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Catholic Parish of St Canice

We acknowledge the Gadigal people, the traditional custodians on whose land this Church was built.

3 October 2021

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

Parish Directory

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Masses

Tu 7am, W & Th 9am, F 12noon, Sa 9am
Sat 6pm, Sun 8:30am 10:30am.
Online: Sat 6pm Zoom Meeting ID: 893
9545 6461 Passcode: 990013

Weddings, Funerals – subject to rules

Contact Parish Office Tel: 9358 5229

Reconciliation

By arrangement

Viaticum (Last Rites) & Anointing

As requested - contact the Parish Office or
0427 566 324 after hours.

Healing Mass

Cancelled

Baptism, Child Sacraments & RCIA

Contact Parish Office Tel: 9358 5229

Until ~11/10 the Church can only be used for funerals and small weddings.

5th Plenary Council – enriched listening, to the Spirit's voice

On Sunday October 3, the Plenary Council of the Australian Catholic Church will assemble for the first time. This is the end of a long process that began three and a half years ago. We now seem to live in a different country, in a different age. Its planning and initial stages began before the bushfires, before coronavirus, before the restrictions and lockdowns that have been part of our daily lives. It was conceived as a process that would bring people together personally in their local churches and finally in large gatherings. Its final stage now comes when people cannot gather to celebrate Mass in much of Australia and with the members of the Council meeting electronically.

In the face of so much change it is helpful to remind ourselves of what the Council is about and what we might hope for from it. Plenary Councils are held from time to time in the Church to discuss issues of national importance for the Church. This is the first to be held in Australia since 1937. Their structure was regulated at a time when it was conceived as a gathering of Bishops, but it takes place when Pope Francis has pressed for Church governance in which all Catholics are involved. In this Council only Bishops will vote on its decisions, and clergy and Religious form the majority of the Council members. Despite these limitations, the preparations for the Council tried to involve as many Catholics as possible at parish level, in naming the main issues facing the Church today, and giving feedback in the preparation of material for the Council discussions. Lay people from each Diocese will be among the members of the Council.

This complex process began with a very simple question: *what do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?* The question is deliberately broad. It can be asked of the internal life of the Church as it is expressed in our liturgy, teaching, parish and diocesan organisation and decision making. It can also be asked, as Pope Francis has emphasised, about the relationship of the Church to the wider society, in our outreach to people who are not Catholic or marginalised by society, and in our contribution to public life and conversation.

At the Council the members will have the benefit of the feedback from people at its earlier stages. They will be expected to take account not only of what we have said but of the passion which we have brought to particular issues. What might we hope that the Council will deliver? Pope Francis has recently spoken much of his own hopes. He is more concerned with good *process* than with good *conclusions*. He does not see the Council as a parliamentary meeting in which positions are debated and decided by vote. He sees them as exercises in listening in which all present are taken beyond their initial convictions. People may continue to differ but they will



27TH ORDINARY SUNDAY – 3 OCTOBER 2021 – OPENING OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Online, click the reading heading or reference for the Sunday text.

Entrance Procession

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son...

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

They were two in one flesh

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127 (128)

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Happy is the one who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you. R.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots around your table. R.

Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. The Lord bless you from Zion.

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. R.



Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin

Gospel Acclamation 1 John 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

What God has joined together, no one must divide

General Intercessions

R. ... Lord, hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him..



from p.1: have recognised deeper truths behind the difference. In this respect we all will be listening for the voice of the Spirit.

That process puts much emphasis on reflective prayer. This does not mean saying more prayers but making more *space* for reflection on what people have heard and said, and on our own inner response. We do not stop at the point of agreement or disagreement but keep listening to what is being said beyond the words and behind our own instinctive response. The Council relies on a process of listening enriched and purified through prayer.

Over the sessions of the Council multiple answers to the simple question with which the process began will emerge and be refined. They shall then need to be received by people like us at the grass roots. It is understandable that many people have been sceptical about the Council. It takes a lot of trust in the Holy Spirit to invest effort and to place hope in such a process. But who better to trust?

Andrew Hamilton SJ

Follow the Plenary Council online

The 1st General Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia opens with **Mass at 2pm (AEDT) from St Mary's Cathedral, Perth this Sunday**. The historic event will develop concrete proposals to create a more missionary, Christ-centred Church in Australia. Watch the live-streamed Mass and access other information on the Plenary Council website at <www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au> Mass booklets are available. See our back page for links.

More highlights:

Oct 4-9: Daily mass at 9:30am AEDT (& on demand after)

Oct 4-6,8-9: Plenary sessions livestream from 11am until ~12:15

Oct 7: 12noon -~12:45

Oct 10: Closing mass 11am Brisbane Cathedral.

