



The Raising of the Widow's Son in Nain (oil on canvas, by Jan Verhas, 1860)

This evocative 1860 oil painting by Belgian artist Jan Verhas (1834–1896), depicts the Gospel miracle from Luke 7:11-17 with dynamic realism and emotional power. At the centre, Jesus raises the widow's only son from death, his compassionate gesture met with wonder and awe by the gathered townsfolk. The newly revived young man sits up, surrounded by mourners and witnesses whose expressive faces convey a spectrum of reactions - shock, joy, reverence and relief. The background, featuring distant buildings and rolling hills, grounds the scene in a narrative context, while the foreground draws attention to the human drama unfolding at the heart of this powerful story of divine mercy and restoration.

**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS
ENTRUSTED TO THE WORLDWIDE PRAYER
NETWORK FOR THE YEAR 2025**

Intentions for November 2025

For the prevention of suicide
Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life. www.popesprayer.va

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

Please remember in your prayers those for whom Mass intentions have been received as well as those whose earthly remains are in our parish columbarium

Monday 3 November 2025 St Martin de Porres, Religious (Optional Memorial)

Tuesday 4 November 2025 St Charles Borromeo, Bishop (Memorial) **+Garry Eugene Scarf 4/11/2020**

Wednesday 5 November 2025 Wednesday of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday 6 November 2025 Thursday of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time

Friday 7 November 2025 Friday of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 8 November 2025 Saturday of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2025 THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (FEAST)

+Nick Waterlow OAM 9/11/2009

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

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

Recently Deceased

Michael Joyce, Mario Juka

Anniversaries of Death

Garry Eugene Scarf, Nick Waterlow OAM

PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the sick: Raneé Fernando

OTHER SACRAMENTS

Holy Baptism

Holy Matrimony

George Lattouf & Youna Al Suhaili

SUBMIT A MASS INTENTION

To request the offering of Mass for any intention, please use the QR code to the right

ST CANICE'S COLUMBARIUM

Enquiry: please scan QR code

Application: please scan QR code

Inurnment Appointment: please scan QR code

PARISH CLERGY

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ST CANICE'S PARISH HUB

Open Tuesday to Thursday 10 am to 3 pm

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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](#)

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.

NEW TO ST CANICE'S?

Welcome to St Canice's! If you're new here, please scan the QR code to stay connected with our parish apostolates, services, and events. We look forward to keeping you informed and involved in our community.



MASS TIMES

Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Tuesday to Friday 8:00 am (No Mass on Monday)

Saturday 9:00 am and 6:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

OTHER SACRAMENTS

Penance (Reconciliation): Sunday 9:30 am

Holy Baptism: Each third Sunday of the month after 10:00 am Mass

Holy Matrimony: By appointment

Funeral: By appointment

HOLY ROSARY

After Weekday Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of the Month from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

RAILACO, TIMOR LESTE

For many years, St Canice's Parish has provided financial support for Our Lady of Fatima Parish and its parish school, NOSSEF Secondary School, located in Railaco, Timor-Leste.

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



CURIOUS GRACE

Curious Grace warmly welcomes everyone, offering hospitality and group activities on the church steps on the first Sunday of each month from 11 am to 1 pm. There is also a Yarn Knitting and Crochet Group with hospitality on the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 am to 1 pm in the church hall.

For more details, please contact Sonia at curiousgrace@stcanice.org.au

ST CANICE'S KITCHEN

St Canice's Kitchen provides nourishing meals to disadvantaged and lonely members of our community six mornings a week, from Monday to Saturday. The kitchen relies on dedicated volunteer drivers to collect donated bread, fruit and vegetables, ensuring there is always enough fresh food to prepare and serve those in need.

If you are available to help and want to support this important mission, please contact Ollie at the Hub or email kitchen@stcanices.org.au to become involved and make a direct difference in the lives of others.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Remembering our Babies Memorial Mass:

Sunday 9 November 2025 10:00 am

Join us in remembering babies lost to pregnancy, infant and child loss

Mention My Name Memorial Mass: Sunday 16

November 2025 at 10:00 am

For all who have died by suicide or misadventure

This is Your Home Memorial Mass: Sunday 23

November 2025 at 10:00 am

Everyone is welcome to attend and find community here

The Archdiocesan Grief Care team members offer pastoral support at all masses

Contact +61 2 0466 6096 or

griefcare@sydneycatholic.org

PARISH PASTORAL CALENDAR - YOUR INPUT IS SOUGHT

The St Canice's Parish Pastoral Council is developing a year-long calendar of events for spiritual growth and parish fellowship. Your ideas and participation matter. Please take a moment to fill out our short survey (about 10 minutes).

Thank you for helping strengthen our parish relationships with the Lord and one another.

To access the survey, please scan the QR code



THE WAY OF BEAUTY

Beauty acts as a powerful means of encountering God, offering a unique pathway to faith that resonates across cultures and backgrounds. The National Centre for Evangelisation's video series, 'The Way of Beauty', showcases Catholic experts who share how the beauty inherent in art, music and literature invites hearts and minds to contemplate the divine.

