

Please pray for the sick in our Parish: Father Joshua, Maia Torner, Barbara Greer, Felicia Lyons, Robert (Ned) Vodovic, Mirella Wakim, Thomas,
Baptism: Henry Leedham, Rosie Robinson

Prayers and Intercessions

Priest: Christ comforted the widow who had lost her only son. We pray to him, who will come at the last to wipe away every tear from our eyes.

Reader: We pray for the world.

R. May our leaders govern with wisdom and seek justice, especially for the weak and estranged.

For the Church, especially Pope Francis and Archbishop Christopher.

R. May we be 'salt of the earth and light of the world.'

Lord Jesus, you consoled especially the poor and troubled.

R. Look with mercy on those in any kind of need.

The angel brought Jesus the Father's comfort on the eve of your passion.

R. We pray that your comfort may strengthen those who are dying.

Let all exiles know your care for them.

R. May they find their homelands once more, and come one day in joy to the Father's house.

Look in love on all whose sins have separated them from you.

R. Reconcile them to yourself and to your Church through the sacrament of reconciliation.

The dead suffered the pain and loss of human life. We pray for Francis Barry who died recently and for Suzanne Minchin, Valentino Calgaro, Karen Yap, Filomena Tarzia & Allan Talipan whose anniversaries occur at this time

R. Give them the fullness of life and joy in heaven.

Priest: Lord, be the beginning and end of all that we do, prompt our actions with your grace and complete them with your all powerful help. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May they rest in peace: Francis Barry, Domenico Morabito, Maureen Hillard, John Sirola, Lino Tadiello, Ivanka Dugandzic, Nicola Bono, John O'Kane, Lexie Woodbridge, Michael Smith,

Anniversary of Death: Suzanne Minchin, Valentino Calgaro, Karen Yap, Filomena Tarzia & Allan Talipan

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

14 and 15 September 2024

Dear Parishioners,

Following our dramatic and graphic Gospel scene from last week, we have the dramatic and graphic prediction of Jesus' death:

Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously (Mark 8).

Brendan Byrne, SJ comments:

Jesus speaks of his coming passion and death in Jerusalem. The knowledge that he is Messiah is not to be separated from the kind of Messiah he is to be: not one who will be served and honoured, like the rulers of this world, but one who will 'serve and give his life as a ransom for many' (Sharing the Treasure, p.121).

Equally dramatic and graphic is what follows:

If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Helpfully, St. Augustine (354-430) asks, 'What does it mean to renounce oneself?' He responds:

To renounce oneself means not to rely on oneself.

That's the key. We have to rely on God, on those around us and on the gifts that God has granted us. If we can keep that focus, we are on the 'way' as a follower of Jesus. Let's always encourage each other.

Don't forget the **Parish Working Bee:**

Saturday 21 September 2024 10am-12noon.

Our two Churches can do with a good spring clean (let's know which Church you would like to clean). Bring some dusting cloths, some brown paper to remove wax off the carpets, and perhaps an iron. Our grounds need a tidy up, gardens need mulching and planting and there are few minor maintenance tasks if you have carpentry skills. If you got just an hour, that will do!

Aren't these Spring days superb! Blessings to you all.

Father Tony

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Entrance Antiphon

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

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn
away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my
cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched
by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be
shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.

Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn
me?

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the
land of the living.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has
never done a single good act but claims that he has
faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers
or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not
enough food to live on, and one of you says to them,
'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat
plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities
of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if
good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You
say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will
prove to you that I have faith by showing you my

good deeds – now you prove to me that you have
faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the
world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round
Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question
to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they
told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah;
others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he
asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and
said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them
strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man
was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by
the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and
to be put to death, and after three days to rise again;
and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him
aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But,
turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter
and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the
way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and
said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let
him renounce himself and take up his cross and
follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life
will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my
sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Communion Antiphon

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.

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ST GREGORY'S COIN CLUB - The balance we have collected for 2024 is \$2000.05

The receptacle for notes/coins is near the offertory table. Many thanks for your generosity! We are collecting for Queanbeyan Respite Centre.

Parish Notices

- ◆ **Our Bereavement Memorial Service** will be held on 16 September 2024 at 7pm in St. Raphael's followed by supper
- ◆ **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 18th September in Parish Room at 1030
- ◆ **Lids4Kids** Remember to bring your metal and plastic bottle tops, medicine/blister packs, bread tags, wine tops and other recyclable items to the collection point for Lids4Kids near the front entry of the church.
- ◆ **Qbn St Vincent de Paul** needs cordial, juice, roll on deodorant, shampoo, conditioner and school snacks please. Save the date BBQ after 9am mass on Sunday 22 September
- ◆ **Parish Reading group:** Read the Pope's 'Gaudete Et Exsultate' (Rejoice and Be Glad) with us. Come along at 10:30am, Saturday 14 September in the parish meeting room (Lowe St). We will be discussing chapter 1 - The Call to Holiness - please try to read the chapter prior to the meeting. All are welcome to come along (even just to listen). "My modest goal is to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities" (para 2 extract). Please contact Selina on 0438 664 110 for further details.
- ◆ **RCIA** continues on Tuesday 17th September at 615pm in the Parish Room at Macquoid st. The Resource book has arrived in the Parish Office. It is \$40 and can be paid for in cash or online via the Parish website.
- ◆ **The Stations of the Cross** will be prayed on Saturday 14th, and 21st September at St. Gregory's church at 0830 to commemorate the season of creation, everyone is welcome.
- ◆ **Blessing of the Animals** will be happening 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!
- ◆ **CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM.** Facilitated by Couples for Christ will commence on 15th September, every Sundays 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.
- ◆ **St Gregory's Feast Day Working Bee** on 21 September 10-12. at both churches.
- ◆ **18-20 October | Come, Holy Spirit - Archdiocesan Assembly**



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

- ◆ **Home in Queanbeyan Raffle** tickets are \$25 scan the QR code to enter

