



Sunday 10 August 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Image: "The Bridegroom Cometh" by Sir William Blake Richmond (c. 1903)

This painting, often associated with the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, closely echoes the message of today's Gospel (Luke 12:32–48). Richmond's work captures the theme of readiness and vigilant anticipation. On the portico of a grand palace, ten maidens prepare for the arrival of the bridegroom: some rush forward with lamps burning, while others, caught unprepared, grieve and plead for help. The image strikingly visualises Jesus' teaching: "See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit... be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding." The dawning light and poised figures remind us to stay spiritually awake ever ready for Christ's coming, not in fear but with attentive hope.

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HYMNS AND MUSIC

Processional The Church's One Foundation (25)

Responsorial Psalm Happy the people the LORD has chosen to be his own

Gospel Acclamation Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming

Offertory Ubi Caritas (Taizé)

Memorial Acclamation When We Eat This Bread and Drink This Cup, We Proclaim Your Death, O LORD, Until You Come Again

Communion Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (instrumental), Firmly I Believe and Truly (73)

Recessional I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say (114)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, 11 August 2025 St Clare, Virgin (Memorial) **No Mass**

Tuesday, 12 August 2025 19th Week in Ordinary Time or St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious (Optional Memorial) **Mass 8:00 am**

Wednesday, 13 August 2025 Wednesday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time or Ss Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Martyrs (Optional Memorial)

Mass 8:00 am

Thursday, 14 August 2025 St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr (Memorial) **Mass 8:00 am**

Friday, 15 August 2025 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Solemnity) Holy Day of Obligation **Mass 8:00 am**

Saturday, 16 August 2025 Saturday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time or St Stephen of Hungary (Optional Memorial) **Mass 9:00 am**

SUNDAY 17 AUGUST 2025 - TWENTIETH 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.



NEXT CURIOUS GRACE

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2025 AFTER 10 AM MASS

Curious Grace a drop-in community centre hosted at St Canice's Parish. Initiating in January 2024, Curious Grace offers generous hospitality, good company and a range of creative activities encouraging participation, connection, conversation and a sense of wellbeing. It is a place that welcomes anyone and everyone in our parish and the wider community, no matter one's faith, age or stage in life. The Curious Grace community meets on the first Sunday of every month and is staged at the front of the historic church from 11.00am till 1.00pm (weather permitting). Activities include knitting and crochet, painting and drawing, hand massages, chess, vintage clothing stalls, free morning tea with sweets and a sausage sizzle. Curious Grace has also launched a new Yarn Knitting and Crochet Group held every second Wednesday in a sunlit room at St Canice's Parish Hub. All are welcome - needles, yarn and morning tea are provided.

For more information, contact Sonia at curiousgrace@stcanice.org.au



LOST READING GLASSES AND CASE

A lost pair of reading glasses and case have been found in the church. If they are yours, please pick them up at the Parish Hub.

POPE LEO IV'S TENDER VISIT SHOWS THE HEART OF THE JUBILEE OF YOUTH

During the recent Jubilee of Youth, Pope Leo XIV made a deeply personal gesture by visiting a Spanish teenager who had become ill and was hospitalised during the celebrations. The Pope's visit was far more than ceremonial; he spent meaningful time with the young person and their family, offering prayers, quiet support and compassionate encouragement. This moment touched many pilgrims and onlookers, placing the spotlight on the Holy Father's care for those in need, especially the vulnerable and the young.

Pope Leo's gentle presence at the hospital underscored the central theme of the Jubilee: genuine encounter, mercy and solidarity. As reported by The Catholic Weekly, his actions reminded the global Church community that amidst crowds and celebrations, it is the personal, loving touch that makes our faith visible. The Pope's outreach serves as an example for all: no act of compassion is ever too small, and in caring for the least, we meet Christ Himself

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, Matthew Slade-Smith.

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 2025

For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons www.popesprayer.va

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, 5 September 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
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- St Canice's Bequests

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



LADY CHAPEL TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Our beautiful Lady Chapel will be closed for the next 2-3 weeks while renovation works are carried out. Thanks to the generosity of one of our parishioners, we are undertaking a restoration of the Lady Chapel and the chapel altar area. You will notice that the painting of Our Lady of the Angels has been removed to be restored offsite. The marble and tiled floor will be cleaned and new lighting will be installed. Once finished, it will be even more beautiful!

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN TO BE PROCLAIMED DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

In an historic move, Pope Leo XIV has paved the way for St John Henry Newman to be officially recognised as the Church's newest Doctor of the Church, as announced by the Vatican on 31 July 2025. Newman, the renowned 19th-century theologian, educator and convert from Anglicanism, is celebrated for his profound contributions to Christian doctrine and the development of theology.

His life's journey - from Oxford academic and leading light of the Oxford Movement, through personal sacrifice and conversion to Catholicism, to his long ministry in England and Ireland - demonstrates a relentless pursuit of truth and spiritual renewal. Newman's writings, such as the seminal "Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine," reshaped theological understanding by tracing how Catholic doctrine evolves organically through history. He was canonised in 2019 and is renowned for articulating the relationship between faith and reason, as well as the significance of conscience in the Christian life. As a new Doctor of the Church, Newman joins a distinguished list of saints whose teachings hold special authority for Catholics worldwide. The recognition is seen as especially timely, given his emphasis on conversion, ongoing growth in faith and a heart-to-heart relationship with God.

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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

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 railaco@stcanice.org.au

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.

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Parish church of Our Lady of Fatima, Railaco

Passage from Sacred Scripture: Luke 12:32–48

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom... Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit... You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Introduction

Find a quiet place for prayer, letting distractions subside. Breathe deeply, opening your soul to God’s presence. Set your heart on the words of Jesus, calling you to both courage and readiness.

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 me with the bright flame of faith.

Grant me the listening heart of a servant, always awake to God’s call and faithful in every moment.

Act of Contrition

LORD, for the times I grew complacent, sleeping through opportunities to love and serve - have mercy. Forgive my distracted heart and awaken me again to joyful service in Your name.

Reading of Scripture – Luke 12:32–48

Read the Gospel passage slowly, with pauses:

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom... Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit... You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Let the voice of Jesus soak into your heart.

Meditatio (Reflection)

What word or phrase strikes you most in this reading?

Where do you sense God calling you to be ready, attentive, faithful - even in ordinary or unnoticed moments?

Recall a time when you watched and waited with hope: for a loved one’s return, an answered prayer, a new beginning.

How does Jesus’ invitation - “Do not be afraid... be dressed for action” - change the way you live today?

Notice all that has been entrusted to you - your gifts, your time, your responsibilities.

How might the LORD be asking you to use these, in vigilance and generosity, to serve others?

Oratio (Prayer)

Speak with the LORD about your hopes and hesitations.

Ask for a heart always lit - a lamp burning with faith, courage and readiness.

Pray: “LORD, I offer you the light of my desire to serve. Keep me attentive and open, watchful yet unafraid.

Help me to trust in Your promise and use well the gifts You have given.”

Lay before God any anxieties - the ones that keep you from being fully present and ready.

Contemplatio (Contemplation)

Rest now in silent openness.

Imagine Jesus, the true Master, gazing at you with delight - not judgement.

Soak in His words: “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

Allow your heart to rest in this promise. Feel God’s steady light warming your soul, gently waking you to new hope.

Conclusion

Our Father...

Jesus, Light of the World, keep my lamp bright. May I stand ready, attentive in love, faithful in daily service and never afraid to hope in Your coming. As I return to my daily tasks, may vigilance and trust shape all my actions - so that, whenever the LORD knocks, I am ready to open the door with joy.

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.