

From Fr Troy

I hope all who attended our Easter services felt they were very moving and prayerful.

We had many visitors over Easter and I received numerous comments to how moving the services were.

I also noticed the numbers at all services were up especially the Passion of the cross (3.00pm).

I have been reflecting for some time now on the role of the Parish Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council have accomplished many fantastic initiatives such as Little sparks (children's Liturgy) Parish Expo, highlighting the many works and activities the parish was involved in, and I have to say it was impressive. Not to mention of course trying to support the youth in the parish.

Over the years we have had many dedicated people join and lead the Pastoral Council and I have enjoyed working with each and every one of them, all of the past and present Pastoral Council have had such a deep love and affection for their Parish.

During Covid as we are all aware, with the "lock downs" re-emerging's and the like, the parish had to look differently at how we went about ensuring our faith community was keeping connected. On the whole we did a pretty good job, however it also highlighted where are the needs that we need to look at again and maybe do differently.

So, I have decided to rethink and look differently at the way our parish organizes and communicates with each other. At the moment we have no major works to worry about, only the little every day activities to work on.

So, I am going to temporarily Suspend the operations of the current PPC and develop a new model.

So, if a major Parish or Pastoral initiative arises the procedure would be to

- ◆ Notify the parishioners by using all communication platforms we have available.
- ◆ If necessary to have a community gathering after or before our masses for discussion.

I know if anyone has any thoughts or concerns about this they will let me know.

God bless



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.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER YR C

23 & 24 April 2022

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

Monday
No Mass

Tuesday
5.30pm Mass

Wednesday
12noon Mass

Thursday
7am Mass

Friday
12noon Mass
11.00-11.55 Exposition & Adoration Not during Lent

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 Day Light Saving's time

REFLECTION

The fact that we may have a strong faith doesn't mean that life will be plain sailing for us. What faith does is gives us bearings, thus enabling us to live in a topsy-turvy world without getting lost or giving in to despair. Just as swimmers trust that if they don't panic, and if they do a few simple things, then the power of the sea will uphold them, so believers entrust their lives to a power greater than themselves. That power is the power of God, who brought his Son, Jesus, back from the dead.

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Please pray for our sick :

Phillip Roy Anderson
 Carmelo Bautista
 Florence Bowell
 John Church
 Iole Cicolini
 Elaine Cliff
 Emmanuel Corpuz
 Juliet and Rommel Estabillio
 Helen Fraser
 David Goldsmith
 Gary Grady
 Corazon Guemo
 Patricia Hardy
 Julia Kovacevic
 Mary Lea
 Anthony McGlynn
 Gywen McIntyre
 Anne McTernan
 Loretta & Geoff Percival
 Regina Paredes
 Hayden Paterson
 Maria Picker
 Trishy Mary Rankin
 Nathan Reynolds
 Dora Sarfor
 Jack Sealey
 Luz G Sinay
 Mary Skidmore
 Elisabeth Smyth
 Miyako Sturgess (Tokyo)
 Rosario B Surmielida
 Ljubica Vricic
 John Warner
 George Forbes House Residents
 Warrigal & Heritage Residents

May they rest in peace:

Bruna Stortini
 David Owens
 Margaret Phillips
 Derrick Rabel (Malaysia)
 Elizabeth (Bessie) Halloran
 Frank Domitrovic
 Rita Notte
 Madeline Thriff
 Gina Mogentale (Italy)
 Katarina Jozing
 Giuseppe Colbertaldo,

Anniversary of Death:

Smilja Ugrinic (1yr)
 Samuel Cauchi
 Vanessa Sealey
 Aidan Peart
 Michael Paternoster
 Antonio Casetta

Baptism:

Lily McHugh
 Mika Sainsbury
 Abby Darmody
 Bailey O'Grady

Wedding:

Trish Chipangura &
 Patrick O'Connell

Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading Apostles 5:12-16

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.

C. 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.'

L. 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

ALL. O Lord, grant us salvation;
 O Lord grant success.
 Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light.

Second Reading Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

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 I 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 John 20:19-31

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.

ST GREGORY'S COIN CLUB - For the month of April we will donate to **Caritas**. We are turning your silver into a pot of gold.

Collection for April so far is \$839.00 Total running balance is

Many thanks for your continuing generosity!



'Spread the Word'

- ◆ **Parish Anzac Day Mass** 25 April at 9 am in St Raphael's Church
- ◆ **National Anzac Day Mass** at the Cathedral at 8 am
- ◆ **Women's breakfast** will be Saturday 30th April at 8.30am. If you would like to attend please place your name on the list for catering purposes, which is at the parish events table.
- ◆ **At Home in the Spirit – St Gregory's Parish, Queanbeyan**
 'If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit' – Gal. 5.25
 4 May – 8 June: 6.30 - 8.30pm & 4 June - Pentecost prayer and worship: 7 - 9pm.
 Led by Jordan and Sarah Hodge and hosted by Frank and Selina Stanford at their home in Queanbeyan. At Home in the Spirit is open to all desiring a renewal or deepening of their faith. Talks, prayer, sharing and encounter night. Register or find out more from Selina on 0438664110. Spaces are limited.



Due to your very generous support to Caritas this year, we are very close to surpassing the amount of \$3496.00 which we collected in 2021, we will have a final figure of our collection next weekend.

Prayer for the Sick - There are a significant number of names on our sick list at this time. Could you please advise the parish office if any of the names can now be taken off the list. Thank you.

We are planning our Pentecost celebration for 2022 with the theme "United by the Spirit".

To create a very special gathering after mass on Pentecost Sunday, we would like to know and include your country of origin/cultural heritage in our preparations. Would everyone please write down the country's/culture's name on a slip of paper on the EVENTS table and place it in the pink box. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST - REGISTRATION

Please register your child for this sacrament before the 30 April 2022 from the link below. Your child must have already received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Please call Rita at the parish office if you have any questions regarding this sacrament. Thank you.

<https://www.stgregsqueanbeyan.com/first-eucharist>

A PRAYER FOR OUR ANZACS



Almighty everlasting God, who sent his only Son to die that we might live, grant, we pray, eternal rest to those who gave themselves in service and sacrifice for their country. We also pray, for fortitude in the cause of right, and may our remembrance of those who have died in war make us ardent defenders of your peace.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

