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## Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

26 December 2021

### Feast of the Holy Family – Yr C

#### Parish Directory

St Canice Parish  
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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

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

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#### Baptism, Child Sacraments & RCIA

Contact Parish Office Tel: 9358 5229

### Simplicity

This year many people approached Christmas both with longing and hesitation. For two years the things that we take for granted at Christmas have been under threat. Family gatherings and reunions have been limited by restrictions. So have the buying of gifts, travel over holiday time, and gatherings at the beach. This year it is easy to feel the pull between going back with greater enthusiasm to what we did before and the desire, fuelled by the discoveries we have made during the lockdowns, to find new and perhaps more simple ways of celebrating Christmas.

We all have our memories of past Christmases — some of joy, of conviviality, of generous excess, and others of sadness, disappointment and rancour. They reflect the joys and sorrows, the generosity and the meanness, the simplicity and the complexity of our lives. The original Christmas stories, too, are marked by human simplicity in the face of imposed complexity. In Luke's Gospel the main actors are a young couple walking to a distant town, focused all the while on the coming birth of their child. They are making this uncomfortable journey because the Roman Emperor has demanded that they with all their fellow countrymen register for taxation purposes. The overcrowding of the town caused by the census also means that Jesus' birth takes place in the simplest of surroundings — in a lean-to for cattle. The celebration of the birth also takes place in the field, with its guests a group of notoriously unsociable shepherds and a choir of angels, the simplest of beings.

Matthew's stories of Jesus' birth are also marked by a human simplicity enforced by inhuman complexity. Because King Herod sees the child as a threat to his throne he sends soldiers to kill all children of the baby's age. Joseph and Mary have to leave their home abruptly and make their way to Egypt as refugees. In this story, too, as in Luke's Gospel, their lives are stripped to their bare necessities of love, faithfulness, trust that they will find a way, while waiting for the instructions of angels.

The enforced simplicity of the first Christmas mirrors aspects of life under Covid restrictions. Like the journeys of Mary and

Joseph our lives were shaped by the instructions of our lords and masters, by the tightening or loosening of restrictions, and by the effects that these had on travel, on employment, on study and on health. The relative isolation of our lives also offered space to reflect on what matters most to us. At its best it offered the opportunity, as it did to Mary and Joseph, to attend to the detail of their daily lives with all their attendant anxieties and moments of contentment, and to find in the rhythms and texture of life in restriction an invitation to reflect.

Certainly the simplicity which allows us to attend to our world and people is worth building into our celebration of Christmas time. Simplicity has less to do with by doing more or eating less than with noticing and appreciating little things more. We attend to the faces of people both when we are speaking and also when they are at rest and their lives are written into their bodies. We listen deeply in conversation. We take time when eating and drinking to appreciate the



## HOLY FAMILY – 26 DECEMBER 2021 – YR C

Reading texts are always available on request. Online, click the reading heading or reference for a Sunday text.

### Entrance Procession

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

### Collect

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son...

### First Reading

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

*Today a great light has come upon the earth*

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84.1-2, 4-5, 8-9, 10 (R.4a)

**R.** Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. **R.**

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. **R.**

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. **R.**

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. **R.**

### Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

*He calls you his own children, and that is what you are*

### Gospel Acclamation cf Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

### Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

*His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men listening to them*

### Memorial Acclamation

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

### Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

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meal and be grateful for it. We measure the value of the presents we receive by the feeling behind them and not by the price tag.

We also keep in our minds and hearts the faces of the people whom we may not meet this Christmas: people in aged homes, in prisons, homeless on the streets, seeking protection from persecution. These are the people for whom Christ came and whose company he shared as a baby at the first Christmas. They are also the people whom we accompany at Jesuit Social Services, whatever may be our beliefs and those of the people whom we serve. The stories of Christmas are central to Christian faith, but they are a gift to everyone to be lived out each in our own way.

*Andrew Hamilton SJ*



Norwood SA Parish Christmas decoration, 2009 YrC  
Advent paintings by Yr6 Loreto students

## Ignatian Youth Festival

### All Things New Ignatian Gathering 2022

@allthingsnew2022, <<https://www.facebook.com/allthingsnew2022>> on Facebook, is for **young adults** aged 18-30, at Newman College in Melbourne from 2pm 17th to 2pm 21st January 2022. See p7 online. **Financial support** may be possible for this.



Remembering those who have gone before us...

**Recently Deceased:** Harry Dillon, Catherine Ryan, Bernard Adrian Fitzgerald, COVID-19 victims (>160 Jesuits).

**Anniversaries:** John Hallett, Tristan & Stephen Antico Muriel Hardwick, Penelope Quinn, Veronica Fyfe, Graham Fear, Cassandra Woodbourne, Luke Lembryk, Dorothy Antico.



Let us pray for...

