



Sunday 17 August 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Image: "The Last Judgment" Michelangelo (1536–1541)**

Michelangelo's monumental fresco, commanding the altar wall of the Sistine Chapel, vividly embodies the dramatic message of today's Gospel (Luke 12:49–53). At the heart of the scene, Christ stands as both judge and redeemer, His powerful gesture dividing the blessed from the condemned. Around Him, the swirling figures of saints, angels and humanity rise or fall in response - some drawn upward in hope and glory, others cast down in anguish. This visual tumult reflects Jesus' words: "I came to bring fire to the earth...Do you think I have come to bring peace? No, but rather division." The fresco's dynamic composition and striking contrasts make visible the Gospel's call to decisive faith, courage amid trial and the purifying power of Christ's presence.

**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** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (159)

**Responsorial Psalm** LORD, Come to My Aid!

**Gospel Acclamation** My Sheep Listen to My Voice, Says the Lord; I Know Them and They Follow Me.

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

**Communion** Come Down O Love Divine (42)

**Recessional** The Church's One Foundation (256)

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

**Monday, 18 August 2025** Monday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time **No Mass**

**Tuesday, 19 August 2025** Tuesday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time or St John Eudes, Priest (Optional Memorial) **Mass 8:00 am**

**Wednesday, 20 August 2025** St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church (Memorial) **Mass 8:00 am**

**Thursday, 21 August 2025** St Pius X, Pope (Memorial) **Mass 8:00 am**

**Friday, 22 August 2025** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial) **Mass 8:00 am**

**Saturday, 23 August 2025** Saturday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time or St Rose of Lima, Virgin (Optional Memorial) **Mass 9:00 am**

**SUNDAY 24 AUGUST 2025 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASSES:**

**6:00 PM (SATURDAY VIGIL MASS)**

**SUNDAY 8:30 AM AND 10:00 AM**

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

**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



## RELAUNCH OF CURIOUS GRACE KNITTING AND CROCHET GROUP - THURSDAY 21 AUGUST 2025

10.30 AM TO 1.00 PM

The Curious Grace Knitting and Crochet Group will relaunch on Thursday 21 August 2025 from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm in the sunlit rear of the Church Hall. Co-ordinator Jenn Lonergan has recruited some friendly experts to assist beginners in this creative journey. The aim is to create items for sale (fundraising for St Canice's), gifts to Canice Kitchen clients and any other fun activities the group might choose. Complimentary tea, coffee, morning tea and good company for people of all ages and backgrounds. Wool and needles provided or bring your own.

**For more information please contact Sonia at: [curiousgrace@stcanice.org.au](mailto:curiousgrace@stcanice.org.au)**



Curious Grace will relaunch its Knitting & Crochet Group on THURSDAY AUGUST 21

**CURIOUS GRACE** ALL ARE WELCOME  
**NEEDLES, YARN & MORNING TEA**  
Needles, yarn and morning tea are provided

HELD ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH ie.  
August 21, September 18,  
October 23, November 27  
& then from January 22 in 2026

Learn or rediscover creative skills, reconnect with community and nurture new friendships.

Everyone is welcome  
Children under 16 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult  
Everyone is treated equally  
Drugs and alcohol are not allowed  
No-one is allowed to be abusive or abused  
We want everyone to feel, welcome, safe and comfortable in the Curious Grace community

Curious Grace  
ST CANICE CHURCH HALL  
Enter from  
Rowlyn Gardens  
Rushcutters Bay

You're welcome

Curious Grace  
[curiousgrace@stcanice.org.au](mailto:curiousgrace@stcanice.org.au)

ST CANICE'S KITCHEN  
[stcanices.org.au](http://stcanices.org.au)

## WELCOME HOME FR DAVE!

We are delighted to share that Fr Dave Braithwaite SJ has returned safely from his tertianship experience in Portland, Oregon, USA. We warmly welcome him back to St Canice's and look forward to hearing some of his stories and reflections from his time away. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Fr Robin Koning SJ and Fr Jack Otto SJ for their diligent care of the parish during Fr Dave's absence. It is indeed a joy to have our parish priest home among us once again.

## PRAYERS SOUGHT

**Recently Deceased** Tony Yeldham, Jose Henrique Dardis, Dorothy Furhagen, Dennis Philips, Paul Gusses, Vitauts Adamsons, and all the recently departed.

### Mass Intentions

Leslie Patrick Musgrave and Catherine Mary Alexander, Dennis O'Brien.

Unwell: Wendy Fothergill .

