

Mass Times at St Raphael's

Sunday

5:30pm (Sat Night Vigil)

8am and 10am then Morning Tea

Weekdays

Tues, Wed & Thur 5:30pm

Fri at 12 noon

2nd Saturday of month 9:30am

at St Gregory's Church

St Patrick's Michelago 31 Oct 4pm

Confession Times

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Tuesday Wednesday Thursday
6pm

St Raphael's

Parish Youth Group

Currently in recess but usually on
Wednesday evenings
in the undercroft at St. Raphael's
Contact Neeta 0490082345

Nursing Homes

Times

1st Wed of Month 10am

George Forbes House - Mass

2nd Wed of Month 10:30am Aeralife -
Communion Service

3rd Wed of Month 10:30am Warrigal -
Mass

St Vincent de Paul Conference

Meets every 2 weeks at 7pm on
Thursdays next
on 8 October ALL WELCOME
HOME in Queanbeyan
284 Crawford St.
Call Matthew on 0409228886

Rosary at St Raphael's

Rosary Tuesday - Thursday 5pm

Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament

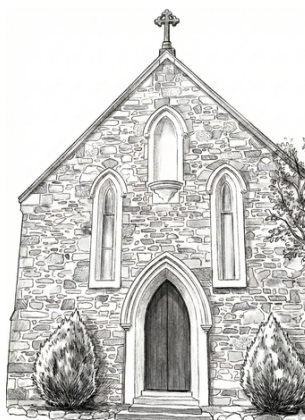
Thursdays at 4:15 with Benediction
Friday 11am

Meditation on Tuesdays at 7pm

St Gregory's Catholic Parish

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 26 and 27 September 2026 Year A
112th World Day of Migrants & Refugees

Announcements Parish

Charity Collection: This week \$14.75 was collected for HOME in Queanbeyan. Please no foreign coins

Missionary Sisters of Charity Sunday School every week at 11am at St. Raphael's Church. Include preparation for baptism for children older than 6 plus instruction for children of all ages. All children welcome.

Want to be Catholic? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Continues at 9am every Sunday in the Parish Room of the Presbytery at St. Raphael's. We welcome everyone.

St. Gregory's Parish welcomes seven Missionary of Charity Sisters to Queanbeyan till early December as they journey through a renewal course. Please keep them in your prayers.

Closure of Intersection

Contractors are starting works on the Lowe & Monaro Street intersection in the upcoming Spring school holidays as part of the Monaro Street Refresh. The intersection will be closed from Saturday 26 September till Monday 12 October. Please allow time & patience if this impacts your journey to & from St Raphael's Church

St.Vincent de Paul Queanbeyan Conference Commissioning Service

A special ceremony to commission the Queanbeyan conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held during the 10am Mass this Sunday followed by morning tea/BBQ to celebrate the feast of St Vincent de Paul. Funds raised will go to support our twinned conferences in the Philippines:

- St Catherine Laboure Conference located in Ermita in Manila; and
- De Paul High School Conference located in Jaro in Iloilo City.

We provide these twinned conferences with spiritual and material support and welcome further participation from members of our Parish Filipino community.

St Vincent de Paul will be hosting a sausage sizzle on Sunday 27 September after 10am Mass. Gold coin donations.

Advent Reflection 2026

We are pleased to advise that our Advent books have arrived and are \$5 each from the Parish Office. Be quick or miss out!

Acknowledgement of Country

Our parish acknowledges the original custodians, the first peoples of the land where we gather to pray. We welcome any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples present. We honour their elders past, present and emerging as we walk together continuing the path to reconciliation.

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Readings and Psalms

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Upcoming Pigrimages:

13 October 2026 | Fatima Day pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Mercy, Penrose Park

Following feedback received from parishioners, we have decided to organise this pilgrimage as our own parish event. We will no longer be joining the South Woden Parish community for this pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage will be led by Mr Cinnil Thomas on 13 October and will include:

Rosary, Solemn Mass, Eucharistic Procession to the Grotto with Confessions the whole time and a number of priests in attendance. **Departure will be at 7:15am** from St Raphael's Church, 47 Lowe Street Queanbeyan.

TRANSPORT will be arranged **either through carpooling or bus transport**, depending on the level of interest received. Add your name to the sheet on the table at the back of the church.

November | Marian Procession | 10am Sunday 1st November 2026

The Marian Procession is an ecumenical event hosted by the Goulburn Parish of Sts Mary Queen of Apostles, from the Old Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul's. This year it will process on All Saints Day. Father George hopes to attend.

The Annual Blessing of Animals and Plants on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi Date Sunday 4 October 2026 Time 5:30pm

Place - Car park at St.Raphael's Church

Please bring your well-behaved pets. This will take place in the carpark and there will be no parking of cars there. The altar will be at the side door. You can park in the showground and bring your pets into the car park.

