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

Saturday St. Greg's

10am

10:30am on Weds (term time) Parish Room St. Greg's school Macquoid St Check dates by texting Felicity 0420541772

Parish Playgroup Parish Youth Group Every second week at Every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

in the under croft 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.

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 midday 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.

Monday - Friday 5 pm

Rosary

Adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament** Friday11 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

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

- Pentecost Sunday 8 June 2025: Celebrating the countries and cultures in our Parish, and the 70th anniversary of St. Raphael's, 9am Mass, 10am Parish Multi-Cultural Gathering.
- Feasts of St. Gregory the Great: Sunday 7 September: 9am Mass, 10am Parish Gathering.
- 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

We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them.

He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with

joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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 Kelly, Matthew Mason-Cox

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

Tony Carey (Chair), Bec Gillett, Glenda Chapman, Nick Pelle, Gretchen Bell, Tony Wood, Sybil Busby, Selina Stanford, Janine Deakin, Sheryl & Benjie Reyes, Jaynel Estrella.

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2nd Sunday of Easter Year C

Easter Tuesday 22 April 2025

A tribute to Pope Francis (1936 to 2025)

We mourn the death of our beloved Pope Francis on Easter Monday 21st April 2025. We offer our Masses and our prayers for the repose of his soul.

What a great gift Pope Francis has been as our Pope over these 12 years.

He has been a Pope of many firsts.

He is the first Pope (and there have been 266 Popes) who was a member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

He was also the first Pope from the Americas and the Southern Hemisphere. He was the first Pope born and raised outside Europe since the 8th Century.

Finally, he is the first Pope to have chosen the name "Francis" as his Papal name.

May his dear soul rest in peace.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen!

Archbishop Christopher Prowse Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

this is an extract from the full tribute - copies in the Church.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Ngambri and Ngunnawal people and Torres Strait Islander peoples who are the traditional custodians and first peoples of this land. We pay our respects to their elders past and present and to the memory of their ancestors. We extend our respect to all Aboriginal people who are joining us today and/or who may live in our community.

Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,

that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm

- (R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
- 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.