### Congratulations to newly weds

Kathy Tanevska & Guiliana Pessotto (9/08/2025)

## 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](http://www.popesprayer.va)

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Sunday 9.30am

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (First Fridays)

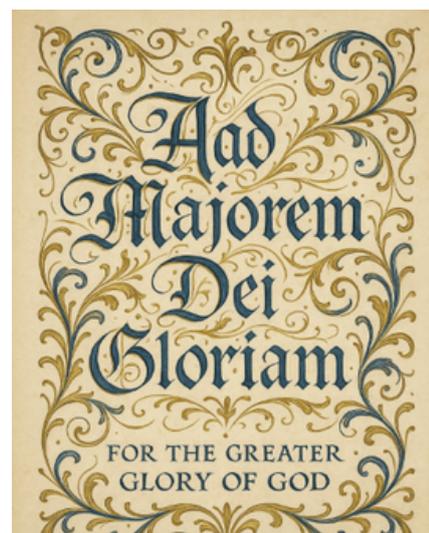
You are warmly invited to spend time in the peaceful presence of Jesus during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **Friday, 5 September 2025 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm**

## 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
- St Canice's Op Shop
- St Canice's Bequests

**please scan the Parish Hub QR code**



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### 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! AMDG

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### ST CANICE'S KITCHEN - VOLUNTEER DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED

(No special licence required – Tarago van provided) St Canice's Kitchen depends on the generosity of our volunteers, corporate partners and suppliers to help serve over 50,000 meals each year. Three of our wonderful suppliers - Harris Farm, OzHarvest and Bakers Delight - provide weekly bread, pastries, fruit and vegetables. We urgently need volunteer drivers to help collect and deliver these donations to our kitchen.

#### **Bread Delivery – Sundays (fortnightly)**

When: Fortnightly on Sunday, pick-up around 5.30 pm  
From: Bakers Delight (Rose Bay)

Duration: Approx. 1.5 hours

Requirements: Able to lift at least 5kg.

Transport: Use our Tarago van (pick up from St Canice's) or your own van

#### **Fruit and Vegetables Delivery – Monday to Saturday**

When: Pickups at 11.30am, Monday to Saturday  
From: Woolworths (Kings Cross) and Harris Farm (Potts Point)

Duration: Less than 1 hour

Requirements: Able to lift at least 10kg

Transport: Use our van or your own vehicle

**Regular weekly shifts or more frequent help welcome**  
**Interested? Please get in touch with Ollie at [ollie@stcanice.org.au](mailto:ollie@stcanice.org.au) or +61 426 659 524**

Thank you for helping us feed our community with dignity, care and love.

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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 the Escola Secundária Católica Nossa Senhora de Fátima (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 6.45 pm in the St Canice's Parish Kitchen**  
**Please RSVP to [railaco@stcanice.org.au](mailto:railaco@stcanice.org.au)**

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### PLEASE SUPPORT RAILACO

Fifty St Canice's parishioners already support Railaco with monthly donations, covering more than half of our annual support. By supporting education at Escola Secundária Católica Nossa Senhora de Fátima (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 below right)**



**Jesuit parish church of Nossa Senhora de Fátima (Our Lady of Fatima), Railaco, Timor Leste**



**Passage from Sacred Scripture: Luke 12:49–53**

***“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ... Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!”***

**Introduction**

Find a quiet place for prayer, stilling your mind before the Lord. Let go of the noise of the day and breathe deeply. Hear Jesus’ words - strong, unsettling, yet filled with purpose - as He reveals the fire of His mission and the cost of faithful discipleship.

**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, flame of truth and love. Ignite in me a burning desire for the Kingdom of God. Give me courage to stand with Christ even when the path is hard and division seems close at hand.

**Act of Contrition**

LORD, forgive me for the times I chose comfort over truth, silence over witness, or compromise over faithfulness. Cleanse my heart of fear, and rekindle my love for You, that I may walk boldly in Your light.

**Reading of Sacred Scripture – Luke 12:49–53**

Read the Gospel slowly, listening for the word or phrase that stirs your heart:

***“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptised, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”***

**Meditatio (Reflection)**

- What does the “fire” Jesus speaks of mean to you - the fire of the Spirit, the fire of truth or the fire of purification?
- Where is Christ calling you to take a stand for your faith, even when it draws misunderstanding or opposition?
- How do you respond when following Christ brings tension or challenges in relationships?
- Jesus’ words are not about conflict for its own sake, but about the cost of loving Him above all. What in your life is God asking you to place second to His Kingdom?
- Recall a moment when faithfulness required courage. How did God strengthen you then and how might He be doing so now?

**Oratio (Prayer)**

Speak openly with Jesus about your fears, your struggles, and your desire to follow Him.

Pray:

*“LORD Jesus, set my heart ablaze with the fire of Your Spirit. Give me courage to remain true to You when my faith is tested. May Your truth guide my words and actions, and may Your love shape my witness, even when it brings challenge or misunderstanding.”*

Offer to Him the people and situations where living the Gospel feels costly.

**Contemplatio (Contemplation)**

Sit in silent openness before the LORD.

Picture Christ standing before you, His eyes aflame with love but also urgency.

Feel the warmth of His fire - not consuming you, but igniting in you a steady, holy zeal.

Let His gaze reassure you that nothing can separate you from His love, even amid division.

**Conclusion**

Our Father...

***Jesus, LORD of truth and love, kindle in me the fire You came to bring. May I live with courage, speak with honesty and love with Your own generous heart. Keep me faithful in trial and steadfast in hope, until the day I see You face to face and share in the joy of Your Kingdom. I ask this through Christ our LORD, Amen.***

**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.