

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 2nd and 4th week at
 10:30am on Wed
 In the Parish Room at St.
 Greg's school Macquoid st.
 (NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE)

Parish Youth Group
Every 2nd and 4th
Wednesdays
 in the undercroft at
 St. Raphael's Church
 Contact Neeta
 0490082345

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)
 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 Priest

Dear Parishioners,

The first two weeks of Lent invite us to consider the mystery of Jesus, who is truly human and truly divine. Hence, last week the temptations of Jesus and this week his transfiguration:

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning (Luke 9).

Unlike ourselves, Jesus is tempted, but is without sin, and unlike ourselves Jesus existed with his Father before time.

Matthew, Mark and Luke all proclaim the Transfiguration. Only Luke gives us insight into the actual conversation Jesus had with Moses and Elijah:

Suddenly there were two men there talking to Jesus; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing ('exodus') which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem (Luke 9).

The Jews were liberated ('exodus') from slavery to the Egyptians by God and Jesus goes through his 'exodus' – his passion, death and resurrection – liberating us from sin and death, but we must take note:

After being liberated, God led the Jewish people to Mount Sinai. There he gave them the Ten Commandments, telling them, 'keep these, otherwise a worse form of slavery will fall upon you.'

Find in our Lenten Books a fine examination of conscience, enabling us to prepare for a good confession of sins this Lent.

Thank you again for your financial support of our wonderful parish, permitting us to carry out maintenance to our fine buildings. This time it is the fascia of St. Raphael's facing the showground, requiring scaffolding – not an inexpensive repair.

Prayers for you and your family,

Father Tony

Prayers and Intercessions

Priest

Let us proclaim the greatness of God our Father and pray to him, for he cares for all his children.

Reader

God of all truth, grant every good gift to the college of bishops.

R. Preserve us in the faith of the apostles, and help us to share our faith with humility.

May all who share in the one Bread of Life be filled with your love.

R. May we be united more closely in the Body of your Son.

Help us to put aside our selfish ways.

R. During this Lenten season, help us to come back to you with all of our heart.

May sinners share in the blessings of Christ's atonement.

R. May we find repentance and experience forgiveness.

May the sick and lonely find in us the love and tenderness of Christ.

R. May healing and peace be granted to them day by day.

Let the dead praise your goodness in the peace of heaven.

R. There we hope to glorify your name for ever.

Priest

Lord, grant us the gift of the Holy Spirit, granting us courage and consolation, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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:

Graham Lawless
 Aurelia Sotomayor
 Thomislav Gavranic

Anniversaries:

Peta Hala
 Joe Colbertaldo

Baptisms

Malani Tohilima Harper Eden Foxley
 Harrison Mitchell Foxley Benjamin Nicholas Foxley
 Jasper Bern Camp

Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation

Christopher Peter Edwards
 Jamie Lee Mansell
 Jayson Samuel Adkins

St. Gregory's Charity Coin Collection 2025

Total
\$642.65

(Currently collecting for First Steps Pregnancy Support)

Jubilee Year 2025

Pope Francis has 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 **four key events in 2025:**

1. **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.
2. **Feasts of St. Gregory the Great:** Sunday 7 September: 9am Mass, 10am Parish Gathering.
3. **Parish Pilgrimage to Sts. Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral, Goulburn:** Date to be confirmed

Parish Farewell for Father Tony

Sunday 23 March 2025

Following 9am Mass

Please bring a plate.

Journeying with the Holy Spirit Spiritual Retreat

Sat 22 March 2025
9.15-3pm

St. Benedict's Catholic Church Narrabundah

Click link below for tickets

<https://events.humanitix.com/journeying-with-the-holy-spirit/tickets>