



Sunday 31 August 2025

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Image: "The Peasant Wedding" by Pieter Bruegel the Elder (1567), Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna.

Pieter Bruegel's masterful painting, alive with the bustle of a humble village celebration, visually echoes the wisdom and challenge found in the Gospel of Luke 14:1, 7-14. At the heart of the canvas, the guests gather for a rustic wedding feast not defined by status or wealth, but by simplicity and genuine hospitality. The bride sits quietly in an unremarkable spot, nearly lost among the diners, while the servers carry food to each table - reminding viewers that honour in God's banquet comes not from seeking prominence but from serving others. Bruegel's composition highlights those overlooked by society: the poor, the labourers, the musicians - mirroring Jesus' call to invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind to the feast. The painting becomes a living parable, embodying Christ's teaching that those who humble themselves will be exalted and those who exalt themselves will be humbled.

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HYMNS AND MUSIC

Processional Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (158)

Responsorial Psalm GOD, in Your goodness, You have Made a Home for the Poor

Gospel Acclamation Take My Yoke Upon You, and Learn from Me, for I am Gentle and Humble of Heart.

Offertory Light of All Days (Tallis Canon)

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

Communion Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God (Colin Gibson), When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (283)

Recessional Praise My Soul The King of Heaven (226)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, 1 September 2025 Monday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time **No Mass**

Tuesday, 2 September 2025 Tuesday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time **Mass 8:00 am**

Wednesday, 3 September August 2025 St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church (Memorial) **Mass 8:00 am**

Thursday, 4 September 2025 Thursday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time **Mass 8:00 am**

Friday, 5 September 2025 Friday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time (Optional Memorial: St Teresa of Calcutta) **Mass 8:00 am**

Saturday, 6 September 2025 Saturday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time **Mass 9:00 am**

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2025 - TWENTY-THIRD 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

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RAILACO APPEAL - THANK YOU!

The support shown by so many in the St Canice community over the past month for our sister parish in Railaco, Timor Leste, Paróquia Nossa Senhora de Fátima (Parish of Our Lady of Fatima), has truly been an inspiration.

The 2025 'Building Futures in Railaco' appeal was launched during our celebration of St Ignatius' feast day. We were delighted to welcome Fr Ross Jones SJ from St Aloysius' College, Mislosn Point, and the day was enriched by presentations from two recently returned immersion students, followed by a generous morning tea provided by the families of St Ignatius' College, Riverview.

So far, this year's appeal has raised a remarkable \$6000 and an additional 15 donors have committed to recurring monthly contributions of \$530 that help provide year-round continuity.

The total for the 12 month period is \$6360 plus \$8206 (one off donations over the appeal period) - a total of \$14,566.

Every one of these contributions is important and each will go a long way towards building a more secure future for the communities of Railaco.

Later in the month, St Canice's was honoured to host eight Jesuit priests from Timor Leste at the end of a brief visit to Australia. This was an exceptional opportunity to hear perspectives from program leaders in the Railaco community and beyond. Their presentations were followed by a fully subscribed supper where the less formal setting enabled mingling and even a short but moving musical performance by the priests in the local Tetum language.

The evening also saw a special presentation to Michael Musgrave: a painting commissioned in Timor Leste that was hand-delivered by one of the visiting priests, Fr Julio. A most fitting and memorable way to recognise Michael's leadership and unstinting commitment to St Canice's friendship with Railaco spanning a remarkable 15 years.

As always, we are most grateful to our friends at Jesuit Mission Australia who participated eagerly at all events. Their professionalism and guidance are a vital part of ensuring that St Canice's efforts to support Railaco are managed efficiently and with dignity.

Finally, a profound thank you to all in the St Canice's community who contributed in any way to the Railaco events this month. Your support is deeply encouraging and points to a bright future.



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 SEPTEMBER 2025

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect 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



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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

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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 CONTINUE TO SUPPORT RAILACO

We encourage you to consider supporting 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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Introduction

Enter a place of quiet before the LORD, leaving behind thoughts of status or recognition. Allow Jesus' challenge in the Gospel to penetrate your heart: to seek humility over honour, generosity over gain and kingdom welcome above the world's rewards.

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, divine teacher and gentle strength. Grant me humility in heart and action. Show me those in my life who need welcome and kindness. Help me to imitate CHRIST'S love that asks nothing in return.

Act of Contrition

LORD, forgive me for seeking my own advantage, for prioritising relationships that benefit me and for neglecting the needy and overlooked. Cleanse my heart of pride and self-interest and renew in me a willingness to serve without counting the cost.

Reading of Sacred Scripture – Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Slowly read the Gospel, letting Jesus' invitation and challenge dwell in you:

“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour... For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted... When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you.”

Meditatio (Reflection)

- When have I sought recognition or honour rather than quietly serving?
- Are there “banquets” in my life - moments, groups, opportunities - where I could make space for the excluded or forgotten?
- What holds me back from loving generously and welcoming those who cannot repay me?
- How do I respond when humility is hard and no one seems to notice my sacrifices?
- Recall a time when sharing or serving without reward brought a deeper sense of God's presence and joy.

Oratio (Prayer)

“LORD JESUS, teach me true humility. Let me seek neither praise nor repayment but only Your delight. Give me the courage to welcome those the world overlooks and a heart that serves in secret. May my love reflect Your greatness and my actions reveal Your Kingdom. Bless all who feel left out or unwanted; may they know the joy of Your invitation and belong at Your table.”

Offer to GOD those in need - in your family, parish or community - and pray that each finds dignity and hope.

Contemplatio (Contemplation)

Rest quietly in the LORD's presence. Imagine JESUS among the simple and the poor, choosing the lowest place and inviting you to join Him. Sense His gaze inviting you to love beyond calculation, to find blessing not in status but in humility and welcome.

Conclusion

Our Father...

JESUS, gentle and humble of heart, shape my life by Your teaching and presence. May I welcome others generously, seek no honour except Yours and rejoice one day at Your eternal banquet, with all Your saints. 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.