**Recently ill:** Fr Ludwik Ryba SJ (Melb.), Bede Nichols, Andy Speir, Anne Nevill, Rin-ku 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 26	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Mon 27	ST JOHN. Public holiday. 9am Mass
Tue 28	THE HOLY INNOCENTS
Sat 1	SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD
Sun 2	EPIPHANY

QR Code or name&phone	
Mon 27	Mass 9am
Tue 28	Mass 7am
Wed 29	Mass 9am
Thu 30	Mass 9am
Fri 31	Mass 12pm
Sat 1	Mass 9am

## Canice's Kitchen over Christmas

You didn't need to read the June NSW Parliamentary speech or have heard about our Lady Governor's recent appreciation to realise what a remarkable job has been done during the pandemic by our Kitchen over the past 21 months. Our staff need a break and so the Kitchen is closed until 10 Jan. in the new year. Never fear, Wayside is taking up the slack during that time.

On Thursday 16th we hosted a fantastic **Christmas party** with Rough Edges / St John's Anglican Church. This was a joint venture to promote ecumenical unity in serving those in need in our local area. PF, PP

## EAST TIMOR CHRISTMAS APPEAL



The annual **Christmas Appeal** for our sister parish in Railaco took place at all Christmas Masses. If you were unable to be with us, please donate online (QR code at left) to ensure that the three programs addressing nutrition, health and education can continue. Or use the Jesuit Mission envelopes on the pews. Thank you for your continued and valuable support.

## World Bishops Synod '21-'23

Launched worldwide recently by the Pope in Rome recently, it first seeks what experience Church members have of 'synodality'. cf. p8 online.

## JRS needs computers/laptops

See flyer on page 6 online version.

# Parish Notices

## Next Week's Readings:

2 January – Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

## Thank you!

To all those who helped make the Church and our Christmas masses so wonderful. We are indebted to our cleaners, our greeters and readers, our wonderful singers and musicians, our tremendous 'florist', and our parish staff. Our commiserations to those who were unable to join us because of the difficulties involved.

## The parish needs catechists!

Can you be part of a small team to help prepare our children for the sacraments—training provided! This would prepare them (and parents) for Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation. **Or**, another gap to be filled is a lesson at the local primary school, currently done with Kindy but possibly negotiable.

## Christmas season...

*We continue to rejoice in the birth and manifestation of God's Son, Jesus, born of Mary and trained by Joseph.*

## News, depth, spirituality

Australian Jesuit News— <[www.jesuit.org.au](http://www.jesuit.org.au)>

Australian Catholics— <[australiancatholics.com.au](http://australiancatholics.com.au)>

Eureka Street— <[www.eurekastreet.com.au](http://www.eurekastreet.com.au)>

Madonna— <[www.madonnamagazine.com.au](http://www.madonnamagazine.com.au)>

Jesuit/Ignatian Spirituality— <[jisa.org.au](http://jisa.org.au)>

Pope's Intention Video—<[thepopevideo.org/](http://thepopevideo.org/)>

Catholic Weekly <[www.catholicweekly.com.au](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au)>: *for the printed copy, \$2 to the StVdP box please.*

**The Church is open to ALL for Mass.**

**QR\_Code or sign in is mandatory.**

**Masks are obligatory (and especially for singing)!**

Those who cannot attend with un-vaxxed people should contact me! Mass may be held just for vaccinated people; but at a different time to normal masses. P Fyfe SJ, PP

## Help for your prayer: Madonna magazine

We have a few copies of the Summer *Madonna magazine*. It provides an excellent aid to daily prayer for each day, Dec.– Feb. Thousands of people have found this very helpful. **At the church entrance (free)**. The usual quarterly price is \$15.

## 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...



The crib at Sevenhill, SA, brought by the Jesuits from Austria in the early days of the Jesuits in Australia.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Columbarium Restoration

Perhaps you have noticed how the niche covers in our Columbarium have been cleaned and restored. This labour-intensive and very costly exercise aimed to fix what brass-cleaning products had caused. Every niche cover was removed, hand-sanded back, and coated with a light lacquer to obviate further staining. To maintain this state, we ask you NOT to use any type of brass cleaner to polish the niche, as it can splash onto and stain nearby covers, as well as ruin the overall effect. The original plaques were intended to have an antique look and not be highly polished. For further information and advice, please do not hesitate to contact Lynelle on 9358 5229.

## 'Live' masses

Where possible, we are continuing to zoom 6pm mass (click, or see our front page, left); videos **only** on Facebook later:  
<[facebook.com/StCanicesElizabethBay/videos](https://facebook.com/StCanicesElizabethBay/videos)>.

## Ignatius500: Following the call

**For all people:** the school of Ignatian prayer which can help us to reform or reshape our lives according to God's dream for each of us. The Examen & Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises are available to everyone. First Spiritual Exercises are one place to start.

**Lay groups:** Christian Life Community. Perhaps 50 groups throughout Australia who meet regular to pray and reflect on their lives and who may undertake common action.

