

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 24 September ALL WELCOME
HOME in Queanbeyan
284 Crawford St.
Call Matthew on 0409228886

Rosary at St Raphael's

Rosary Tuesday - Thursday 5pm

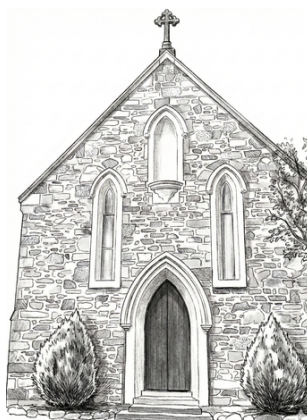
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays at 4.15 with Benediction
Friday 11am
Meditation on Tuesdays at 7pm

St Gregory's Catholic Parish

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 and 13 September 2026 Year A
SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Announcements Parish

Charity Collection: This week \$84:30 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 who have just celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and our congratulations to them.

Want to be Catholic? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Continues at 9am every Sunday in the Parish Room of the Presbytery at St. Raphael's. We welcome everyone.

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 Suppetos 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.

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Readings and Psalms

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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.

St Gregory's Parish RCIA Program

Welcome to the St Gregory's Parish RCIA Program, 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. A heartfelt welcome to those who have begun the RCIA program this year. We are delighted to walk alongside you as members of our parish family and pray that this journey will be one of faith, friendship, and abundant blessings.

Closure of Intersection

Contractors are starting works on the Lowe & Monaro Street intersection in the upcoming Spring school holidays as part of the Monaro Street Refresh. The intersection will be closed from Saturday 26 September till Monday 12 October. Please allow time & patience if this impacts your journey to & from St Raphael's Church.

Saints Days this week:

Monday 14 September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday 15 September Our Lady of Sorrows
Wednesday 16 September Sts Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian
Thursday 17 September St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Hildegard of Bingen
Saturday 19 September St. Januarius and Blessed Virgin Mary



Reflection by Nick Brodie

Twice in today's gospel we hear indebted servants cry 'Give me time'. Through this parable Jesus shows us that patience and forgiveness are high virtues. These inform the Church's teaching on what Pope Francis calls an 'integral ecology', which basically insists that human progress should be sustainable and compassionate. All human beings exist as part of nature and in relation with each other. God too is part of this dynamic by virtue of the mystery of Creation, but also in a special way through Jesus in the Incarnation and through the Spirit in the Church. We Christians are called, therefore, to be patient and forgiving with nature and with each other as part of God's transcendent plan. Our opportunities to do this come in many forms. We can reconsider whether our consumer habits are too burdensome on our planet, extracting resources more quickly than they can be replenished. We can choose to buy foods that are sustainably produced, and which justly supports small farmers. And we can encourage our political leaders to be like the good master, supporting debt relief for impoverished countries, abiding by international climate agreements, and taking other such actions that might give our world and its people time to heal.

Upcoming Pigrimages:

13 October | Fatima Day pilgrimage to Penrose Park Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy: organised by South Woden parish led by Fr Emil Milat, on 13 October, includes Rosary, Solemn Mass, Eucharistic procession to the Grotto, and confession. Return bus transport (\$55pp).

No Refund Policy

More info on this link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1635863> or email wodensouth@cg.org.au

Seminarian Cinnil Thomas will be attending.

November | Marian Procession | 10:00 am

The Marian Procession is an ecumenical event hosted by the Goulburn Parish of Sts Mary Queen of Apostles, from the Old Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul's. This year it will process on All Saints Day, Sunday the 1st of November. Father George will be attending.

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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, Ulma Faatamala, Gwyne McIntyre, Patrick McCormack, Patricia Mooney, Catherine Cullen, Eva Sutton, John Church, Rae Blyton, Oliver Pacione, Jamie Mansell

Recently Deceased

Max Hearne

Anniversaries

Bishop Pat Power, Mimma Velona, Carlo Zardo

Baptisms

Indianna Rae Farr

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

Braddon Catholic Girls High School 50th Reunion

Year 10 (1974) and Year 12 (1976) Saturday 17th October 2026 3pm – 7pm at Merici College, Wise St Braddon.

Bookings are essential and tickets cost \$30. Book via Humantix by searching "Merici Alumni" then select the event "Class of 1974/1976 Reunion Braddon" RSVP by 1 October.

Celebrations will continue from 7:30pm at the Ainslie Football Club, 52 Wakefield Avenue Ainslie

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 members of our school community to volunteer their time and talents. There are plenty of ways to get involved.

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 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Sirach 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

First Reading

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,

who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;

remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf 1 Corinthians 10:16

The chalice of blessing that we bless
is a communion in the Blood of Christ;
and the bread that we break
is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

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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