

We are planning on having a farewell for Fr Troy and Deacon Don on Sunday 18th December. On the Sunday we shall have morning tea, if you can please bring a plate to share that would be appreciated. Another URGENT request is if you have any photos, memories of the times and events while Fr Troy has been here with us can you please share them with us either by email or dropping into the office and we will photocopy them. Looking forward to these photos coming in, thank you. Fr Troy will be celebrating his last masses with us in our parish on 31st December/1st January.

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER 6.30PM

PARISH INDIAN COMMUNITY FUND RAISING EVENT

Last chance to join us for a magnificent banquet prepared and hosted by our fellow Indian faith community. They will be serving a small selection of fine delicious delicacies to stimulate our taste buds. Please see the menu in the EVENTS HUB.

You will need to register, choose your meals, and make your payment, by no later than Sunday evening you can pay at the gift shop if you wish.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE 6PM AT ST RAPHAEL'S CHURCH

CHRISTMAS CAROLS BEGIN AT 5.15 PM

MIDNIGHT – ST RAPHAEL'S CHURCH

CHRISTMAS CAROLS START AT 11.15 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY 8 AM AND 10 AM ST RAPHAEL'S CHURCH

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER AT 7PM

ST RAPHAEL'S CHURCH

Roster for Christmas Masses is in the Events Hub

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St Raphael's (main church), St Gregory's (no weekend services),
and St Patrick's Michelago.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A 3 & 4 December 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.



REFLECTION

The voice of John the Baptist was a lonely voice.

There are many lonely voices in our world,

coming not only from the prophets, but also from the victims of injustice and neglect.

Lord, help us to listen to these voices.

Above all, help us to listen to your voice,

whispering to us in the wilderness of our hearts, telling us that we are loved by you,

and that we are to love one another.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday
5.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday
9.00am Mass
Sunday 5.30pm Mass
now at Googong 136 Gorman Drive, Googong, access through the Budawang building via carpark on Hearne and Rodgers Rd, GOOGONG

last mass at Googong is 18th December 2022

Monday

No Mass

Tuesday

5.30pm Mass

Wednesday

12noon Mass

Thursday

7am Mass

Friday

12noon Mass

11.00am-11.55am Exposition and Adoration

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 Daylight Savings time
No Mass in December & January

Flor McCarthy SDB



Please pray for our sick:

Joe Abela
Phillip Roy Anderson
Carmelo Bautista
Florence Bowell
John Church
Elaine Cliff
Emmanuel Corpuz
Stephanie de Jongh
Juliet and Rommel Estabillo
Helen Fraser
Cora Fulcher
David Goldsmith
Corazon Guemo
Gary Grady
Antonietta Laria
Baby Atlas Lozev
Anthony McGlynn
Gywen McIntyre
Patricia McMahan
Anna Nguyen
Loretta & Geoff Percival
Regina Paredes
Trishy Mary Rankin
Nathan Reynolds
Mark Sawyer
Elisabeth Smyth
Miyako Sturgess (Tokyo)
Rosario B Surmielida
Ljubica Vricic
Eve Ward
Olesia (Jacyson) Warren

May they rest in peace:

Pius Akpa
Bronia Banasiak
Paul Jackson
Wallace Cameron
Italo Menegazzo
Mariangela Arcuri
Sharon Woods (Fr John Wood's sister)
Shirley Turner
Michael Conroy
Maria Teresa Pucci
Sandra 'Maureen' Woods
James Wells

Anniversary of Death:

Domenico Stramandinoli
Caterina Siciliano
Peter Lasker
Ian Hill
Elizabeth Dorrian
Antonio Guglielmin

We welcome into our parish through Baptism.

Mia and Charlie Catling
Jovani Morabito
Oscar Rallings

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading Is 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loin cloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

L. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in Justice and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**

C. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds. **(R.)**

L. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

C. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

© liturgy help

Next weekend's Mass readings: 3rd Sunday of Advent Yr A

Is 35:1-6,10 Jas 5:7-10 Matthew: 11:2-11

REMAINING CAUTIOUS: Please remain cautious as flu and Covid continue. Face masks encouraged during Mass. Thank you for your continued efforts.

ST GREGORY'S COIN CLUB - For the month of December we are collecting for Home in Queanbeyan.

The balance so far is Total running balance for this year is

Many thanks for your continuing generosity!



- ◆ **Pilgrimage to Inner Peace** – This gathering is to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus through Christian Meditation. The last gathering for this year will be on 6th December 2022 - 7.30pm in the Church. **It will resume in February and further advice will be given in January.** Contact Tony Carey on 0455 231 057 tony@tccconsulting.com.au
- ◆ **Prayer Group** - The last Prayer Group gathering for this year will be a luncheon on Wednesday, 14th December 2022, at the Queanbeyan Golf Club following midday Mass. Prayer Group will then re-commence their regular meetings on Wednesday, 11th January 2023.
- ◆ **Do you have unwanted Pokemon cards and/or folders?** We are trying to help a child rebuild his collection that was destroyed in a fire. Contributions can be left at the Parish office. A link for the go fund me page is on our parish facebook page.
- ◆ **SVDP** - Christmas gift collection. The Christmas stockings for the gifts are on the columns. Please take a gift tag off the stocking and return the gift unwrapped to the giving tree. Donations of wrapping paper and gift bags are welcome.
- ◆ **Women's Breakfast** - We are having our last Breakfast for the year on the 10th December, the venue will be changed to the **Ciao Café**. We have booked the table for 15 attendees so please place your name down for catering purposes. Thank you
- ◆ **Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards are available from the gift shop.**
- ◆ **Rosters** - please check your name on the list in the events hub and indicate if you would still like to be left on the rosters for 2023. **Also the Christmas roster is available in the events hub, please put your name down if you can assist at any of the Masses.**
- ◆ **WANTED - Volunteer Sacristan** - It would be approx. 1 1/2 hour weekly- you can choose your weekday that suits you. A run sheet of duties is available from Fr Troy or from the parish office.
- ◆ **Anointing Mass** - Wednesday 21st December at Midday
- ◆ **Christmas Carols** - St Raphael's Choir representing St Gregory's Parish is performing at the Queanbeyan Park for Christmas Carols on Thursday 15th December around 8.30pm - 9pm.

LAUDATO SI-caring for our world, caring for our community, caring for each other

In February 2023 we will be starting a reading group to go through the Pope's 2015 encyclical Laudato Si' – On Care for our Common Home. A link to the pdf of the encyclical is here: https://www.ecojesuit.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si_en.pdf and you can sign up to register your interest in the reading group and/or order a copy of the text at the Events Hub or by contacting the Parish office.

.Paul Jackson funeral service will be held on Tuesday 13th December at 1pm in St Raphael's Church.