



Sunday 24 August 2025

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Image: "De brede en de smalle weg" (Dutch for "The Broad and Narrow Way"), attributed to Jan Micker (c. 1650–1660), Museum Catharijneconvent, Utrecht, Netherlands.

Jan Micker's intricate allegorical painting, set beneath a towering tree that cleaves the scene, masterfully brings to life the message of Luke 13:22–30. Here, two great destinies unfold: on one side, an angelic figure guides the faithful down a steep and challenging path - the narrow way - where the journey is humble, sparsely travelled and leads through hardship toward a radiant celestial city in the distance. On the other, the bustling broad road is thronged with revellers, feasting and indulging in worldly delights under the eye of a regal figure, as the easy passage draws crowds through a grand gate toward flames and ruin. The contrasting realms are linked by scattered symbols of vanity - crowns, trinkets and books - hinting at the ultimate emptiness of worldly pursuits. The composition visually embodies Jesus' stark call: "Strive to enter by the narrow door."

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HYMNS AND MUSIC

Processional Be Thou My Vision (19)

Responsorial Psalm Go Out To All The World And Tell The Good News!

Gospel Acclamation I Am The Way, The Truth And The Life, Says The LORD; No One Comes To The Father, Except Through Me

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

Communion O Sacred Heart What Shall I Render Thee (203), Firmly I Believe and Truly (73)

Recessional I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say (114)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, 25 August 2025 Monday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time **No Mass**

Tuesday, 26 August 2025 Tuesday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time **Mass 8:00 am**

Wednesday, 27 August 2025 St Monica (Memorial) **Mass 8:00 am**

Thursday, 28 August 2025 St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church (Memorial) **Mass 8:00 am**

Friday, 29 August 2025 The Passion of St John the Baptist (Memorial) **Mass 8:00 am**

Saturday, 30 August 2025 Saturday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time **Mass 9:00 am**

SUNDAY 31 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.



A WONDERFUL EVENING AT ST CANICE'S

On the evening of Tuesday, 21 August 2025, St Canice's hosted an evening with 8 Jesuit Priests from our sister Parish in Railaco Timor Leste, Paróquia Nossa Senhora de Fátima (Parish of Our Lady of Fatima). The evening was filled with warmth, positivity and genuine connection. We were given the opportunity to hold a Q&A with thoughtful reflections from each of the three Jesuit participants, and excellent questions from our parishioners - showing just how deeply our community values our partnership with Timor Leste. Fr Isaias Caldas SJ's moving insights - sharing his lived experience of growing up through Indonesian occupation, independence and his hopes for the future of Timor Leste- left a lasting impression on us all.

A heartfelt thank you to Ollie and Vicky for hosting a wonderful meal on a wet and cold evening, and to our Jesuit friends for their memorable performance to close the evening. Truly it was a night to remember!



WELCOME HOME TO OUR TWO PRIESTS

Last week, we were delighted to welcome home our parish priest, Fr Dave Braithwaite SJ, following his Jesuit tertianship experience in Portland, Oregon. It is a true blessing to have Fr Dave B back among us, renewed by his time of prayer, reflection and formation in the Jesuit tradition.

We must apologise for our omission in not celebrating, equally, the joyful return of our assistant parish priest, Fr Dave Ryan SJ. After his extended sojourn in Melbourne and Pymble, Fr Dave R is now once again residing at St Canice's. His presence, cheerfulness, energy and pastoral care have been deeply missed.

As we give thanks for their safe return, we continue to keep Fr Dave Ryan especially in our prayers, asking for strength, healing and full recovery.

May both our priests be blessed as they resume their ministry among us and may St Canice's always be a place of welcome, renewal and community for all.

Welcome home to the two Fr Daves!

