

Please pray for our sick: Joe Abela, Phillip Roy Anderson, Fr Greg Beath, Antonio Borja, Delfina Borja, Florence Howell, Leigh Anne Burkett, Katie Casey, Angelo Cecchellero, John Church, Iole Cicolini, Elaine Clift, Emmanuel Corpuz, Robin Crowe, Robert Crowe, Juliet and Rommel Estabillo, Felix & Erlinda Estrella, Rima Faatamala, Gordana Kovacevic, Helen Fraser, Cora Fulcher, David Goldsmith, Sophie Greenwood, Barbara Greer, Corazon Guemo, Gary Grady, Antonietta Laria, Sophy Lawless, Gywen McIntyre, Patricia McMahon, Kelsey Moran, Joseph Nguyen, Coral O'Loughlin, Pearce family members, Loretta & Geoff Percival, Regina Paredes, Michael Paternoster, Trishy Mary Rankin, Nate Reynolds, Jack Sealey, Rosario B Surmiolda, Lylah Melesete Tai, Shirley Vlazlovski, Ljubica Vricic, Eli Wakim, Eve Ward.



May they rest in peace: Paul Ryan, Monsignor Bill Mullins, Richard Nagolski (USA), Franjo Kozic, Irene Fuller, Senka Vidovic, Rex Sutherland, Conrado Valdemar III, Una McGill, Josip Belancic, Barbara Ten Donkelaar, Nunziata Traficante, Caridad Nejal (Phillipines).

Anniversary of Death: Shiela Hassall, Italo Menegazzo (1yr), Patricia Ross (15yrs), Margaret Cauchi (14yrs) Shirley Turner (1yr), Genowefe, Waclov & Joseph Jagodzki, Helene Franciszek Rolnik.

**Change of parish office opening days & times as from
Monday 6th November Monday - Friday 9-1pm**

- ◆ **26 November | Prayer Support for COP28 | 2:30PM** - UN's Climate Conference, COP28 starts in Dubai on 30-Nov. Public multi-faith prayer support for global action on climate (as a mainstream faith issue) will be on the lawns in front of Parliament House. 2.30-4pm Sunday, 26-Nov & 8-9.30am Monday, 27-Nov. All invited or offer prayer support off-site. Enquiry: LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com
- ◆ **From the Sublime to the Ridiculous:** an afternoon of music, words and laughter. Featuring Rosemary Shepherd, Janene Broere, Fiona Bender, Virginia Banyard & Peter Davies. The Significant Others, The Phoenix Players - theatre company. All this and afternoon tea too! Sunday November 26th at 2pm- Queanbeyan Uniting Church, Rutledge St Queanbeyan
Entry at door by paper donation in aid of Home in Queanbeyan
Inquiries: Vivien 61660187 or cvivienarnold@gmail.com
- ◆ The **CANBERRA BACH ENSEMBLE** – *Bach's Advent Cantatas*. Choir, orchestra, and soloists, directed by Andrew Koll, will be performing JS Bach's Advent Cantatas BWV 61, 36, 62 and 1, on Saturday 2 December at 7.30pm, and Sunday 3 December at 2.00pm at St Christopher's Cathedral, Franklin Street, Manuka. For more info and to purchase tickets, please visit www.canberrabachensemble.com
- **Part time Parish Secretary - Charnwood** - Applications are invited for the position of Parish Secretary for St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Charnwood. This is a 12 month contract, part-time position of 10-12 hrs per wk. Essential requirements:
Experience database packages, Strong communication and liaison skills, Strong organizational skills, Ability to work on your own, as part of a wider team and take direction. Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching. Experience in an office environment
Salary subject Clerks Award. Please contact the parish priest, Fr Gerard McCormick Charwood@cg.org.au for a copy of the duty statement and the Selection criteria.
Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC):

Tony Carey (Chair), Bec Gillett, Glenda Chapman, Nick Pelle, Gretchen Bell, Tony Wood, Sybil Busby, Dylan House, Selina Stanford, Janine Deakin, Kripa Antony, Antony Stanislaus, Sheryl & Benjie Reyes, Jaynel Estrella.
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Elenore Karpfen (Chair), Paul Lindwall, Scott Corr, Anne Alexander, John Owens, Fr Tony Percy.

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18th & 19th November 2023 YEAR A

<i>Weekend Mass Times</i>	<i>Weekday Mass Times</i>	<i>Confession Times</i>
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Mon-Fri 5.30pm	Tues, Thurs, Fri, 6pm
Sunday 9am	Wed & Fri 12noon	Saturday 10am at St Gregory's Church
Sunday 5pm	Saturday 9.30 am at St Gregory's (Molonglo Street) at 9.30am - Confessions at 10am	On Request

Dear Parishioners,

During the month of October it is the custom in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn to take stock of how many people are coming to celebrate Mass each Sunday.