Facebook Page: [/PlenaryCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/PlenaryCouncil)

Remembering those who have gone before us...

Recently Deceased: Jane Raper, COVID-19 victims (>160 Jesuits).

Anniversaries: Emile Morais.

Let us pray for...

Recently ill: Daphne O'Brien, Andy Speir, Anne Nevill, Rinku Suzana, William Fothergill, Gek Jeavons, Michael Coleman, Mark Williams, Vance Velasco, John Harding, Paul Scharrer, Maurice Heading SJ, Jillian Wells, Alison Dudley, Marina Byron, Amanda Sinclair, Br Terry Kavenagh OSB, Fr Peter Maher, Wilhelmina van Wanrooy, Kevin Matthews, Gwen Feeney, Aloysious Mowe SJ, Anne O'Sullivan, Susanne O'Sullivan, Belen Latorre, Michael Taylor, Tony Catt, Siobhan Pearson, James Toohey, Maria Grazia Orlandi, Robert Horder, Clive Adams, Patrick Brogan, John Laing, Linda Stein, Ruby Naidu, Sandra Holyeak, Ray Walsh, Omar Soliman, Dulcie Kennedy, Flynn Cawood, Valentino Close, Ronald Soussa, Sophie Napier, Veronica Rainbird, Joan Agbor, Covid-19 victims. **Neophyte:** Amanda Or Alegata.

If you would like the parish to pray for someone or to bring them Holy Communion, please contact Lynelle at the Parish Office on 9358 5229 or email <lynelle@stcanice.com.au> Please note you must have a person's permission for their name to be on the bulletin's sick list.



Parish Calendar

Sun 3 27TH ORDINARY SUNDAY: Mass only on Zoom @ 6pm Sat.
(Video is copied to Facebook later: **not** on Zoom)

Australian Plenary Council begins (3rd-10th)

Mon 4 St Francis of Assisi, religious. End: Season of Creation

Thu 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

Sat 9 6pm Vigil **on Zoom is the only weekend mass.**

Sun 10 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. 1st session of the Plenary Council concludes (3rd-10th)

QR Code or name/phone at church

Tue 5 No Mass 7am

Wed 6 No Mass 9am

Thu 7 No Mass 9am

Fri 8 No Mass noon

Sat 9 No Mass 9am

Charitable Works Fund

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to the CWF Appeal. To date we have raised \$4180 towards our levy of \$8300. We still need to raise \$4120 to reach our levy. Donations are 100% tax deductible. You can still donate via the QR code shown. Please contact Lynelle at the parish office if you would like to use another method to make a donation.

Season of Creation

Celebrated around the world from 1st September, it concludes on Monday, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. This season was begun by the excellent Australian Lutheran theologian, Norm Habel. Though not a liturgical season, it has the good fortune of being in Spring for our South.



Church re-opening

The Archbishop has requested that our Churches open when **all** can come, about 25th October! Baptism should be available sooner (at 70%) for fully-vaxxed families.

Our RCIA program

During COVID people have thought more about religion. Someone you know may be wondering about becoming a Catholic. It's a good time for enquirers! You may not be aware you know one...

Donations / Payments / CWF

Now you can make a payment e.g. CWF, Planned Giving or donation by this QR code. If you don't require a tax deductible receipt please select General Church Donation: this

contributes towards the running costs of the parish e.g. liturgy costs, musicians, church repairs, upkeep of grounds etc.

To claim a tax deduction please select the Planned Giving option: these donations go directly to Canice's Kitchen.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are **available**.

Would you like to join our Planned Giving Program?

Contact Lynelle via email to see how you can join our Planned Giving Program.



Parish Notices

Next Week's Readings:

10 October – 28th Ordinary Sunday Yr B

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Fr Gaetan's farewell

Fr Gaetan thanks all who could join in or watch his farewell mass and all the well-wishers who have contacted him. He is still waiting for permission to go to SA, which can take several weeks. Sadly, we cannot provide a fitting farewell at this time. He will return for a formal event next year.

Parish Survey Reminder

Recently we distributed the annual parish survey. We have had more than 60 responses: thank you! – your feedback is important to help us plan for 2022. However, we would ideally like to hear from more parishioners as your feedback will contribute to our **2022–2024 Parish Pastoral Plan**. Click on this paragraph to complete the parish survey or you can access it via Saturday Bulletin's email.

