



12-13 July 2025

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jacopo Bassano's "The Good Samaritan" (c. 1562)

This is a powerful visual interpretation of the parable in Luke 10:25–37. The painting captures the pivotal moment when the compassionate Samaritan tends to the wounded traveller, lifting him onto his mule after he was left for dead by robbers.

Bassano's scene is rich in emotional

detail. The Samaritan's expression conveys both empathy and determination, while the victim's pallor and limp form highlight his vulnerability. In the background, the priest and Levite are shown walking away, underscoring their indifference. The inclusion of dogs licking the wounded man's blood adds a further layer of symbolism, reflecting the neglect experienced by those in need. Set against a landscape reminiscent of Bassano's native Veneto, the painting uses dramatic contrasts of light and colour to draw attention to the act of mercy at its centre. Through this composition, Bassano emphasises the themes of compassion, social responsibility and the universal call to love one's neighbour.

Image credit: The National Gallery, London

PARISH CLERGY

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PARISH HUB

🕒 Tues to Thurs 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

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HYMNS AND MUSIC

Processional Praise to the Lord (228)

Responsorial Psalm Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live

Offertory Ubi Caritas (Taizé/Jacques Berthier)

Gospel Acclamation: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life

Memorial Acclamation When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Communion Who did you see? (Christopher Willcock SJ)

O Breathe on Me O Breath of God (173)

Recessional Rejoice the Lord Is King (231)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, 14 July 2025 Monday of 15th Week in Ordinary Time or St Camillus de Lellis **No Mass**

Tuesday, 15 July 2025 St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor **Mass 8:00 am**

Wednesday, 16 July 2025 Wednesday of 15th Week in Ordinary Time or Our Lady of Mount Carmel **Mass 8:00 am**

Thursday, 17 July 2025 Thursday of 15th Week in Ordinary Time **Mass 8:00 am**

Friday, 18 July 2025 Friday of 15th Week in Ordinary Time **Mass 8:00 am**

Saturday, 19 July 2025 Saturday of 15th Week in Ordinary Time or Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary **Mass 9:00 am**

SUNDAY 20 JULY 2025 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES

6:00 pm (Saturday)

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:00 am

NEW TO ST CANICE'S?

Please scan the **QR code (see right)** to stay in touch with the various apostolates, services and events in our parish. We would love to keep you in the loop.



ST CANICE'S LITURGICAL MUSIC

St Canice's is expanding its liturgical music ministry to enhance worship through sacred music. We invite skilled musicians to join, including:

- Singers (all voice parts)
- Instrumentalists (organ, violin, cello, flute, etc.)

Music in our liturgy expresses prayer, joy and unity in Christ. Both experienced and privately trained musicians are welcome to enrich our parish worship. To participate, please contact liturgy@stcanice.org.au

SHARING GOD'S WORD @ ST CANICE'S

St Canice's invites parishioners to join the Ministry of Lector, proclaiming Sacred Scriptures during Mass. This ministry offers a way to serve the parish and deepen personal faith. Clear speaking and love for Scripture are the main requirements. No experience needed; training provided. For information, please contact the Parish Hub (see see right)

ALTAR SERVICE @ ST CANICE'S

St Canice's invites parishioners of all ages to serve as altar servers for Masses and liturgical celebrations.

This ministry is open to adults and children who have received First Holy Communion. Training is provided.

For information, please contact the Parish Hub (see see right)

ST CANICE'S COLUMBARIUM

St Canice's offers a unique Columbarium within its neo-gothic church, providing a sacred space for cremated remains. **For information, please contact the Parish Hub (see see right)**

ST CANICE'S OP SHOP

St Canice's Op Shop supports parish works and provides clothes for kitchen guests. It is open four days a week i.e. Wednesday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm and Thursday to Saturday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

To donate clean clothes, accessories, or goods, please drop off during open hours or leave at Parish Hub (24 Roslyn Street) during business hours.

