



Sunday 12 October 2025

PATRONAL SOLEMNITY OF ST CANICE OF AGHABOE



Image: St Canice of Aghaboe

This icon depicts St Canice (also known as St Cainnech of Aghaboe [Ireland] and St Kenneth or St Kenny [Scotland]) who lived from 515/516 to 599/600 AD. Shown in prayerful monastic robes and a green cloak, our patron reaches out to Christ, who appears above with a gesture of blessing. The halo around his head signifies holiness, while the background evokes his role as abbot and founder. This vibrant image calls us to reflect on St Canice's legacy as spiritual leader, missionary and one of Ireland's Twelve Apostles, asking his intercession as patron and guide for our parish community.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Recently Deceased:** Alister Horman, Terry Meagher, Emiliano Betancourt, Paul Christie, John Prescott, Tony Yeldham, Jose Henrique Dardis, Dorothy Furhagen, Dennis Philips, Paul Gusses, Vitauts Adamsons, Twinning Cruz

*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*

**Pray for the sick:** Emily Brooks, Christopher McSweeney

**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:** Xavier O'Grady, Shirley Joan Campbell (12th), John Joseph Lane (13th)

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

#### 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**



#### LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNIVERSARIES

We ask you to remember in your prayers, those in our columbarium whose anniversaries occur this week. (BELOW)

**Sunday 12/10: Feast of St Canice (Mass)**

**Shirley Joan Campbell**

**Monday 13/10:**

**John Joseph Lane**

**Tuesday 14/10: St Callistus I, Pope, Martyr (M) Mass 8:00 am**

**Wednesday 15/10: St Teresa of Jesus (St Teresa of Avila), Virgin, Doctor (M) Mass 8:00 am**

**Thursday 16/10: Mass 8:00 am**

**Friday 17/10: St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr (M) Mass 8:00 am**

**Saturday 18/10: St Luke, Evangelist (F) Mass 9:00 am**

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

#### HYMNS AND MUSIC

**Processional** Be Thou My Vision (19)

**Responsorial Psalm (Response)** The Lord Has Revealed To The Nations His Saving Power

**Offertory** Laudate Dominum (Chants de Taizé - Jacques Berthier)

**Memorial Acclamation** We Proclaim Your Death, O Lord And Profess Your Resurrection, Until You Come Again!

**Communion** Gaelic Blessing (John Rutter), O Breathe On Me O Breath Of God (173)

**Recessional** For All The Saints (75)

#### PARISH CLERGY

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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 - THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2025 10:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

The Curious Grace Knitting Group meets in the church hall on the third Thursday of each month. . The group continues to thrive and will next meet in the Church Hall on Thursday, 16 October 2025. 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. New members are always welcome, whether experienced or just learning. If you knit or crochet, please consider joining us and helping with our Rugs with Love project. **For more details, please contact Jen: +61 429 966 492**

## NEXT CURIOUS GRACE - SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025

Our next Curious Grace gathering will take place today - Sunday 12 October 2025 as a special celebration for the Feast of St Canice, when Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will be attending. After 10:00am Mass, join us for painting, drawing, plant pots, knitting, hand massage and a splendid morning tea - all our usual activities brought together for this festive occasion.

**For more details: Sonia +61 414 376 868 or [curiousgrace@stcanice.org.au](mailto:curiousgrace@stcanice.org.au)**

## HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND:

If you, or someone you know, is unable to attend Mass due to age, illness, or injury and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, **please contact Stephen Fulham at +61 411 626 262 to arrange.**

## NOTICES FOR THE ST CANICE'S BULLETIN

Please note, all items for inclusion in the Parish Bulletin (including Mass intentions) need to be submitted by the close of business on WEDNESDAY each week. Any items received after Wednesday will be held over until the following week's Bulletin.

**For all submission requests, please email [bulletin@stcanice.org.au](mailto:bulletin@stcanice.org.au).**

## THE EUCHARIST - FOUNDATION AND CONFIRMATION OF ALL CHRISTIAN LIFE

On 5 October 2025, Pope Leo XIV preached during the Jubilee of the Missionary World and Migrants at St Peter's Square, urging Catholics to recognise the Eucharist as the "foundation and confirmation of all Christian life." He emphasised that the Holy Mass unites Christians of every era and makes present the saving mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. Pope Leo encouraged everyone to allow the strength and peace of Jesus' real presence to shape their everyday lives and witness.

## POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2025

**For collaboration between different religious traditions.** Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity  
[www.popesprayer.va](http://www.popesprayer.va)

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Sunday 9:30 am

## 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, 7 November 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**



**LIFE MARRIAGE FAMILY Sunday**  
19 OCTOBER 2025  
10:30AM MASS, FOLLOWED BY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

**Celebrate Mass with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP**

All families are warmly invited to St Mary's Cathedral Annual Marriage Mass on Life Marriage and Family Sunday. Join us on this special occasion for renewal of marital promises and a special blessing for families.

Couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries will be presented with certificates after Mass.  
Register by 6th October [www.trybooking.com/DDFA](http://www.trybooking.com/DDFA)

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## NOVEMBER - PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Each November, the Church invites us to turn our hearts and prayers toward those who have gone before us. It is a sacred responsibility of our Catholic faith to remember, with love and gratitude, our beloved departed and to commend them to God's eternal embrace.

At St Canice's, we keep this tradition alive through our *Liber Defunctorum* (the Book of the Departed) which rests at the back of the Church.