JRS callout for computers/laptops

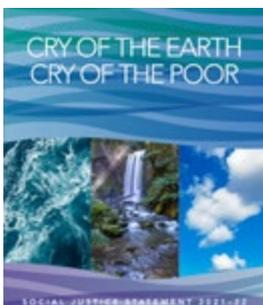
See flyer on page 7

Confirmation preparation

The date for the sacrament of Confirmation is 5 Nov. or 7 Dec. Children must be in Yr 5 or above, and have done 1st Reconciliation and Communion. Download **enrolment forms** at <<https://www.stcanice.org.au/confirmation-communion-and-reconciliation/>>.

Cry of the earth, Cry of the poor

Please take on board this important plea!



In the Statement, the Bishops invite the whole Catholic community to take up Pope Francis' invitation to a 7-year journey towards total ecological sustainability, guided by 7 Laudato Si' Goals! <<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>>

Columban Art Calendar 2022

This year we will not be selling Columban Calendars however will be placing orders upon request. If you would like to purchase one please email Emma at the parish office – <parish@stcanice.com.au>. Cost: \$10. Orders will be placed on Tuesday 5th October. Please place your order with Emma before this date.

In Ordinary Time we are called to live out the conversion and mission discerned during Lent & Easter.

St Canice: a Call to Action

Thank you to several people who have responded to this. I will reply soon. Other matters have been pressing in recent weeks.

A multi-year project re the parish, ecology and the environment. If you are interested to learn more and possibly join the group, please email or ring me. Paul Fyfe SJ, PP <parishpriest@stcanice.com.au>



'Live' masses

We usually stream 6pm mass on Zoom (click or see our front page, left); videos **only** on Facebook after <facebook.com/StCanicesElizabethBay/videos>.

Plenty of online lockdown reading here!
Try clicking the links or stories.

Br Ian: Ignatian discernment

Available at <<https://fb.watch/5v3TgpNdSS/>>

News, depth, spirituality

Australian Jesuit News– <www.jesuit.org.au>
Australian Catholics– <australiancatholics.com.au>
Eureka Street– <www.eurekastreet.com.au>
Madonna– <www.madonnamagazine.com.au>
Jesuit/Ignatian Spirituality– <jisa.org.au>
Pope's Intention Video–<thepopevideo.org/>
Catholic Weekly <www.catholicweekly.com.au>: *for the printed copy, \$2 to the StVdP box please.*

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or <safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org> You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus,
our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

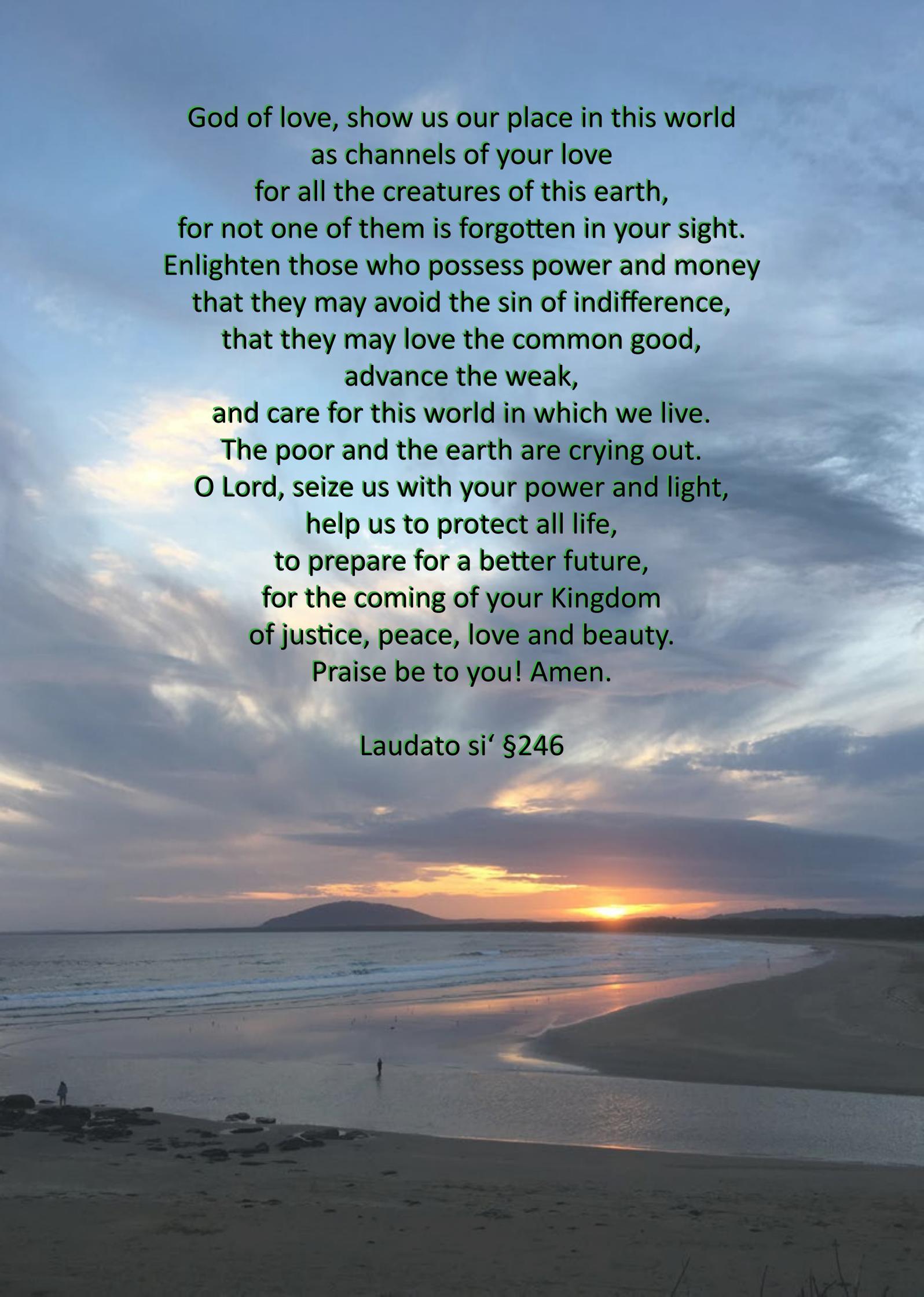
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us