**Religious groups:** Ignatius founded the Jesuits (Society of Jesus) for Brothers and Priests, and wrote the Jesuit Constitutions. These have been the touchstone for many orders, mostly women's: in Australia, the Sisters of Charity (RSC), the Religious Sisters of the Sacred Heart (RSCJ), Loreto Sisters (IBVM) and the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

**Jesuits** have been to the forefront in foreign missions, in education especially universities, and in the past 40 years, refugee work. They still have leaders in many fields of learning and the arts.



A few copies of **Madonna** are still available for those interested in exploring daily prayer with this Jesuit magazine for the next 3 months (free). From the back of the Church.



# 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/>



For possible assistance with the cost of this, please talk to the Parish Priest

# ALL THINGS New



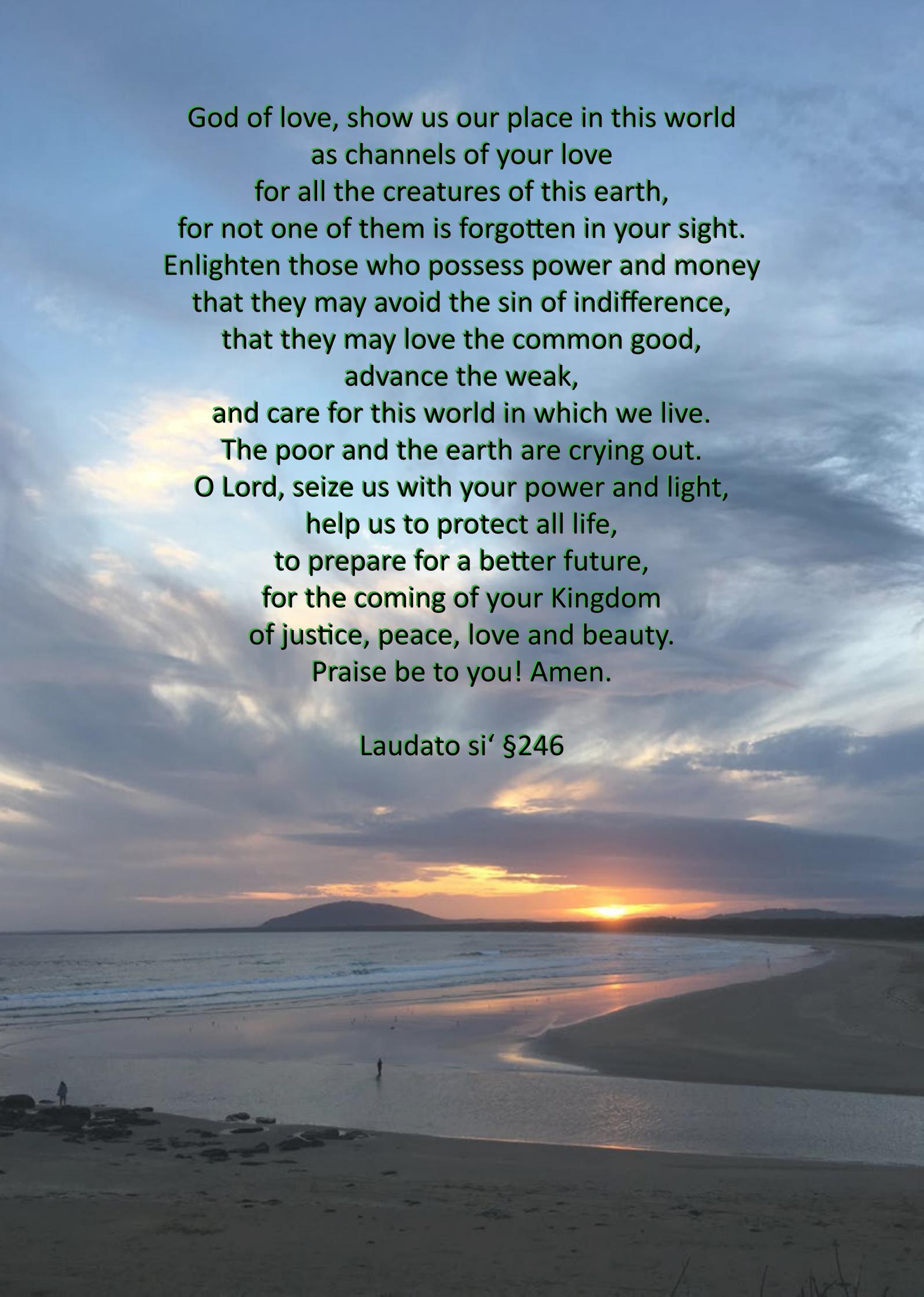
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## IGNATIAN GATHERING FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-30)

Newman College, Melbourne  
17-21 January, 2022,  
organised by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

Check out our FB page  
<https://www.facebook.com/allthingsnew2022>  
or scan the QR Code for more info!

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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, wispy clouds. In the foreground, the sandy beach is visible, with a few people walking along the water's edge. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

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