

Please pray for the sick in our Parish: Aurelia Sotomayor, Father Joshua, Maia Torner, Barbara Greer, Felicia Lyons, Robert (Ned) Vodovic, Mirella Wakim, Thomas,
Baptism: Clayton Adam Tomas, Cooper Morrison, Delilah Cartwright, Keilani Rose Gulyas
Marriage: Zsa Zsa Chevalier and Ethan Phipps on 28 September

Prayers and Intercessions

Priest: Christ is the image of the unseen God and all things are to be reconciled through him because he made peace by his death on the cross. We pray to him.

Reader: We have been baptized into the Lord's death and resurrection.

R. May we, the Body of Christ, be cleansed of greed and envy, and be clothed in the strength and gentleness of the Lord's love.

Reader: We have been sealed with the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

R. Confirm us in your service, and help us to bear witness to you in the society in which we live.

Reader: Before you suffered, you longed to eat the Passover with your disciples.

R. As we take part in the Eucharist, on this day of rest and resurrection, may we reach out to others who are sick and lonely.

Reader: We hold up in prayer this day those who are in any kind of need.

R. Though our prayer and love, may give new hope to those who are living in darkness and discouragement.

Reader: You continue to work in your faithful people.

R. We pray for the dead, passed beyond life's care, especially for Alan Patrick Buggy, Fr Brian Ebert, Mimmi Velona, Michael Flynn, Francis Barry, Domenico Morabito and Maureen Hillard who died recently.

Priest: Lord, these prayers, spoken and unspoken, we make through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Marian Procession 2024

DATE: Sunday October 27, 2024 PLACE: Begin at 11am Anglican Cathedral of St Saviours, Goulburn

RECONCILIATION: Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral and Our Lady of Mercy Chapel 12:30 – 1:30 pm

MASS: 2.00pm Mass with main celebrant, Archbishop Christopher Prowse Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral.

Mass will include the installation of the reliquary with relics from Sts Peter and Paul, St Brigid, St Charbel and St Therese Lisieux

Youth Rally (Straight after Rosary Procession) DATE: Sunday October 27, 2024 PLACE: St Saviour's Anglican

Cathedral Hall INCLUDES: Food, entertainment and guest speaker CONTACT: christopher.gilroy@cg.org.au

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St.Gregory's Charity Collection 2024, The total we have collected for the Queanbeyan Respite Centre is

\$2053.05.

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

28 and 29 September 2024

Dear Parishioners,

We are in the middle of a challenging section of the Gospel of Mark. Jesus makes three predictions of his suffering, death and resurrection, and the disciples don't seem to have a clue – a bit like ourselves, I suppose.

It is good to remember that it is God who is doing the challenging, so he will give us all that we need to meet the challenge.

Jesus focuses our attention on how we engage our freedom in the pursuit of truth and love. The images are graphic, to get us thinking:

If your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the Kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'

Our choices have eternal consequences – either heaven or hell – but of course we find it hard to face the truth, perhaps not realising the gravity of our God-given freedom:

Many of those who teach or catechise seem reluctant to comment on this most crucial perspective (Mary Healy, Gospel of Mark, p.192).

God does not send people to heaven or hell. No, rather people choose their own destiny, forging their path as life unfolds.

St. John Henry Newman (1801-1890) affirmed that some people – hopefully just a few – really can't stand God (and his presence) and so make their own **lonely** choice.

C.S.Lewis (1898-1963) makes the telling comment:

There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, in the end, 'Thy will be done (The Great Divorce, p.72-73).

Our hope is deepened, when we realise that our freedom is a great gift and the mercy of God an even greater gift:

God never ceases to hold out his unfathomable mercy, even at the very moment when a person steps over the threshold into eternity (p.192).

It was St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622) who said:

I'd sooner be judged by God than by my own mother.

Let's hang on to that!

Father Tony

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St James

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of

slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Communion Antiphon

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

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Parish Notices - Recurring Events

- ◆ **Monday Men's Group** Gathers together using SOAP (Scripture, Observe, Apply, Pray). Mondays 6.30-7.30pm 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.
- ◆ **Parish Playgroup next** on 2nd October in Parish Room at 1030
- ◆ **RCIA** is having a break until Tuesday 15 October at 6.15pm in the Parish Room at Macquoid st. Topic that week will be "Human Nature as the Basic for Morality".
- ◆ **Meditation** - Encounter the Holy Spirit-Tuesday 7pm & Wednesday 12.30 after Mass. Meeting Room at St. Raphael's All warmly welcome - Tony 0455231057 or Rose 0466661006
- ◆ **Christian Life Program** Facilitated by Couples for Christ continues every Sunday after mass morning tea. Open to all married Christian couples and single adults. Come as you are and be prepared to encounter God's love in a profound and personal way. For more details Contact Benjie/Sheryl at 0418616720/0430077022. Lunch provided.
- ◆ **Women's Breakfast** on 5 October 0830 Suppetto's Jerrabomberra - sign sheet at back of church

Parish Notices - Non- Recurring

- ◆ **We send our deepest sympathy** to our retired parish secretary Rita Pelle, her husband Nick and their family following the death of Rita's mother, Mimmi Velona.
- ◆ **Parishioners** wishing to order the Daily Mass book (\$28.50) please put your name in the red folder at the back of the church. Orders close Oct 31.
- ◆ **Blessing of the Animals** will happen on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi at 11am on 4 October in the carpark at St. Raphael's. WELL BEHAVED pets very welcome!
- ◆ **Ordination to the Priesthood of Father Mark Ha** will be celebrated on 17 October 2024 at 5pm at St. Christopher's Cathedral.
- ◆ **St Vincent de Paul** need cordial, juice, roll on deodorant, shampoo, conditioner and school snacks please.
- ◆ **Home in Queanbeyan** Raffle tickets are \$25 scan their QR code to enter Drawn on 13 November 2024.
- ◆ **Women's Retreat "God's Love Transforms" Sat 12 October**, Registration: <https://events.humanitix.com/ctc-retreat-god-s-love-transforms-tn6sut93>



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Assembly

Details



Where Canberra + Narooma + Cooma + Young + Goulburn
When Friday 18th October - Sunday 20th October 2024
Info Detailed information, registration and formation materials available online at cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly