

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 29 Aug 4pm

Confession Times

Confession Times Tuesday-

Thursday 6pm - St. Raphael's

No confessions at St. Gregory's
Church

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 27 August 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 having a break until

September

St Gregory's Catholic Parish

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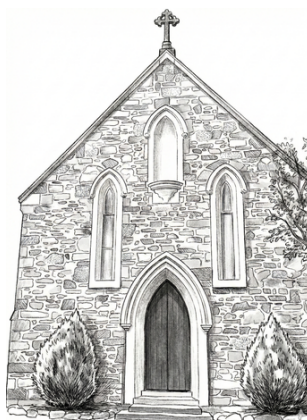
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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 15 and 16 August 2026 Year A

Announcements Parish

Charity Collection: This week \$109.20 has been collected for HOME in Queanbeyan. Please no foreign coins

Donations for Vinnies: Pantry items needed (inc UHT milk) and soups - leave in box at rear of Church.

Vinnies Night Patrol: Donations of dark men's work socks or any thick socks, dark track pants in sizes M and XL. Dark hoodies, jackets or jumpers, black is the preferred fashionable colour. Please drop off to the parish office. Thank you.

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.

Confirmation 2026. Please pray for the 80 young candidates as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be celebrated in September

Feast of the Assumption. There will be Mass at 10am at St. Raphael's on Saturday 15 August 2026

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Commences at 9am on Sunday 6 September 2026 in the Parish Room of the Presbytery at St. Raphael's. Leave your name at the office or just attend.

Parish Message Board on Lowe Street. The Parish Pastoral Council, as part of the parish communication strategy, would like to utilise the message board on Lowe Street more effectively to advertise upcoming events in the parish or communicate other relevant messages. If you are interested in being part of the team to update this board could you please contact Selina Stanford on 0438664110.

Father's Day Raffle: Tickets available now at \$1 each. Lovely hamper.

Announcements from the Archdiocese

Notice of the Archdiocesan Assembly

The Archdiocesan Assembly will be held on Saturday 22 August (9:00am - 4:00pm) 2026. Venue for our Parish is St Joseph's Primary School, 101 Lagoon St, Goulburn NSW 2580 and online attendance will also be available. Details at <http://www.cgevangalisation.org.au/assemblyfestival> where you can register to attend.

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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Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them

Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

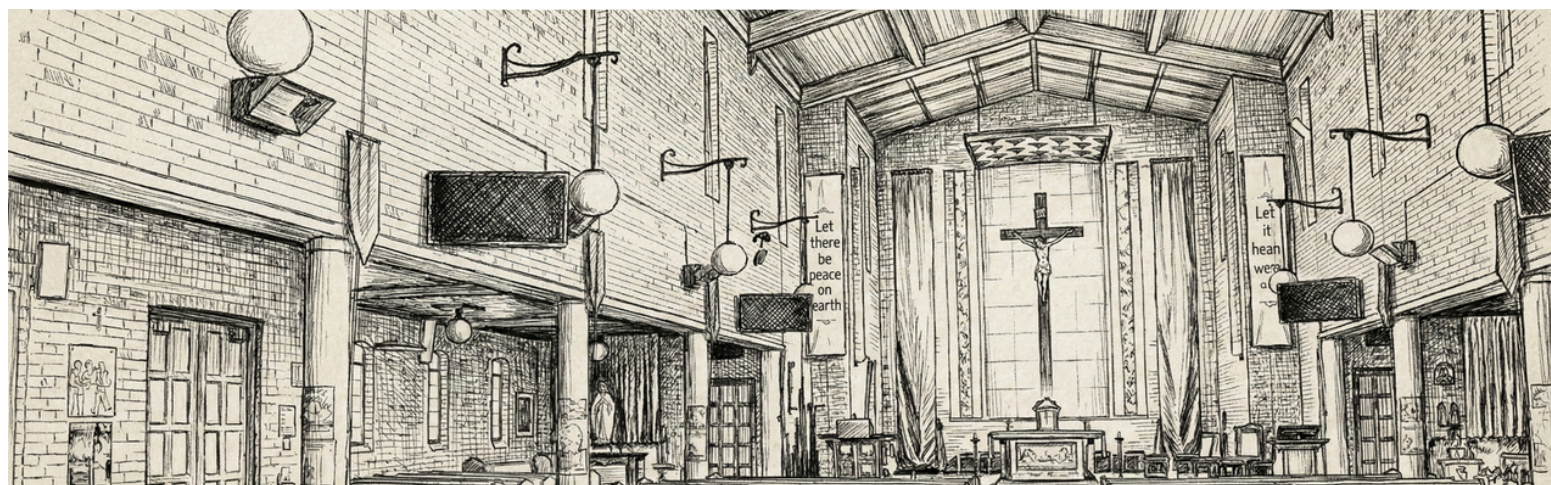
Alleluia

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.'



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He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Communion Antiphon

John 6:51-52

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

Saints and Feast Days this week

Saturday 15 August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 16 August	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday 19 August	Saint John Eudes
Thursday 20 August	Saint Bernard
Friday 21 August	Saint Pius X, Pope
Saturday 22 August	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Becoming Catholic: An Invitation to Journey in Faith

