

St Gregory's Catholic Parish



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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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

22 and 23 November 2025 Year C

Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading

A reading from the second book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. (R.)
3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for
him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our
Father;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Mass Times
Sunday 5:30pm (Sat)
9am & 5pm
Weekdays
Mon - Fri 5:30pm
Wed, Fri at 12noon
Sat 9:30am St. Greg's

Confession Times
Monday - Friday
6pm

Saturday St. Greg's
10am

Parish Playgroup
Every 2nd week at
10:30am on Weds (term
time)
Parish Room St. Greg's
School Macquoid St
Check dates by texting
Felicity 0420541772

Parish Youth Group
Every 2nd and 4th
Wednesdays
in the undercroft at
St. Raphael's Church
Contact Neeta
0490082345

REFLECTION

Ora et Labora

Our second reading crescendos:

In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat (2 Thessalonians 3).

On the one hand, work is a *necessity*. On the other hand, work is a *calling*.

Jesus made this abundantly clear by his life of work in Nazareth, so much so, that St. Pope John Paul II called his ordinary life the **fifth Gospel**.

St. Benedict (480-547) bequeaths to us a most harmonious religious rule of life:

Obedience

Stability

Conversion of life.

We are to live a life of prayer and work – **Ora et Labora**.

Notice what is going on here:

Work of the heart.

Work of the hands.

We worship God during times of personal and communal prayer. We worship God during times of manual and intellectual work. The Offertory Prayers of Mass make it easy for us to understand this important spiritual doctrine:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life. AMEN

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

Priest: *We turn to God who draws us into communion with all creation. Let us lift up our hearts in prayer.*

Reader: That the Church bear witness to the coming of God's kingdom where faith, hope and love reign.

In your love:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations will be drawn into the reconciling love of Jesus Christ, the Universal King.

In your love:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the innocent and the outcast who stand condemned will find Christ's kingdom of justice and peace.

In your love:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this community will walk in the footsteps of Jesus on the path of obedient faith and self-sacrificing love.

In your love:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who are sick will find healing and strength in the suffering Christ.

In your love:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will enter paradise with Christ who has conquered death for ever.

In your love:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: *O God, you have rescued us and brought us into the eternal kingdom of your son Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers that we may embrace the cross of the King and let it mould the shape of our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our King and Saviour. All: AMEN*

Nursing Home Mass Times

1st Wed of Month 10am
George Forbes House

3rd Wed of Month 10.30am
Warrigal

**St Vincent de Paul
Conference**

Meeting 7pm every 2nd
Thursday next
27th November 2025
St. Raphael's Parish Room
ALL WELCOME

Formation in Faith (RCIA)

New date/time
Sundays 10.15-11am
Parish Room at Lowe St.
Contact Janine Deakin via
the Parish Office
ALL WELCOME

Rosary

Monday - Friday 5pm
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament
Friday 11am
Meditation
Tuesdays at 7pm
St. Raphael's

PARISH & ARCHDIOCESAN INFORMATION

Let us pray for the sick in our Parish Christian Borja, Connie Griffin, Hugo Villa, Fred Spiteri, Lucy Aloe, Felicia Lyons, Robert (Ned) Vodovic, Mirella Wakim, Thomas, Juliet & Rommel Estabillo, Rosario Surmeida, Katie Casey, Antonio & Dhel Borja, Dennis Pountney, Andy McCosker, Patelisio Langi, Phil Hastings, Cheryl Smith, Mary Miller, Dick Grimes, Ulima Faatamala, Gywne McIntyre, Patrick McCormack, Patricia Mooney, Catherine Cullen, Elaine Clift

Recently Deceased : Maria Perre, Gavin Thompson, June Roblom, John Murphy, Murray John Scott (Father Josh's Grandfather Requiem Mass is at St Mary's Church in Young at 12 noon on Thursday 27/11/25)

Anniversaries: Patricia Ross, Margaret Cauchi, Orlando Pacione

Baptisms: Charli Powell, Sebastian Anthony Korda, Talakai Makoa Riley Leinonen, Beckett McDermott, Theodore McDermott, Michael McDermott & Anthea Fife

St. Raphael's Church Bell.

We are progressing well with donations for improvement to our Church Bell.

You can donate by direct bank transfer to

St Gregory's Parish BSB 062 786 ACC 0001 2889

Please Reference Bell Donation & your name

Or by cash into the collection, or via our website or drop off at the Parish Office.

We have already received many donations Thankyou

Mass times for Christmas 2025 and weekends afterwards

Christmas Eve—5.30pm & Midnight—St Raphael's

5.30pm St Patrick's Michelago

Christmas Day—8am and 10am at St. Raphael's

After Christmas weekend Mass times will change permanently to the following:

Saturday Morning—9.30am St. Gregory's ONLY once a month on the second Saturday of the month.

Saturday Vigil Mass—5.30pm at St. Raphael's

Sundays—St. Raphael's 8am and 10am (no 5pm Mass)

There will be a further announcement soon about planned changes to weekday masses

NOTICES

Children's Advent Mass Sunday 30th November Time 9am St. Raphael's Church

Christmas Raffle 2025—tickets \$1 from next week.

Women's Breakfast Saturday 29 November at 8.30am Suppeto's Jerrabomberra

Advent Book, "The Promise" \$5 from the Parish Office or sold after masses in St Joseph's Alcove

Christmas Tree in St. Raphael's will be put up soon. We are hoping you will donate unwrapped presents for children (please donate some wrapping paper) mark them with the age and gender of the child. No food items please. These will be distributed by St. Vincent de Paul.

Marriage Preparation: Sponsor Couples required. To find out more about what is involved and what support is available to you as a potential sponsor couple, please contact the Marriage Preparation Office on marriage.preparation@cg.org.au or call Helena on 0405 440 463 for an obligation-free chat.

Charity Collection \$3152.95 for Meals on Wheels

Next Mass at St. Patrick's Church Michelago. Saturday 29 November 2025 at 5.30pm.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

If you memorise a tune or your 'times tables', you are said to 'know it by heart'. The sort of person who will always remember me is someone who 'knows me by heart'. Here, a tortured criminal starts his plea: 'Jesus . . .'. This is one of only two instances where Jesus is addressed by his name which means 'The Lord saves'. The good thief went on: 'remember me when you come into Your Kingdom'. Jesus 'knows him by heart' and promises that He will remember him in Paradise. This is an exercise of sovereignty which befits 'Christ the King'. This is all the Kingly power which you or I will ever need, but to confidently invoke it we need to position ourselves alongside Jesus, like the 'good thief'. We do this by our practical concern for the poor and by coming to Mass which re-members the Body of Christ. We could pause for a moment to pray: 'Jesus, remember me, know me by heart, for when you do I will be in Paradise.'

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Christmas packs for detainees

Parishioner Volunteers needed to coordinate the purchase of items for gift packs to be distributed by the Chaplaincy team to detainees at the local jail on Christmas Day. If you are interested, please contact Nick Pelle on 0418 220 137

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

St. Gregory's safeguarding volunteers are Mary Dorrian, Nick Pelle, Leah Taylor and Malcolm Harrison

Parish Finance Council (PFC):

Anne Alexander (Chair), Paul Lindwall, Matthew Mason-Cox, Chris Anthony

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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