

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 second 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

Parish Priest

From Henry Wansborough OSB

This passage from John's Gospel has all the more significance because it brings the Gospel to a close.

The story-line of the main Gospel ends with Thomas blurting out 'My Lord and my God'. The Gospel therefore ends, as it began with the only two unmistakable declarations in the New Testament of the divinity of Jesus. 'The Word was God' and 'My Lord and my God' bracket the Gospel, showing the purpose and angle of the whole, to show that Jesus is God.

It complements the other Gospels: they show a man who is also God, whereas this Gospel shows a God who is also man. It is with the divine authority that Jesus confers on his Church the divine power to forgive.

Real forgiveness is indeed Godlike. It is not simply 'forgive-and-forget', but forgiveness in the knowledge that a hurt has occurred.

Just as a bone, broken and merged together again, can be stronger than it was before it was broken, so forgiveness can create a real link of love on both sides, a treasured secret of divine graciousness between forgiver and forgiven.

(Courtesy of Universalis)

Parish Changes

Please can parishioners be aware that we are in a time of change and it may not be possible to have every weekday Mass as we currently have them because of the shortage of Priests.

We request and we appreciate your understanding

Prayers and Intercessions

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Priest

Let us pray to God the Father, who raised Jesus to life and exalted him at his own right hand.

Reader

Father, through the victory of the cross you have lifted up Jesus from the earth.

**R. May all of humanity be drawn into the love of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Through the exaltation of Christ send your Holy Spirit into our Parish community.

**R. May we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, renewing our faith, hope and love.**

You are our Father of through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

**R. We pray for those recently received into the Church – keep them faithful unto eternity.**

Through the exaltation of your Son raise up the sorrowful, set prisoners free, heal the sick.

**R. May the whole world rejoice in your glorious resurrection.**

You nourished the faithful departed with Christ's Body and Blood.

**R. Let them share in his glory on the day of resurrection.**

Priest

These prayers, those spoken and unspoken, we make through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MOTHERS DAY (11 May) RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are now on sale.

Meditation  
Tuesdays at 7pm  
Wednesdays after 12 mid-day Mass  
Tony 0455 231 057 or  
Rose 0466 661 006  
St. Raphael's Church

Monday Men's Group  
Using SOAP- Scripture, Observe, Apply, and Pray.  
Monday 6-7pm  
Pat 0400 466 276  
Parish Room  
St. Raphael's Church

Formation in Faith (RCIA)  
(Resumes on 13 May 2025)  
Every Tuesday 6:15pm  
Parish Meeting Room  
St. Greg's School,  
Macquoid St.

Rosary  
Monday - Friday 5 pm  
  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Friday 11 am

PARISH & ARCHDIOCESAN INFORMATION

**Let us pray for the sick in our Parish:**  
Lourdes Yates, Wendy Rozell, Christian Borja, Connie Griffin, Hugo Villa, Fred Spiteri, Lucy Aloe, Maia Torner, Felicia Lyons, Robert (Ned) Vodovic, Mirella Wakim, Thomas, Juliet & Rommel Estabillo, Rosario Surmeida, Katie Casey, Antonio & Dhel Borja, Dennis Pountney, Andy McCosker

<b>Recently Deceased</b>  <b>His Holiness Pope Francis</b>	<b>Recently Deceased</b>  Father Michael Fallon Bosko Bresic Margaret Priest Sue Campbell Ida Guglielmin
<b>Anniversaries</b>  Tiziano Ossato Samuel Cauchi Michael Paternoster (senior) Edgar and Victoria Tago Jesus and Pilar Bustillo	<b>Anniversaries</b>  Louise Grant Molina Joel Matus Smiljka Ugrinic Suzi Stefance Giovanna and Alessandro Facchin
<b>Baptisms</b>  Jaylen James Baker Harry Stocks Ella Castle-Pevinsky Penelope Schelberger	<b><u>Charity Coin Collection</u></b> <b><u>2025</u></b>  <b>Total</b> \$940.005  (Currently collecting for First Steps Pregnancy Support Queanbeyan)

**Easter 2025**  
  
Thank you for all your generous assistance with Easter services  
  
Too many people to mention individually but all your many kindnesses were greatly appreciated by our Parish

**Jubilee Year 2025**  
  
Pope Francis proclaimed the Jubilee with the theme of hope:  
  
**Hope is not deceptive, for the love of God has been poured into our hearts (Romans 8).**  
  
A Jubilee Year occurs every 25 years. It is a year set aside to encourage us to embark on pilgrimages, to repent of our sins, and to forgive others, to renew our focus on Jesus Christ.  
  
The parish will have **three key events in 2025:**  
  
1. **Pentecost Sunday 8 June 2025:** Celebrating the countries and cultures in our Parish, and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Raphael's, 9am Mass, 10am Parish Multi-Cultural Gathering.  
2. **Feasts of St. Gregory the Great:** Sunday 7 September: 9am Mass, 10am Parish Gathering.  
3. **Parish Pilgrimage to St's. Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral, Goulburn:** Date to be confirmed

**Sacrament of 1st Eucharist 2025**  
  
Please register on the Qkr! App  
  
For Children Year 4 and older  
  
**Information Night is at 6.30pm on Wednesday 7 May at St. Raphael's**  
  
1st Eucharist Masses at 5.30pm Wednesday 18th June 2025  
  
Thursday 19th June 2025  
  
Friday 20th June 2025

1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)
3. O Lord, grant us salvation;  
O Lord grant success.  
Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.