

**“I have heard their cry....I know their sufferings....Come, now!
I will send you.....I will be with you” Ex 3:1-12**



GOOGONG FAITH COMMUNITY

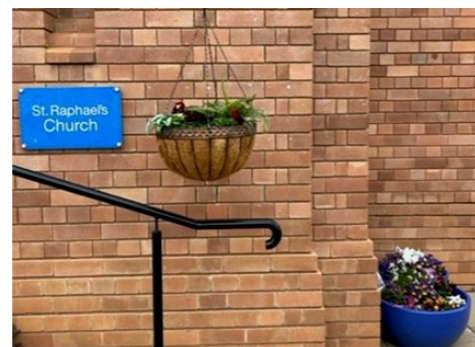
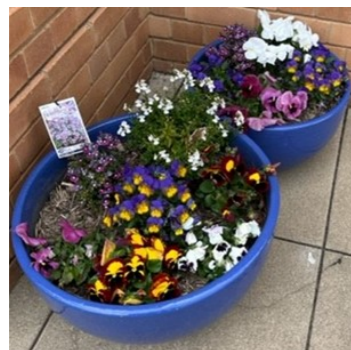
Sunday 26 of June marked the beginning of bringing the Eucharist to the people of God at Googong, with the Anglican school being our host. At our first gathering we welcomed 79 people to the celebration, which was fantastic. Ten weeks on, I thought I would give you a report on how things are going and some thoughts from me, your Parish Priest.

Forming a new faith community in a fast growing estate such as Googong, is always going to be an exciting prospect and it is going to take time to establish itself and I realise that. However, our numbers are not as strong as I thought they would be, we are down to about 31 people. At the beginning of our move to Googong I said I would stay until the end of the December, which I am happy to do, but things are not looking the best.

Let us look at some statistics. When we were having the Sunday 5.30 at St Raphael's our numbers according to the Australian Catholic Bishop Conference 2021 report were about 93 to 109. Noting that this report was done during the covid pandemic when we were coming out of a "lock down" period and our numbers were just starting to come back. What concerns me is the number difference between Googong and St Raphael's and at least 60 people have been displaced.

As I said, I am happy to continue until the end of the year, the warmer weather may bring about a change. So I want to hear from you especially the people of Googong and the attendees of the old Sunday 5.30pm Mass, please give me your thoughts.

Thank you to everyone who has donated baskets of flowers, the outside of our church is looking alive, bright and vibrant.



St Gregory's Parish Faith Community

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St Raphael's (main church), St Gregory's (no weekend services),
and St Patrick's Michelago.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

10th & 11th September



SEASON OF CREATION



**Listen to the
Voice of Creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022**

2022 Season of Creation Prayer

Creator of All,

From your communion of love your Word went forth to create a symphony of life that sings your praise.

By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of creatures who praise you in their being. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into right relationships with each creature so that we could listen to their voices, and learn how to safeguard the conditions for life. But we turn in on ourselves and away from our co-creatures.

We close our ears to the counsel of our fellow creatures. We fail to listen to the cries of the poor and the needs of the most vulnerable. We silence the voices of those who hold the traditions that teach us to care for the Earth.

We close our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the Scriptures.

We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats that will never speak again. We grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished. Creation cries out as forests crackle, and animals alike flee the fires of injustice that we have lit by our unwillingness to listen.

In this Season of Creation, we pray that you would call to us, as from the burning bush, with the sustaining fire of your Spirit. Breathe upon us. Open our ears and move our hearts. Turn us from our inward gaze. Teach us to contemplate your creation, and listen for the voice of each creature declaring your glory. For "faith comes from hearing."

Give us hearts to listen for the good news of your promise to renew the face of the Earth. Enlighten us with the grace to follow the Way of Christ as we learn to walk lightly upon this holy ground. Fill us with the hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of your healing love that sustains our common home.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Are you listening to the voice of Creation?

What are you doing?

VISION: Our Parish is a vibrant community inviting everyone to encounter Christ.