The average for the four Sundays in our parish was **515 people**.

If we take the population of the parish to be approximately **45,000**, and if we assume that **25%** of the population is Catholic, then the percentage of Catholics coming to pray on a Sunday is **4.5%**

You often hear people speak about the **shortage of priests**, but should we be speaking about the **shortage of people?**

Contrast this dim figure with the reaction of two sets of visitors to our parish last weekend, who found the 9am Mass and subsequent morning tea (put on by the Tongan Community) to be **most uplifting**.

Advent and Christmas will be upon us shortly. I suggested to the *Parish Pastoral Council* recently that a good outreach during this time would be to send out parishioners **two-by-two** (*Luke 10*), armed with postcards inviting people to our Christmas Masses. The cards would be placed in people's mailboxes – we won't be not knocking on doors, you'll be happy to know!

Simple things like this, which lets people know we are alive – and interested in them – over time makes a difference.

Next week is the feast of *Christ the King*, with the focus on recognising Jesus in the poor, frail and fragile. We will focus our attention on our parish outreach to the elderly and housebound.

Thanks to all of you for coming to Mass. It is not a numbers game, as you know, but a faith adventure, with all its 'highs and lows,'

Father Tony

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.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading Prov 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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Next weekend's readings
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Corin 15:20-2,26,28
Matthew 25:31-46

ST GREGORY'S COIN CLUB - The balance we have collected for 2023 is **The receptacle for the coins is near the offertory table. Many thanks for your generosity!**

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We are collecting for those who are struggling to pay their household bills.

Please note- deadline for all notices for the parish bulletin must be submitted to the parish office by Thursday morning.

- ◆ **MASS GREETERS NEEDED** - No experience necessary. Just arrive 10 to 15 minutes early, grab some bulletins and welcome all to our parish family. The more the merrier!! 😊
- ◆ **Rosters** -The December roster will be prepared soon. The rosters have now been outsourced to Anne Alexander a parishioner. If you need to contact Anne her email is annealexander1403@gmail.com or 0423145540.
- ◆ **Women's Breakfast** - Our next women's breakfast will be on Saturday 25th November at Suppetto's at Jerrabomberra from 8.30am. Place your name on the list if you would like to attend. Another date for your diary is 16th December for the last breakfast for the year.
- ◆ **New Parishioners** - If you are new to our parish, firstly we would like to welcome you to our faith community. If you would like to be included in our parish data system i.e. For bulletins, news via email please complete the new parishioners form which is available near the front entry of the church.
- ◆ **Housebound parishioners** - If you have a family member or friend that is housebound and would like a visit and receive communion. Please advise Fr Tony or Fr Josh or call the parish office.
- ◆ **LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME**
There are two meditation gatherings in our parish. Tuesday at 7pm or Wednesday at 1pm, either in the church or the meeting room (depending on the availability of the church). **We would love for more people to join us – its easy and beautiful.** Please consider ... it's less than an hour. **Bring a friend – all denominations warmly welcomed.** 🕊️
- ◆ **Adult Faith Formation/ RCIA** - Tuesdays 6-7pm, in church. Resumes 17th October - 28 November
- ◆ **SVDP Vinnies** has a 10 cent recycling bin in the presbytery garage. [bottles and cans] The Conference is grateful for your generous donations of groceries. These items have helped us spend funding on fresh foods and essentials. Donations of pasta, pasta sauces, milk and noodles always useful. We are starting to work out what Christmas needs might be. Again thank you for your generosity.
- ◆ **Calling Catholic Mental Health Professionals** -
Join the Raphael Network, founded in 2023 for Australian Catholic mental health professionals. We blend psychology with Christian anthropology—body, mind, spirit—and Catholic teachings. Enjoy online talks, an annual retreat, and peer support. We're a hub for holistic well-being, referrals, and resources. Apply at www.raphaelnetwork.org.au
- ◆ **Needs of Lay Catholics Today** - What do adult lay Catholics need today to help them live a committed Catholic life amid the circumstances of modern society? To find out and to help improve their services to our Archdiocese, the **Canberra Circle of the Catenians, an international association of lay Catholics, is conducting an Archdiocesan-wide online survey.** Please help by completing this brief, anonymous, tick-box survey via this url. Thank you. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLTZGMW>
- ◆ **Palms Australia** Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. Explore 35 positions, on our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION - YEAR 3 CHILDREN 2024

Parents will be notified soon about the registration process for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation for children who will be in Year 3 in 2024. It will be via the QKR app. Please call the parish office if you have any questions.