ST CANICE'S CAMBODIA IMMERSION TRIP - 16 TO 20 NOVEMBER 2025

Register your interest for the next St Canice's Cambodia Immersion from 16 to 23 November 2025.

Led by Fr Dave Braithwaite SJ, this journey will inspire you as we learn about social entrepreneurship. Spaces limited. For more information, **scan Parish Hub QR code above.**

**ST CANICE'S - A JESUIT
PARISH IN THE HEART OF
SYDNEY**



PRAYERS SOUGHT

Recently Deceased Michelle Peters, Nicole Chiardia, Christian Reverchon, Nina Riemer, Don Matteo Balzano and all the recently departed.

Mass Intentions

Leslie Patrick Musgrave and Catherine Mary Alexander, Don Matteo Balzano

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY 2025

For formation in discernment.

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Sunday 9.30am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (First Fridays)

You are warmly invited to spend time in the peaceful presence of Jesus during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **Friday, 1 August 2025 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm**

CONTACT ST CANICE'S PARISH HUB

To contact St Canice's about:

- St Canice's Columbarium
- St Canice's Sanctuary Guild
- St Canice's Altar Service
- Anointing of the sick
- Deceased anniversaries
- Prayers for an ill friend or family member
- Mass intentions
- David's Place
- Curious Grace @ St Canice's
- St Canice's Kitchen
- Railaco Timor Leste
- Colombière Social Enterprises
- Holy Communion for the housebound
- Sharing God's Word at St Canice's
- St Canice's Op Shop
- St Canice's Bequests

please scan the Parish Hub QR code below



UPDATES ON OUR JESUIT PRIESTS

Fr Dave Braithwaite SJ PP is absent for several weeks as he participates in his tertianship in Portland, Oregon.

Fr Dave Ryan SJ is planning to reside at Canisius House, Pymble, and is receiving immunotherapy. In the absence of our two Fr Daves, our parish is being ably served by two of their brother Jesuits, namely:

- **Fr Jack Otto SJ** (during the week)
- **Fr Robin Koning SJ** (Sundays)

PURPOSE FEST: A NEW ERA FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS

Purpose Fest 2025 marked a significant milestone for Catholic youth in Sydney, drawing more than 1,100 attendees to Rosebank College in Five Dock on 2 July 2025. Designed to energise, unite and inspire, the festival offered a dynamic blend of faith, community and fun, establishing itself as a highlight in the calendar of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

The grounds of Rosebank College were transformed into a vibrant celebration of Catholic identity and youthful enthusiasm. Faith-based market stalls lined the walkways, hosted by local ministries and Catholic organisations eager to share resources and opportunities for deeper engagement with the faith. Purpose Fest was as much about fellowship as it was about faith. A variety of food trucks offered delicious fare, creating a festival atmosphere and providing spaces for young people to socialise and connect. Sporting challenges and friendly competitions encouraged camaraderie and teamwork, while a world-first virtual reality experience allowed participants to encounter the life and faith of Blessed Carlo Acutis in a truly innovative way. This special focus on Blessed Carlo, who is soon to be canonised as the first millennial saint, invited attendees to explore his devotion to the Eucharist and his inspiring message that "the Eucharist is my highway to heaven."

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DAVID'S PLACE

David's Place offers spirituality and community to Sydney's homeless and marginalised. For 19 years, it has provided a space for prayer, pastoral care, Mass, and fellowship. Website: www.davidsplace.com.au
Visitors always welcome

PRAYER FOR FR DAVE RYAN SJ

Heavenly Father, we come before You with hearts full of faith and hope, lifting up our beloved brother, Fr Dave, as he continues his therapy. Guide the hands of his medical team and let their work be a channel of Your divine healing. Grant him strength, peace and the comfort of Your presence in every moment of this journey. Through Your grace, may he find restoration in body, mind and spirit. Our Lady of the Way and St Ignatius of Loyola, pray for your son. Amen