A scenic sunset over a beach. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. In the foreground, the sandy beach is visible, with a few people walking. The ocean waves are breaking gently onto the shore. In the distance, a large mountain or headland is silhouetted against the sunset.

God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love
for all the creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good,
advance the weak,
and care for this world in which we live.
The poor and the earth are crying out.
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.
Praise be to you! Amen.

Laudato si' §246

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE



COMPUTERS FOR REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM

DURING THIS EXTENDED LOCKDOWN WE ARE SUPPORTING REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM IN FINDING MEANINGFUL WORK.

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF COMPUTERS TO SUPPORT THOSE AT HOME WITH NO ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY, LIMITING THEIR ABILITY TO ACCESS WORK AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, AND TRUSTED RESOURCES OF INFORMATION, CONNECT WITH SERVICES ONLINE AND KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LOVED ONES BOTH IN AUSTRALIA AND ABROAD, AND SO MUCH MORE.

AS WELL AS AIMING TO BRIDGE THIS DIGITAL DIVIDE, THE JRS AUSTRALIA EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM PROVIDES TRAINING, WORK READINESS SUPPORT, AND ACCESS TO TRAINING AND WORK EXPERIENCE FOR REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM.



How you can help



We are able to accept:

- Laptops up to 5 years old
- Macbooks up to 7 years old



We kindly ask you to wipe your machine and remove any passwords so we can provide it to the people we are working with even faster. Please make sure to include the charging cable and any other required accessories as necessary for the device.



Collection

Please post devices to:
PO Box 522
Kings Cross NSW 1340



Contact

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Can't donate anything but still want to help?

If you like to offer training courses, employment opportunities, or would like to speak about how you or your organisation can assist we would love to hear from you!

To learn more about our employment work visit:
<https://aus.jrs.net/en/employment-assistance/>



Follow the Plenary Council assembly online

With the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia being an event for the whole Church, parts of the first general assembly will be livestreamed each day. The home page of the Plenary Council website will be the place to go to find the livestream each day.

Here are some highlights from the livestream schedule:

October 3: Opening Mass of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, 2pm AEDT from St Mary's Cathedral in Perth.

October 4-9: Daily Mass broadcast at 9.30am AEDT and on demand afterwards.

October 4-6 and October 8-9: Plenary session livestream starts at 11am AEDT and runs until approximately 12.15pm AEDT.

October 7: Plenary session livestream starts at 12 noon AEDT and runs until approximately 12.45pm AEDT.

October 10: Closing Mass of the First General Assembly, 11am AEDT from St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane.

Mass will be **livestreamed** via the Plenary Council website at Assembly 1 – Plenary Council See <<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>> or via (catholic.org.au).

If you visit the Plenary Council website page “Pray with Us”, you will be able to download the **booklets** aligned with the Masses being celebrated for the Plenary Council.

Please follow this link: Pray with us – Plenary Council

<<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/prayer/>> or via (catholic.org.au)

Facebook site: <<https://www.facebook.com/PlenaryCouncil>>