



Sunday 27 July 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Image credit: Christ Taking Leave of the Apostles by Duccio di Buoninsegna (Source: Wikimedia Commons)

"Christ Taking Leave of the Apostles" is a panel from Duccio di Buoninsegna's renowned "Maestà" altarpiece, painted between 1308 and 1311

for Siena Cathedral. Duccio (c.1255–c.1319), was instrumental in moving Western art beyond Byzantine styles to early Renaissance naturalism. In this intimate scene, Jesus sits among his apostles, surrounded by gold halos and vibrant robes, highlighting the sacred bond and the solemnity of the moment as he prepares them for what lies ahead. This painting closely parallels Luke 11:1-13, where Jesus teaches the Lord's Prayer ("Our Father") in response to his disciples' desire for spiritual guidance. Both the artwork and the Gospel text focus on Jesus as teacher, nurturing the disciples' faith and equipping them for a deeper relationship with God through prayer. The composition's closeness and reverence echo the trust, persistence and promise of divine provision expressed in the prayer and the biblical instruction.

## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is observed on the fourth Sunday of July each year.

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## PARISH HUB

🕒 Tues to Thurs 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

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## HYMNS AND MUSIC

**Processional** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (114)  
**Responsorial Psalm** LORD, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

**Gospel Acclamation** You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

**Offertory** Surrexit Christus (Taizé)

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

**Communion** All Things Bright and Beautiful (John Rutter), My Song Is Love Unknown (166)

**Recessional** Holy Holy Holy (109)

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**Monday, 28 July 2025** Monday of 17th Week in Ordinary Time **No Mass**

**Tuesday, 29 July 2025** Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus (M) **Mass 8:00 am**

**Wednesday, 30 July 2025** Wednesday of 17<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time or St Peter Chrysologus (OM) **Mass 8:00 am**

**Thursday, 31 July 2025** St Ignatius Loyola (M) - transferred to Sunday 3 August 2025 **Mass 8:00 am**

**Friday, 1 August 2025** St Alphonsus Liguori (M) **Mass 8:00 am**

**Saturday, 2 August 2025** Saturday of 17<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time or Ss Eusebius & Peter Julian Eymard (OM) **Mass 9:00 am**

## SUNDAY 3 AUGUST 2025

## SOLEMNITY OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

### MASSSES

**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



## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Leo has repeatedly urged parishes to take an active role in caring for the elderly, emphasising that they are essential pillars of faith and wisdom within the Church community. He encourages parishes to go beyond mere acknowledgment, calling for concrete actions such as visiting, supporting and including older members in parish life, especially those who may feel isolated. Pope Leo highlights that caring for the elderly is not only a gesture of gratitude but a vital act of Christian charity and solidarity. He stresses that every parish should foster a culture of encounter, ensuring that the elderly are respected, cherished and able to share their stories, faith and hope with younger generations. Through these efforts, the parish becomes a true family where the dignity and spiritual gifts of the elderly are honoured and their presence continues to inspire the whole community.



### Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the gift of Grandparents and the elderly. We are grateful for their love, their wisdom, and the countless ways they enrich our families and communities. We pray that they may be blessed with good health, joy, and a long life. May they continue to be a source of hope and inspiration for future generations, especially in these challenging times. We ask that You bless them with Your presence especially during moments of loneliness or difficulty, may they always feel Your love and support, and may they always be cherished and valued for all they contribute.

**Amen.**

Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, *pray for us.*



**LIFE, MARRIAGE  
AND FAMILY**  
SYDNEY CENTRE FOR EVANGELISATION

## 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, Wendy Fothergill

## 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)

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## 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](http://www.davidsplace.com.au)  
Visitors always welcome

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## 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*

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## WELCOME RECEPTION FOR JESUIT PRIESTS FROM TIMOR LESTE

You are warmly invited to a reception to celebrate a visit to our parish by Jesuit Priests from Timor Leste on Tuesday 19 August 2025. St Canice's has enjoyed a close connection to the Timor Leste community of Railaco for over 22 years. Apart from witnessing tangible outcomes in the delivery of services for health, nutrition and education, this connection is also a personal one built on strong friendship.

Please join us in welcoming our visitors who will include the Railaco Parish Priest and the Director of Nossef Secondary School that now boasts over 330 pupils. You will also have the opportunity to ask them questions during the Q & A.

**When:** Tuesday 19 August 2025 with Q&A from 6.15pm

**Where:** St Canice's Church  
Refreshments and Sausage Sizzle from 6.45pm in the Parish Kitchen

Please RSVP to Barbara France 0412 057 559 or leave a message.

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## PLEASE SUPPORT RAILACO

50 St Canice's parishioners already support Railaco with monthly donations, covering more than half of our annual support.

By supporting education at NOSSEF, you can help 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.

**To donate, kindly scan the QR code (see right)**



Parish church of Our Lady of Fatima, Railaco

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## MEDITATION FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### LECTIO DIVINA - LUKE 11: 1-13

#### 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 11: 1-13

Read the Holy Gospel slowly and meditatively, allowing silences so God's word can speak to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

He said to them, "Say this when you pray:

'Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come;

give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.

And do not put us to the test.'"

He said, "Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him at midnight saying, 'Friend, lend me three loaves...'

If you who are evil know how to give your children good things, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

#### 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. May we 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](mailto: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.