SUPPORTING RAILACO: BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

22 years after East Timor's independence, many people still live in poverty. Hearing stories of hardship from Dr Teem-Wing, an Australian-trained physician and friend of Fr Martin Antonia "Bong" Abad Santos SJ, made me realise how vital the education we offer at Escola Secundaria Católica Nossa Senhora de Fátima (NOSSEF) is for its 330 secondary students. Many NOSSEF students come from subsistence farming families with little financial means. Life in the villages is lived day to day, often without savings. Parents hope education will lift their children out of poverty. Some students are eager to learn but struggle due to a poor early education. Others feel abandoned and long for family support. Many work before and after school to help aged or handicapped parents, while some consider leaving school to earn money or find food. Most worry about finances, as their parents' income must support many siblings. Despite these challenges, we succeed by pursuing academic excellence and providing a holistic Jesuit education that supports each student's personal growth and human dignity.

Teacher formation is critical to this success. St Canice's funds salaries for 13 specially-trained teachers. The results are remarkable - last year, all 99 Year 12 NOSSEF students passed national exams and 60% were girls. Empowering women brings immense, lasting social change.

NOSSEF now has dormitory blocks for boys and girls, so fewer students must walk long distances to school. With teacher supervision, their study habits improve. They also learn to grow vegetables and cook in the school's kitchen, supplementing what they bring from home.

You can help transform the lives of these rural Catholic families. 50 St Canice's parishioners already support Railaco with monthly donations, covering more than half of our annual support. Your donation, managed by Jesuit Mission Australia, is tax-deductible and goes directly to Railaco.

Michael Musgrave

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THE HEART OF THE LABOURER: PRAYER BEFORE ACTION



“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.” (Luke 10:2)

To be a labourer in the Lord’s harvest is first and foremost to be a person of prayer. Prayer gives us our mission, our strength and our joy. Without it, our good works risk becoming just our own projects, not God’s. Prayer aligns us with God’s will and helps us serve as He desires.

Why Prayer Matters

- Prayer is the foundation of Christian service.
- Prayer transforms us, making us more like Jesus.
- Prayer empowers our actions through the Holy Spirit.

A Practical Invitation: The Weekly Holy Hour

One simple and powerful way to grow in prayer is to commit to a weekly Holy Hour - 60 minutes spent in the church, in silence, before the Blessed Sacrament.

What is a Holy Hour?

A Holy Hour is time set aside for silent prayer, adoration and listening to God. It is not about doing or saying a lot, but about being present with the Lord and letting Him speak to your heart.

The Power of Silence

In the quiet of the church, distractions fade and we can:

- Reflect on Sacred Scripture
- Offer our intentions and the needs of the world
- Listen for God’s guidance
- Rest in God’s love

Simple Help for Prayer

If you are looking for help with prayer, tools like [Universalis](#) provide easy-to-use, free resources:

- Daily prayers and readings (Liturgy of the Hours and Mass readings for each day)
- Guidance for prayer (simple instructions for practices like Lectio Divina (prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture))
- Accessible anywhere (use [Universalis](#) online or through their app e.g. during your Holy Hour)
- Website: www.universalis.com

Becoming Labourers in the Lord’s Harvest through Prayer

Imagine if we all commit to a weekly Holy Hour. Our parish would become a powerhouse of prayer and from this wellspring, acts of service and love would flow even more abundantly.

Practical Steps

Choose a regular time each week for your Holy Hour.

- Enter the church and settle into silence
- Bring a Bible, spiritual reading or use Universalis for daily prayers
- Offer your presence to the Lord and listen

The Lord of the harvest is calling you - not just to do more, but to be more. Consider spending an hour each week with Him, letting Him send you into the harvest, renewed and transformed. Let us become labourers for the Lord, not only by our deeds, but by our commitment to a life of prayer, using the simple helps available to us. The harvest is indeed plentiful - let us pray for more labourers, beginning with ourselves.

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@sydnecatholic.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.