1. You must register your animal on the sheet in the middle of the church before the start of Mass.
2. You must check your animal in with the supervisor at the start of Mass.
3. You are responsible for your animal at all times and will have to remove your animal if they are disruptive.
4. You can bring a plant. Please bring your own chair.

Annual Service for the Departed

The Bereavement Team would like to thank everyone who helped to organise this service. Your contribution was greatly appreciated.

In today's parable where a son said yes but did nothing, Jesus offers a striking indictment of empty lip-service. In our age, one of the Church's most insistent calls has been for people to work for the protection of the vineyard of the earth. Speaking of climate change, deforestation and chemical pollution, Pope Saint John Paul II declared in 1990 'that the ecological crisis is a moral issue' and called on all people to 'recognise their obligation to contribute to the restoration of a healthy environment'. In 2009 Pope Benedict XVI insisted that 'technologically advanced societies can and must lower their domestic energy consumption'. In 2015 Pope Francis called on all of humanity 'to recognise the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming' of the world's climate which we are currently facing. Successive Popes have therefore called us all to work for the protection of our planet and its people. But it is up to every Christian to ensure that these words are not just empty rhetoric.

112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2026 Sunday 27th September 2026.

Message of Pope Leo XIV:

"Even Just One of These Children" (cf. Mt 18:10)

"... The Gospel invites us not to calculate: even one. Every child, every human being, possesses an infinite dignity. Each is created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26); each is a presence of the Lord. Before every migrant child, we are called to make an act of humanity and faith, for we are able to welcome and encounter the Lord. This call becomes even more pressing in the light of another of the Lord's affirmations in the Gospel of Matthew: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35)

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Bishop Delegate for Migrants and Refugees Chairperson, Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry

"... We would all agree with the Pope that 'sadly, migrant children are more easily ignored, because they lack adults capable of protecting and supporting them.' Our responsibility in our community and in Australia in general, is to go out of our way to be attentive to this often invisible and voiceless dimension of Migrants and Refugees.

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Let us pray for the sick in our Parish

Christian Borja, Dhel Borja, Hugo Villa, Fred Spiteri, Felicia Lyons, Robert (Ned) Vodovic, Mirella Wakim, Thomas, Juliet & Rommel Estabillo, Rosario Surmeida, Katie Casey, Patelisio Langi, Phil Hastings, Cheryl Smith, Ulma Faatamala, Gwyne McIntyre, Patrick McCormack, Patricia Mooney, Catherine Cullen, Eva Sutton, John Church, Rae Blyton, Oliver Pacione, Jamie Mansell

Recently Deceased

Andrew McCosker

Anniversaries

Father Mietek

Aurora Nieves

James & Patricia O'Malley

Baptisms

Maddie Lea Hansen

Saints Days this week.

Monday 28 September	St Lawrence Ruiz & companions St Wenceslaus
Tuesday 29 September	St's Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels
Wednesday 30 September	St Jerome
Thursday 1 October	St Therese of the Child Jesus
Friday 2 October	The Holy Guardian Angels
Saturday 3 October	Blessed Virgin Mary

Electrical Improvement Works at St.Raphael's starting soon

Please note carefully that access to the Prestbytery will be restricted and parking at the front will not be available after October 1st 2026. The first part will be removal of garden soil so a new electrical cable can be installed.
Be careful to avoid the area.

Annual October Mass Count

This will occur at all masses and is simply numerical. No details are required from attendees.

100th year School Anniversary Celebration – St Gregory's School (Lowe Street Campus).

We're excited to celebrate our school's anniversary later in the year, and we'd love your help to make this special occasion a memorable one!

We're looking for enthusiastic parents, carers, ex students, and members of our school community to volunteer their time and talents. There are plenty of ways to get involved.

We are keen to obtain photos and stories relating to St Gregory's School (Lowe Street campus) over the last 100 years. Anyone who wishes to contribute can send them to stgregs100@catholic.edu.au

Thank you.

Season of Creation:

The Season of Creation 1 September to 4 October 2026. It is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together.

You are invited to the following events: Please come!

6pm Tuesday 29 Sept: Film screening and panel discussion *Everyone, Everywhere, Everywhen* 40min film on national water justice and water governance. Orana Centre, 7 Bindel Street Aranda.

12 noon on Saturday 3 October . Outdoor prayer service followed by lunch at the Queanbeyan Baptist Church

Braddon Catholic Girls High School 50th Reunion

Year 10 (1974) and Year 12 (1976) Saturday 17th October 2026 3pm – 7pm at Merici College, Wise St Braddon.

Bookings are essential and tickets cost \$30. Book via Humantix by searching "Merici Alumni" then select the event "Class of 1974/1976 Reunion Braddon" RSVP by 1 October.

Celebrations will continue from 7:30pm at the Ainslie Football Club, 52 Wakefield Avenue Ainslie

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Entrance Antiphon

Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Communion Antiphon

1 John 3:16

By this we came to know the love of God:
that Christ laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

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

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