



Sunday 21 September 2025

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Parable of the Unjust Steward" by Marinus van Reymerswaele, c. 1540, Muzeum Narodowe w Warszawie (National Museum of Warsaw)

This painting invites every believer to contemplate the call of Christ in the parable: more than cleverness or resourcefulness, the steward's drama becomes a mirror for the soul, reminding us that urgent, honest self-examination and decisive spiritual action are needed if one is to turn back to God's mercy. The Master commends not dishonesty, but the courage to face one's failings and to use whatever remains in service of reconciliation and grace. In the bustle of daily life, this scene beckons all to place God above all else, to surrender attachments that dull the soul and to act swiftly with the "holy shrewdness" of the steward - trusting that divine mercy waits for each heart willing to return and be renewed.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased Emiliano Betancourt, Paul Christie, John Prescott, Tony Yeldham, Jose Henrique Dardis, Dorothy Fuhagen, Dennis Philips, Paul Gusses, Vitauts Adamsons, Twinning Cruz, Katharine, Duchess of Kent

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Mass Intentions: Roy Pease (21/09), Paul Lam Han, Kathleen Kevin, Leslie Patrick Musgrave, Catherine Mary Alexander, Irene (Timmy) Harding, Dennis O'Brien, Xavier Sedger

We especially remember: Molly Dominguez, Matthew Slade-Smith, Giulia Lombardo

Newly married: Kathy Tanevska & Guiliana Pessotto (9 August 2025)

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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**



LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNIVERSARIES

Monday, 22 September 2025 Monday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time No Mass **Anniversary - Kathleen Kevin**

Tuesday, 23 September 2025 St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest (M) Mass 8:00 am

Wednesday, 24 September 2025 Our Lady of Mercy (F) **Mass 8:00 am Anniversary - Paul Lam Han**

Thursday, 25 September 2025 Thursday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time **Mass 8:00 am**

Friday, 26 September 2025 Sts Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs (OM) **Mass 8:00 am**

Saturday, 27 September 2025 St Vincent de Paul, Priest (M) **Mass 9:00 am**

SUNDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2025 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES: 6:00 PM (SATURDAY VIGIL MASS), SUNDAY 8:30 AM AND 10:00 AM

HYMNS AND MUSIC

Processional Holy God We Praise Thy Name (108)

Responsorial Psalm Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor

Memorial Acclamation Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free

Communion The Beatitudes , Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest (43)

Recessional Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee (138)

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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.



CURIOUS GRACE KNITTING GROUP

The Curious Grace Knitting Group meets in the church hall on the third Thursday of each month (18 September, 16 October, 20 November and 15 January). All are welcome! You may contribute "Curious Grace Love Rugs" by knitting/crocheting 20 x 20cm squares (10 or 8 ply minimum, acrylic yarn) at home or join us for chat, cuppa and cake as we work together. Each rug needs 35 squares, so coordinating colours and patterns with friends is encouraged. All rugs raised go to support Curious Grace and St Canice's Kitchen. **For queries please contact Jen: +61 429 966 492**

BE NOT AFRAID: MEN'S CONFERENCE

An opportunity for men to encounter Christ, and increase in faith, hope and charity in brotherhood to be the men God created us to be.

Date: Saturday 20 September 2025

Time: 7:30am - 4:00pm

Venue: St Marys' Cathedral Hall

Cost: \$60pp or \$220 for 4 tickets.

Clergy, religious, seminarians free

Sydney Centre for Evangelisation
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ANOINTED WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

A celebration of the sacred identity and vocation of women in the Church.

Date: Saturday 27 September 2025

Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Venue: Royal Randwick Racecourse

Who: Women aged 18+

Cost: \$125 per person

Group discounts available

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SCHOLARSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL

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A CHURCH IN NEED OF HEALING
FR JOHN BURNS AND SR MIRIAM JAMES SOLT
6PM FOR A 6:30PM START | 29 SEPTEMBER 2025
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL - CATHEDRAL HALL

Fr. John Burns is a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Ordained in 2010, he has served as an associate pastor, pastor, and adjunct professor of moral theology.

Sr. Miriam James Heidland is a former Division I college athlete who had a radical conversion and joined the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) in 1998.