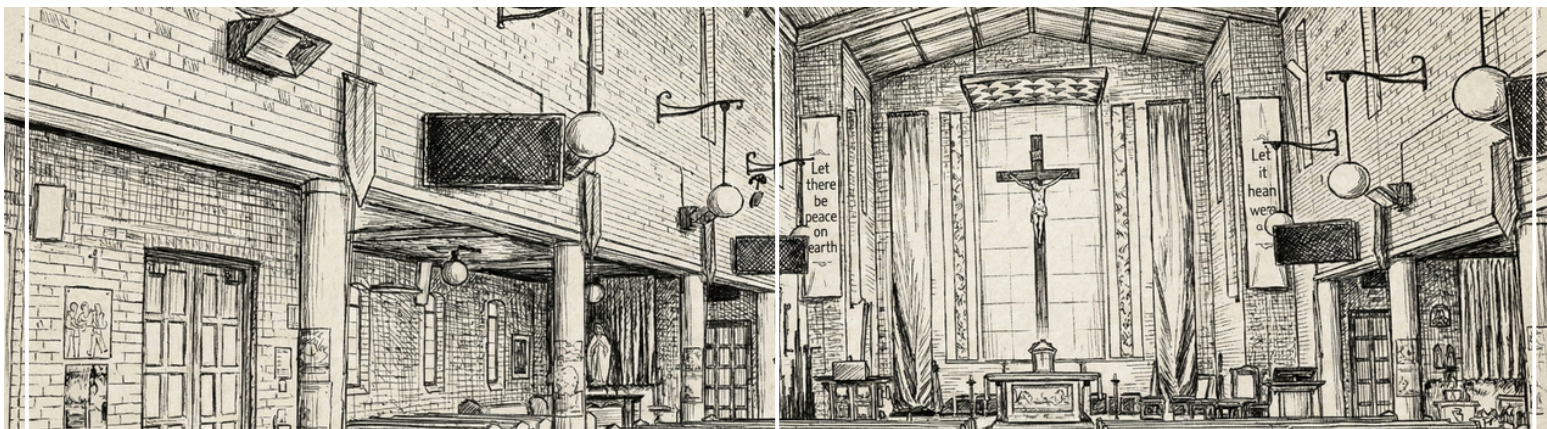
Are you thinking about becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Perhaps you were baptised Catholic but have been away from the Church for some time and are wanting a refresher on the Catholic Church's teachings.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, RCIA, is a structured journey for adults who wish to join the Catholic Church. It is for those who are unbaptised, known as catechumens, and those who have been baptised in another Christian tradition, known as candidates. Through prayer, Scripture, teaching, discussion, and participation in the liturgical life of the Church, participants are gradually introduced to the Catholic faith and the life of the parish community.

This journey belongs to the whole parish. Current parishioners are warmly invited to take part as companions, supporters, and fellow learners. Coming along can be a wonderful opportunity to renew your own understanding of the faith while helping those exploring Catholicism feel welcomed, supported, and accompanied.

No one should have to make this journey alone. As a parish, we are called to walk together.

RCIA will commence on **Sunday 6th September 2026 at 9am in the Parish Room**. Sessions will go for about 45 minutes. To express interest, please leave your name and contact details at the parish office.



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Announcements



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,
We the Missionaries of Charity
invite you to join us at the
Eucharistic Celebration of
St. Mother Teresa's Feast Day.
Date: Saturday 5th September
2026

Time: 9 am

Venue: St. Raphael's Catholic
Church.
47 Lowe St.
Queanbeyan.

Main Celebrant: Fr. George Ojah

The Novena Masses will commence on Thursday
27th August to 4th September 2025,
at 5:30pm - St. Raphael's Church.

We are looking forward to seeing you and
your family.

God bless you,
Sisters of the Missionaries
of Charity.

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, Andy McCosker, Patelisio Langi, Phil Hastings, Cheryl Smith, Ulima Faatamala, Gywne McIntyre, Patrick McCormack, Patricia Mooney, Catherine Cullen, Eva Sutton, John Church, Rae Blyton, Oliver Pacione, Jamie Mansell

Recently Deceased

Gertrude Fletcher

Anniversaries

Guisepppe Sergi
Antonia Rodrigues
Eduardo Machado
Gilberto Serafin
Dino & Maria Serafin

Baptisms

Lylah Heather Jensen
Levi Rhys Spiteri
Luca Joseph Spiteri
Sofiya Marie Picker

The Ordination of Don Gomez to the Permanent Diaconate

The Most Reverend Christopher Prowse, DD, STD, Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn, will preside at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with the Rite of Ordination on Wednesday, 19 August 2026, at 5:00 pm (AEST) at St Christopher's Cathedral, Canberra. You are all invited.

Please pray for Don and his family.

Cenacle: Institute for Synodal Evangelisation's fourth Formation Forum, "What Do We Believe?"

Date & Time: Tuesday, 15 September 2026 | 6-8pm

Venue: Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral
Centre

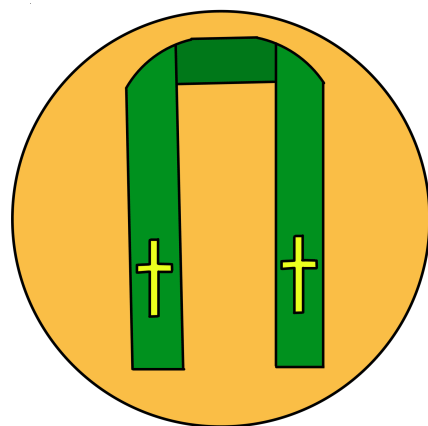
Online Option: us06web.zoom.us/j/87199525802 |

Meeting ID: 871 9952 5802

Free. Registration is required: tinyurl.com/35vs84j7

For more information, please email:

institute@cg.org.au.



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 Archdiocese 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

Parish Finance Council (PFC): Anne Alexander (Chair), Paul Lindwall, Matthew Mason-Cox, Joanne Frederiksen, Paul Ross

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC): Janine Deakin (Chair), Bec Giampaolo, Kiralee Nolan, Sybil Busby, Glenda Chapman, Ralph Frank, Nisha Joseph, Manoj Jose, Nick Pelle, Sheryl & Benjie Reyes, Selina Stanford.

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