



Sunday 20 July 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Image credit: Image: Johannes Vermeer, Christ in the House of Martha and Mary, c. 1654-1655, Scottish National Gallery, Edinburgh

The Gospel today tells the familiar story of Jesus visiting the home of two sisters, Mary and Martha. This passage has inspired many artists throughout history, including the celebrated Dutch

painter Johannes Vermeer. In 1655, Vermeer completed Christ in the House of Martha and Mary (Christus in het huis van Martha en Maria), his largest painting and one of the rare occasions when he portrayed an overtly religious theme. The painting vividly captures the contrast between Martha, who is busy preparing and serving, and Mary, who sits attentively at Jesus' feet, listening to his words. Through this, Vermeer visually expresses the heart of Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel: while service and work are necessary, it is the attentive listening to Christ and the nurturing of our relationship with Him that are most important. This message invites us to reflect on our own lives. Like Martha, we often become distracted by the many tasks and worries that fill our days. Yet, like Mary, we are called to pause and give priority to spending time with Jesus - through prayer, Scripture and quiet contemplation.

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 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (138)

Responsorial Psalm The just will live in the presence of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance

Offertory Eat this Bread Caritas (Taizé)

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

Communion There is Nothing Told (Christopher Wilcock SJ) - Immaculate Mary (117)

Recessional Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (82)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, 21 July 2025 Monday of 16th Week in Ordinary Time **No Mass**

Tuesday, 22 July 2025 Tuesday of 16th Week in Ordinary Time **Mass 8:00 am**

Wednesday, 23 July 2025 Wednesday of 16th Week in Ordinary Time **Mass 8:00 am**

Thursday, 24 July 2025 Thursday of 16th Week in Ordinary Time **Mass 8:00 am**

Friday, 25 July 2025 Friday of 16th Week in Ordinary Time **Mass 8:00 am**

Saturday, 26 July 2025 Saturday of 16th Week in Ordinary Time Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass 9:00 am

SUNDAY 27 JULY 2025

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES

6:00 pm (Saturday Vigil Mass)

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 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

We have made it easier for you to make an offering for the needs of our parish and our priests. Please scan the **QR code (see right)** to donate

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, Dennis O'Brien

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

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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)

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST DAY OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA SUNDAY 3 AUGUST 2025

This year, St Canice's will celebrate the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola on **Sunday, 3 August 2025**.

Who was St Ignatius of Loyola?

St Ignatius of Loyola, born in Spain in 1491, is the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). He is renowned for his spiritual wisdom, dedication to education and his commitment to serving the poor and marginalised. Ignatius' spiritual legacy, especially through the Spiritual Exercises, continues to shape the Church and inspire Christians worldwide.

St Ignatius' feast day is traditionally celebrated on 31 July each year. This commemorates his passing in 1556 and honours his extraordinary life of faith, discernment, and service.

About This Year's Celebration

This year at St Canice's we will mark this special feast day on Sunday, 3 August 2025, as a community celebration. All parishioners are warmly invited to join in honouring the founder of the Jesuits and to reflect on his enduring message of seeking God in all things.

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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

THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION IN TIMOR-LESTE

The impact of educational support for Escola Secundaria Católica Nossa Senhora de Fátima in Railaco, Timor-Leste (NOSSEF) is far-reaching - not just for the recipients, but for the whole East Timorese society.

Scholarships for NOSSEF students provide them with opportunities for personal growth, helping them to become thoughtful, knowledgeable and confident individuals. As their self-esteem grows, students no longer see themselves as second-class citizens but as valued members of their community.

Education also equips these young people with the skills to make informed decisions that affect not only their own lives, but also the well-being of society - whether in politics, health or family life. NOSSEF graduates are now contributing to Timor-Leste as teachers, nurses, doctors, electricians, carpenters and more. Some have even pursued qualifications in law and are seeking to serve in politics.

50 St Canice's parishioners already support Railaco with monthly donations, covering more than half of our annual support. By supporting education at NOSSEF, we are helping to build a stronger, more self-reliant Timor-Leste. If you would like to help transform the lives of these rural Catholic families, please consider donating. Your donation, managed by Jesuit Mission Australia, is tax-deductible and goes directly to Railaco.

Michael Musgrave

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Sr Rita Hayes SGS (below) dedicated many years to teaching and organising scholarships for students at NOSSEF



MEDITATION FOR THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
LECTIO DIVINA - LUKE 10:38-42

Introduction

Begin by setting aside distractions and preparing your space - perhaps through lighting a candle, closing a door, or simply adopting a posture of reverence. Allow yourself to step away from the business of everyday life, opening your heart to encounter the light and fire of God's presence.

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love,
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Act of Contrition

Have mercy on us, O Lord,
For we have sinned against you.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy,
And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

The Holy Gospel - Luke 10: 38-42

Jesus entered a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister, Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her."

Read the Gospel slowly, allowing its words to penetrate your heart. If praying with others, each person may read a section, allowing time for silent reflection between readings.

Meditatio (Reflection)

What phrase, word, or image stands out to you?

Why is it significant?

Sit with these questions and listen for what God is speaking to your heart today.

This encounter is personal - listen for what God is saying to you, here and now.

Oratio (Prayer)

Respond to what you have heard in prayer.

Offer thanks, petition or simply sit in silence before the Lord. Allow God's word to shape your desires and intentions.

Contemplatio (Contemplation)

Rest quietly in God's presence, letting words fall away. Simply be with God, who is with you.

Conclusion

Our Father.....

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

As we return to daily life, let us carry what we have received into the week ahead.

“Mary has chosen the better part.”

This week, may we, too, prioritise listening to Jesus in the midst of life's many demands.

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.