REGISTER ONLINE
www.satcathedral.org

PASSING OF THE DUCHESS OF KENT (1933-2025)

Pope Leo XIV paid tribute to Katharine, Duchess of Kent, who died on 4 September 2025 at age 92. She is the first member of the royal family in modern times to have a Catholic funeral. The Pope praised her "Christian goodness" and highlighted her many years of charity and care for the vulnerable, expressing condolences to King Charles and the royal family in a telegram read at her funeral Mass celebrated by Vincent Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, in Westminster Cathedral, on 16 September 2025. May she rest in peace.

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 on the First Friday of each month. **Next Adoration Evening: Friday, 3 October 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
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- 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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THE CHURCH HAS TWO NEW CANONISED SAINTS

On 7 September 2025, Pope Leo XIV canonised Sts Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis in St Peter's Square, Rome, marking a landmark moment for the Church and especially for young Catholics. The joint ceremony - attended by tens of thousands, including families, youth groups and Italian dignitaries - was the first canonisation of Pope Leo's pontificate and united two inspiring laymen in sainthood.

UPDATE - LADY CHAPEL

The restoration of the Lady Chapel at St Canice's is nearing completion.



Restoration works are largely complete — and the Lady Chapel is open once again! The marble and mosaic floor have been painstakingly hand-cleaned, revealing its original beauty and the chapel has been renewed with care and detail. The painting of Our Lady of the Angels (Santa Maria degli Angeli) is still being restored and will be re-installed very soon.

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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.davidspplace.com.au**
Visitors always welcome

FEAST OF ST CANICE SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025

Our parish will celebrate the Feast of St Canice on Sunday 12 October 2025 with 10 am Mass followed by morning tea. Please invite your families!

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will attend. Please mark your diaries and follow parish socials for details. *Curious Grace* will be moving to this date, morning tea to follow.

Who was St Canice? St Canice (also known as Cainnech of Aghaboe or St Kenneth) was a 6th century Irish abbot, missionary and founder. Born in County Derry, he trained with various saints and worked closely with St Columba, spreading Christianity in Scotland before founding the influential monastery at Aghaboe, Ireland. He is honoured as one of the 12 Apostles of Ireland.

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

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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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FR DAVE RYAN SJ'S BIRTHDAY: 16 SEPTEMBER 2025



MEDITATION: CALLED TO THE CROSS, CALLED TO FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

"No servant can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and wealth." (Luke 16:13)

As we gaze upon the Cross - the sign of Christ's self-emptying love - we are reminded that true greatness is found in surrendering to God, not to the illusions of worldly security or wealth. Enter prayerfully into this sacred mystery; lay aside distractions and let the shadow of Christ's Cross fall anew on every longing and labour of the heart.

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, font of wisdom and right judgment. Open my eyes to see as Christ sees - to desire spiritual riches above all, and to trust the Father's providence above any fleeting comfort.

Act of Contrition

Lord, forgive me for the times I have trusted more in my own plans or possessions than in your saving love. Free my heart from divided loyalties or careless stewardship, that I may always seek you first.

Reading of Sacred Scripture: Luke 16: 10-13

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much... If then you have not been faithful with dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?... No servant can serve two masters; for... you cannot serve God and wealth."

Meditatio (Reflection)

Christ on the Cross poured out everything, not withholding even His own life, that we might inherit what is eternal. The Gospel's "shrewd steward" reminds us that in all things - great and small - we are accountable to God, the true Master and Giver of all gifts. The Cross shows where trust in riches leads: only God's mercy endures.

- Where am I tempted to seek security or self-worth in possessions rather than in Christ?
- How can I become a faithful steward - using my time, talents, and means for God's kingdom rather than for self?
- What does it mean for me personally to "choose my Master," as Christ chose the path of humble service for my sake?
- Recall a time when trusting the Lord in sacrifice brought unexpected grace or joy.
- Offer any anxieties about security, success or future into God's loving hands.

Oratio (Prayer)

"Lord Jesus, lifted high on the Cross, draw me into Your self-giving love. Teach me to hold lightly what passes away and to seek the treasures of Your kingdom. May I be faithful with every gift entrusted to me, serving You alone—so that my life may echo Your mercy to all who are in need."

Contemplatio (Contemplation)

Sit in stillness before the Cross. See not only Christ's arms extended in suffering, but as a gesture of welcoming all who return to Him with undivided hearts. Rest in His call to let go of what cannot last, trusting Him above all else.

Conclusion

Our Father...

"Jesus, faithful steward and loving Saviour, let your Cross shape every choice I make. May I serve you first in all things, bringing hope to others by the way I live and give.

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.