MISSION: To go and make disciples, to be a servant to each other and to be a people who reach out to those in need. **We are guided by the LIFE of Jesus;** sustained by the LOVE of God; and inspired by the LIGHT of the Holy Spirit.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday
5.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday
9.00am Mass
Sunday 5.30pm Mass
now at Googong

Monday
No Mass

Tuesday
5.30pm Mass

Wednesday
12noon Mass

Thursday
7am Mass

Friday
12noon Mass
11.00am-11.55am Exposition
and Adoration

Baptisms
St Raphael's Church
Sundays 10.30am

Marriages
by appointment
Reconciliation
by appointment

Michelago 2nd Saturday of
the month 5.30pm or 6pm
during Daylight
Savings time

Please pray for our sick:

Phillip Roy Anderson
Carmelo Bautista
Florence Bowell
John Church
Elaine Cliff
Emmanuel Corpuz
Juliet and Rommel Estabillio
Helen Fraser
Cora Fulcher
David Goldsmith
Corazon Guemo
Antonietta Laria
Anthony McGlynn
Gywen McIntyre
Patricia McMahon
Loretta & Geoff Percival
Regina Paredes
Trishy Mary Rankin
Nathan Reynolds
Elisabeth Smyth
Miyako Sturgess (Tokyo)
Rosario B Surmiolda
Ljubica Vricic

May they rest in peace:

Karen Yap (Anneta daughter)
Amalito Cura
Bev Marks
Luz Consuegra
Hilary Harrison
Stephanie Simpson
Jane Spiteri
Aldo D'Antonio (Italy)
Marija (Maria) Visic
Mijo Spudic
Peter Erland
Shirley Harmer (nee Freebody)
David Glavas
Antonio Costa
Liano Coffen

Anniversary of Death:

Stefan & Maria Miller
Zika & Helen Stojanovic
Stella Chiera (1yr)
Carlo Zardo
O'Flaherty Family
Alan Talipan
Deograxis Sinay

We welcome into our parish through Baptism.

Isaiah Elton
Arlo Staniforth
Elliot Hague
Patrick Harmey
Tahli Notaras

We congratulate
Angela Nguyen & Brenton Tait as they
come together in
Marriage.

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 Ex 32:7-11,13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

C. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**

L. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**

ALL. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Tim 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service

even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 15:1-10

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Here are next weekend's Mass readings: 25th Sun Ord time
Am 8:4-7 1 Tim 2: 1-8
Luke 16:1-13
Let's prepare before we come to Mass.

REMAINING CAUTIOUS: Please remain cautious as flu and Covid continue. Face masks encouraged during mass. Thank you for your continued efforts.

ST GREGORY'S COIN CLUB - For the month of September we will be collecting for St Benedicts Community Centre in Queanbeyan

So far collected this month \$55 Total running balance for the year is



Many thanks for your continuing generosity!



- ◆ **Candlelight Memorial Service** - Monday 12th September, 7pm St Raphael's Church. All welcome. Supper afterwards.
- ◆ **PILGRIMAGE TO INNER PEACE** – This gathering is to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus through Christian Meditation. The next gathering will be on 13th September (7.30pm in the Parish meeting room) **Please remember that this is a fortnightly gathering.** Contact Tony Carey on 0455 231 057 tony@tccconsulting.com.au
- ◆ **Care for our common home:** Save the date! **Saturday 17 September** Holy Spirit Parish Gungahlin is hosting a *Caring for Creation Conference*, from 10am to 5pm. This is an opportunity to explore ways to achieve the goals of *Laudato Si'* – On Care for Our Common Home. Further details and registration are at <https://www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/care-for-creation/>.
- ◆ **St Gregory's Parish Faith Community is supporting Vinnies Queanbeyan.** Thank you to everyone who has been contributing to the grocery collection. The most needed items are now **school snacks, pasta, microwave rice, noodles, cordial & deodorant. Thank you for your support.**
- ◆ **Women's Breakfast** -Saturday 24th September at 8.30am at Suppetto's Jerrabomberra. Please place your name on the list in the events hub area. Bring a friend.
- ◆ **Pre-Christmas Scratchie Raffle** - We are having a Pre-Christmas raffle to raise funds for our parish. The prize is \$100 worth of Scratchies ranging in value from \$1 to \$10. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. They will be available for sale after Mass.
- ◆ **2023 Daily Mass Book** - If you would like to purchase one, an order will be going in by the 30th September. The cost is \$22 and a list is available in the events hub to place your name.
- ◆ **Confirmation** - please keep the children receiving the sacrament of confirmation this week in your prayers.
- ◆ This Sunday is "Safeguarding Sunday"

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

Father's Day Appeal – Collection for our retired priests: Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today, by envelopes which are available in the church, or at: www.cgatholic.org.au/donate Thank you for taking care of our priests in their retirement.

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