, please let the Parish Office know.

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.

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Readings and Psalms

The Ascension of the Lord 16 and 17 May 2026

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

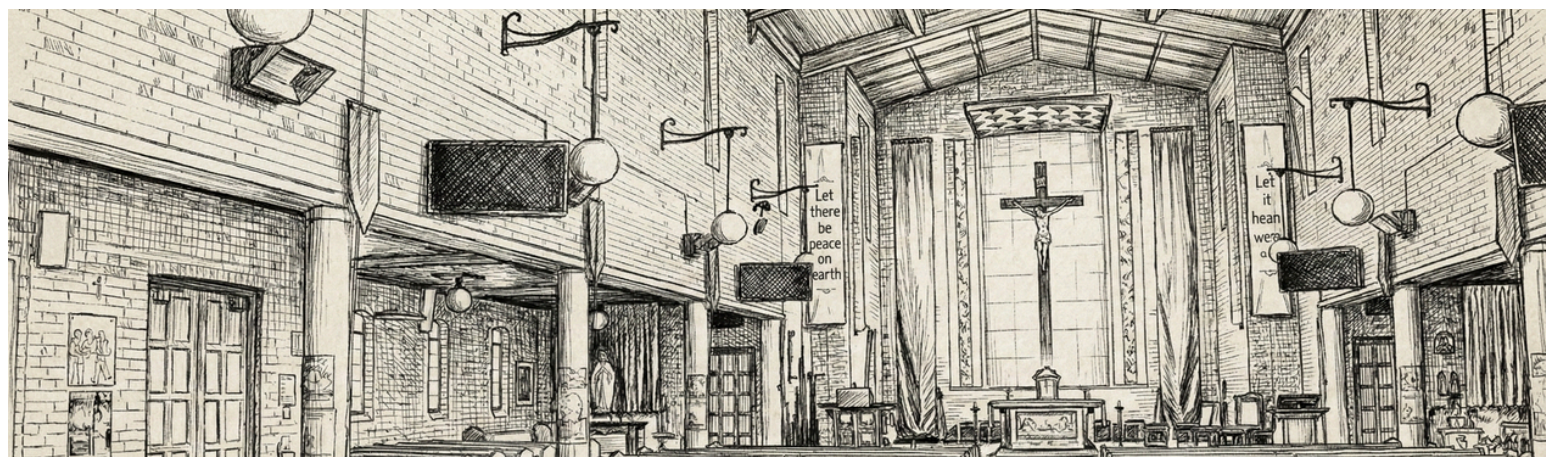
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.



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Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Theme from the Parish Assembly

The Ascension: We are Sent

The Ascension of the Lord reminds us that Christ's mission continues through us. As Jesus ascends into heaven, He enters fully into His reign as our eternal High Priest, opening heaven to humanity and interceding for us before the Father. From this place of glory, He entrusts His mission to the Church. At our recent Parish Assembly, Fr George reminded us that we can live out our mission by being the light of Christ in our homes, our workplaces, and our community.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

Sent by Christ, gifted by the Spirit, and united in love, we live out Christ's mission.

Women's Vocations Discernment Dinner at Pearce Presbytery:

Thursday 4 June 6pm.

For women between the ages of 20 and 40 interested in discerning a call to religious life. Presenter will be Sr Kate Cleary about the mission at The Farm in Galong. A healthy meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact on Sr Kate on 0404 112 428 or Vocations Director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

Vocations Discernment Dinner at Archbishop's house:

Thursday 11 June 6pm. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact Vocations Director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.



Campion College Winter Program 2026

7-10 July

Our Winter Program is a four-day residential experience designed to give students a genuine taste of university life.

- Attend sample lectures in history, literature, philosophy and theology
- Live on campus with other students
- Join discussions, meals, and social activities
- Meet academics and ask real questions about study and life at Campion College

Open to students in Years 11 & 12. Recent high school graduates also welcome. Register online and currently free of charge thanks to generous donors.

Early Scholars Intensive

13-17 July 2026

The Early Scholars Intensive gives students the opportunity to complete a first-year university philosophy unit – while still in Years 11-12.

Over five days on campus, student will:

- Study PHI103: Socrates and the Examined Life
- Engage with ideas from Plato in a real university setting
- Take part in lectures, discussions, and guided reading
- Experience the academic expectations of Campion College firsthand

This is a fantastic opportunity for home-schooled students in particular as the intensive can be used as an alternative admission pathway into Campion College's Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts. cost is \$1267.50

Campion College Australia, 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie, NSW 2146, Australia

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Readings, Psalms & Announcements

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ could have continued to appear to groups of followers, century after century—until now! But he didn't, because the disciples had to be weaned of his Risen-mode of appearance among them lest they think that the victory over Death is meant for human beings alone. But, as St Paul says, the Risen Lord is the One who 'fills all creation' with His power radiating out from his Risen Humanity. However, disappearance is not the same as absence. We believe that Our Risen Lord is present in many modes, including as St Paul says '... the Church which is His Body'. That is why the figures in white rebuke the disciples: 'Why do you stand looking into Heaven?' The Disciples had, rather, to ready themselves to be the Spirit-filled body of Jesus Christ in their own time and place. As we do. We might pause for a moment to stop staring into Heaven, to ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost to be 'The Church which is His Body.' mtate@bigpond.com

Let us pray for the sick in our Parish

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

Recently Deceased

Maria (Anna) Lavella
Raffaella Stramandinoli

Anniversaries

Margarito Ramos
Pat McManus

Baptism

Arijana Petrovski
Addelyn Laura-Ashley Elton
Benni Kirk Hall
Bowie Leonard Hall
Mia Carmela Normando
Luca Peder Normando

The Sacrament of 1st Eucharist

Preparation continues this coming week on **Wednesday 20 May with 5.30pm at St. Raphael's followed by the 2nd class for children. Please pray for our candidates and their carers and families.**

St. Gregory's Parish Sacramental Program 2026.

Enrol and pay via Qkr! App – \$50 per sacrament.
First Eucharist (9–10+ years) –

Wed 20 May (2nd class for children)
Wed 27 May (3rd class for children and rehearsal)
Wed 3 June 4th class cancelled and attendance is not required.
Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Sat 6 June or Sun 7 June or Sat 13 June 2026 (your choice of mass time)

Confirmation (11–12+ years) – **Closes 10 Aug 2026**

Join a Community of Faith, Formation, & Mission
Parish Youth Coordinators **work in teams** in local parishes, employed from 25hrs – 5hrs per week. They gather throughout the year with young adults, priests and mentors for formation and prayer.

Make a Difference – Apply before Feb 28
Jump into the opportunity to serve in the life of the Church, develop leadership skills, and make a meaningful difference in lives and faith of others, while you work, study, or take a gap year.



cgevangelisation.org.au/parish-youth-coordinator



CANA
YOUTH

Parish Youth Coordinators will animate our parish and school based, archdiocesan Youth Ministry – Cana Youth. This includes running **Cana Kids** groups (yr 4–6), **Cana Youth** Groups (Yr 7–12) and working collaboratively to animate **Cana Main Events** (Retreats & Youth Events) and school connections through **Cana Outreach** and **Cana Connect** Groups.

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://cgatholic.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

Parish Finance Council (PFC): Anne Alexander (Chair), Paul Lindwall, Matthew Mason-Cox

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC): Janine Deakin (Chair), Bec Giampaolo, Gretchen Bell, Sybil Busby, Glenda Chapman, Jaynel Estrella, Ralph Frank, Nisha & Manoj Jose, Nick Pelle, Sheryl & Benjie Reyes, Selina Stanford.

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