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, Irene (Timmy) Harding, 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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Sunday 9.30am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (First Fridays)

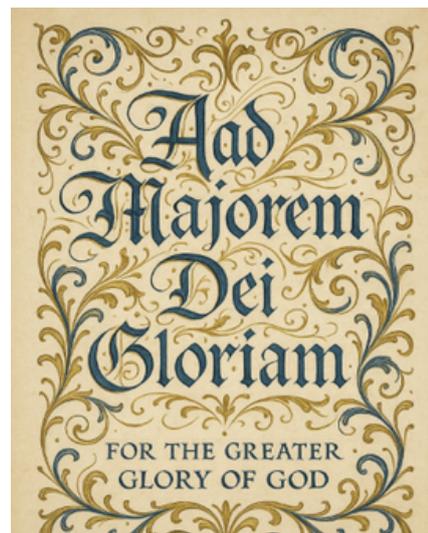
You are warmly invited to spend time in the peaceful presence of Jesus during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **Friday, 5 September 2025 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm**

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
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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

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 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**
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

HOLY COMMUNION VISITS

If you, or someone you know, is housebound due to age, illness, or injury and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, we have a parishioner who is available to visit.

Please contact Stephen Fulham on +61 411 626 262 to arrange a suitable time

COLOMBIÉRE YOUNG ADULTS EVENT

**Sevenhill Wine Tasting 🍷 at St Canice's Rooftop
Tuesday, 10 September 2025 - 6:00–8:00 PM
\$20 per ticket**

Join us for a special evening on the St Canice's Rooftop. Sevenhill Cellars, founded in 1851 by Jesuits in South Australia's Clare Valley, has been crafting award-winning wines for over 170 years. Renowned for its elegant Riesling, robust Shiraz and character-driven reds, Sevenhill wines are a testament to tradition, craftsmanship and the unique terroir of the Clare Valley.

On the night, guests will enjoy a curated selection of Sevenhill's celebrated vintages, guided by knowledgeable hosts who will share the stories behind the wines, the winemaking process, and the legacy of Jesuit viticulture. There will be options to buy and some light snacks to go with it.

Tickets: \$20 – places are limited, so secure yours early. Please scan the QR code (see right)



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.

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“Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able... Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

Introduction

Find a quiet place for prayer, allowing your heart to become still before the Lord. Lay aside the worries and noise of the day. Listen as Jesus invites you to reflect on His challenging words, calling you to perseverance, humility and the hope of the Kingdom.

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, gentle guide and steadfast defender. Lead me along the path that enters by the narrow door. Give me wisdom and persistence to follow Christ, even when the journey feels difficult and the way ahead is unclear.

Act of Contrition

LORD, forgive me for the times I have chosen the broad and comfortable way, neglected the demands of discipleship or put myself before the needs of others. Cleanse my heart of pride and complacency. Strengthen my resolve to walk faithfully with You.

Reading of Sacred Scripture – Luke 13:22–30

Read the Gospel slowly, attentively, letting one word or phrase settle in your heart:

“Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able... When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, you will begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, ‘LORD, open to us.’ Then in reply he will say to you, ‘I do not know where you come from’... There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth... Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

Meditatio (Reflection)

What does “striving” for the narrow door look like in my daily life?

Where do I encounter challenges or obstacles in following Christ?

How do I respond when the way of faith is not the easiest or most popular path?

What attitudes or habits might the LORD be calling me to set aside, so as not to miss the opening of the narrow door?

Recall a time when persistence in faith brought me unexpected blessings or a deeper sense of belonging in God’s Kingdom.

Oratio (Prayer)

Speak honestly with Jesus about your desires, your burdens, and your longing for His Kingdom. Pray:

“LORD Jesus, lead me on the true path to life. Give me strength to persevere when the journey is steep, and trust when I feel unworthy or left behind. Grant me humility to accept your invitation through the narrow door and generosity to encourage others along the way. Help me to seek not status or ease, but faithfulness and love in Your sight.”

Offer in prayer those in your life who may feel excluded or far from God’s embrace.

Contemplatio (Contemplation)

Rest quietly in God’s presence. Imagine the doorway to the Kingdom open before you - narrow, but radiant with welcome. Feel Christ’s loving gaze urging you onward, not just by your own strength, but with His grace empowering each step. Let His assurance fill you with hope: “The last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Conclusion

Our Father...

LORD Jesus, you are the gate that leads to life. Make my heart humble, steadfast and trusting in Your mercy. May I never tire of seeking Your Kingdom and, at the end of my days, welcome me through the door to rejoice with You and all Your saints forever. 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. 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.