I warmly encourage you to write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book. Throughout the month of November, their names will be remembered at Mass, as we unite in prayer for the souls of all who have died.

This act of remembrance is an expression of our faith in the communion of saints and the hope of resurrection.

If you wish, you may also make a Mass offering towards the restoration of our beloved Church. Your generosity helps us care for this sacred space that continues to hold so many memories and milestones of faith. Please look out for the envelopes in the back of the Church.

You can place the envelopes in the Mass collection or drop them into the Parish Hub office during business hours Monday–Thursday.

Let us journey together in prayer and hope this November, trusting in the mercy of God who welcomes all His children home.

In Christ's peace

Fr Dave Braithwaite SJ

Parish Priest

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## HOLY FATHER'S VISIT TO DOMUS AUSTRALA, ROME

On 6 October 2025, Pope Leo XIV joined the Australian community in Rome to celebrate Vespers at the Chapel of St Peter Chanel at Domus Australia [www.domusaustralia.org](http://www.domusaustralia.org). During this special prayer gathering, the Holy Father blessed a restored painting of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii, praying for the Australian faithful at home and abroad. In his message, Pope Leo encouraged all to foster daily fidelity to God, saying, "God never delays; we are the ones who have to learn to trust, even if it requires patience and perseverance." He entrusted Australian Catholics, wherever they may be, to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and urged us all to grow in hope, courage, and service to the Lord.



Image of the Holy Father at the Chapel of St Peter Chanel at Domus Australia Photo: Vatican Media/CNS

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## PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT RAILACO

St Canice's support of NOSSEF has impacted the journeys of many in Railaco. Ongoing donations will continue to empower positive futures for students and teachers.

To donate, to Railaco kindly scan the QR code (see right)



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## SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025 10:00 AM PATRONAL MASS - SOLEMNITY OF ST CANICE

Our parish extends its heartfelt thanks to His Grace, the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP for his presence, prayerful leadership and generous participation at our Patronal Solemnity Mass today, Sunday, 12 October 2025.

His Grace's visit has brought great honour and joy to our community as we celebrate the Solemnity of St Canice and remember the rich spiritual legacy of our patron saint. We warmly appreciate His Grace for his time and engagement which uplifts all with a sense of unity and hope.

Special gratitude is also extended to Fr Ben Saliba, His Grace's Master of Ceremonies, for his dedicated service and guidance during the liturgy, ensuring the beauty and reverence of our celebration.

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## A MILLION VOICES FOR PEACE: CHILDREN'S GLOBAL ROSARY MARKS 20 YEARS

In October 2025, Aid to the Church in Need's "A Million Children Praying the Rosary" campaign celebrates its 20th anniversary, uniting children across continents in a worldwide movement of prayer for peace, unity and healing. What began as a small gathering in Venezuela in 2005 now regularly sees more than a million young participants, with this year's event resonating strongly amid global crises and the Church's Jubilee of Hope. The campaign reaches its crescendo on 7 October 2025, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, with families, parishes, and schools encouraged to register online through the campaign's website so organisers can measure the scale of participation and provide free resources for every group. Cardinal Mauro Piacenza calls this movement "an oasis of contemplation" and a beacon of hope for the world. **For more details see here:**

<https://acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying/>

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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](http://www.davidspplace.com.au)**  
Visitors always welcome

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**LECTIO DIVINA FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SOLEMNITY OF ST CANICE - HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 17: 11-19**

### Introduction

Set aside all distractions and enter the stillness of God's presence. As you begin this sacred time, prepare to hear Christ's word - an invitation to healing, gratitude and the recognition of God's mercy in unexpected places.

### 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 teacher and healer. Open my heart to recognise the gifts you offer, even in adversity. Stir within me deep gratitude for moments of grace and teach me to return thanks with sincerity.

### Act of Contrition

Lord, forgive my ingratitude and forgetfulness. Pardon the times I have lacked gratitude for your blessings or failed to acknowledge your saving power in my life. Renew in me a grateful and humble spirit, attentive to your presence.

### Reading of Sacred Scripture – Luke 17:11-19

Read slowly and listen for the voice of Jesus:

***As Jesus was going to Jerusalem, ten lepers called out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" He healed them all, but only one - a foreigner - returned to thank God. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten made clean? Where are the other nine?" Then he said, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."***

### Meditatio (Reflection)

- When have I experienced healing - physical, emotional or spiritual - and failed to acknowledge God's hand?
- How am I being called, like the Samaritan leper, to gratitude, even in challenging circumstances?
- What prevents me from returning regularly to give thanks for God's gifts?
- Recall a time you offered heartfelt thanks - reflect on the joy and peace it brought.

### Oratio (Prayer)

***Gracious Jesus, help me to remember all that you have done for me. Teach me to return thanks always, even for simple blessings. By your Spirit, fill me with faith and gratitude that move me to praise you and strengthen my resolve to serve others out of love.***

Lift up the needs of those who are forgotten or excluded, praying they may know God's mercy.

### Contemplatio (Contemplation)

Sit in silence, holding in your heart those moments of healing and thanksgiving. Imagine Jesus welcoming your gratitude and blessing your faith. Allow yourself to experience God's presence, peace and joy as gifts to carry forward.

### Conclusion

Our Father...

***Jesus, source of mercy and healing, grant that I may always be grateful for your love and blessings. Let my life be a witness to your saving power, and may I share that grace with others. Through Christ our Lord, Amen. St Canice of Aghaboe, pray for us.***

#### **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.