According to Professor Tracey Rowland, evangelisation is most effective when it incorporates beauty and goodness alongside truth, as these experiences awaken in us a desire for the transcendent, stirring a longing to connect with something much greater than ourselves.

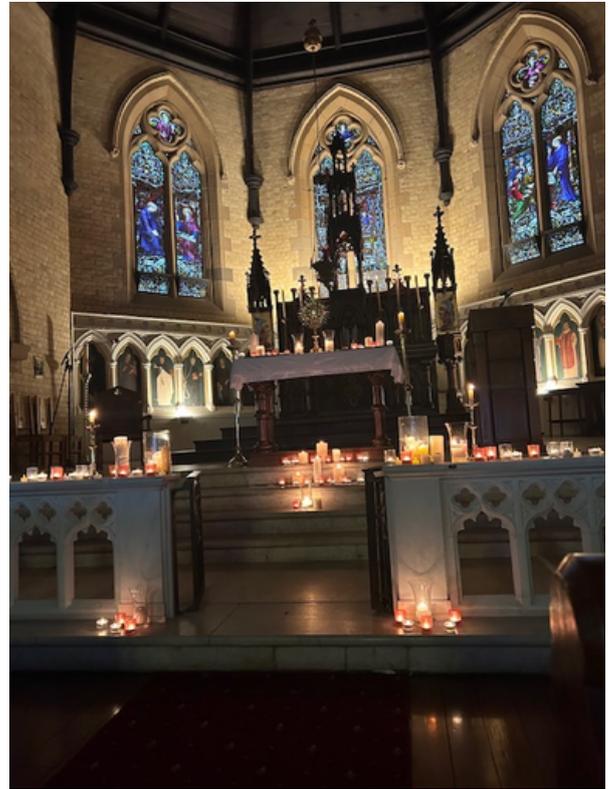
'The Way of Beauty' explores how stunning visual art, timeless music and poetic literature provide lasting inspiration and foster faith.

THE WAY OF BEAUTY (CONTINUED)

The 'Way of Beauty' series is available to watch on Evangelise Plus, for free - there you will find reflections and insights for all who seek God through beauty. **To access the Way of Beauty Series, visit**

www.evangeliseplus.com.au/the-way-of-beauty

ADORATION HOUR



"Be still, and know that I am God." Ps 46:10

Adoration is a time of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, where we sit in the presence of Christ, listen, reflect, and open our hearts. It is a moment to encounter the peace and love of Jesus, to pray for ourselves, our parish, and our world.

Everyone is warmly invited to spend time in adoration each First Friday of the month, from 6 pm to 7 pm in the church

DAVID'S PLACE

David's Place is a community of friendship, peace and spiritual nourishment, especially for those who are homeless or marginalised. The group meets three times a week for lunches and spiritual support at St Canice's as well as in Darlinghurst and Redfern. All are welcome, regardless of background.

For more details: www.davidspplace.com.au

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

First Reading 2 Maccabees 12:42-45 (Sacrifice for the dead)

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 27 (The Lord is my light and my salvation)

Second Reading Philippians 3:20-21 (Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body)

Gospel Luke 7:11-17 (The only son of his mother, and she a widow)

The Church urges us to listen to the proclamation of the Word of God "with reverence and silence, as Christ himself speaks to his people" (GIRM no. 29). All are encouraged to open the eyes and ears of their hearts to the sacred readings. For those who require them, a small number of printed copies of the full texts of today's readings are available at the rear of the church.

HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Processional Jesus Remember Me (Taizé)

Responsorial Psalm (Response) The Lord is my light and my salvation (Colin Smith)

Gospel Acclamation This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that all who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life again on the last day.

Offertory Ubi Caritas (Taizé)

Communion Eat this Bread (Taizé)

Recessional On This Day, O Beautiful Mother (220)

MEDITATION ON LUKE 7:11-17) WITH REFLECTIONS FROM ST THOMAS AQUINAS

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus enters the town of Nain and encounters a funeral procession for the only son of a grieving widow. Moved by compassion, He tells her, "*Do not weep,*" then touches the bier and commands, "*Young man, I say to you, rise!*" Immediately, the dead man sits up and speaks, and Jesus restores him to his mother.

St Thomas Aquinas, reflecting in his *Catena Aurea*, gathers the wisdom of the Church Fathers on Christ's boundless mercy.

St Augustine of Hippo observes: "*Christ is the Resurrection and the Life, who did not despise the tears of a mother, but made her sorrow the occasion for showing His divine power. Jesus wept not only for the widow but for all humanity, captive to death, so that hope might be renewed where grief had dwelt.*"

St John Chrysostom writes: "*The Lord's compassion precedes the miracle. He enters into the pain of those who mourn, teaching us that divine mercy finds us even at the gates of loss. His touch halts the procession of despair.*"

St Bede the Venerable notes: "*The widow stands for humanity, bereft and helpless before the death of sin. Christ's word restores the lost son and returns him to the embrace of the Church, showing that God raises up what seems irretrievably lost.*"

Theophylact of Ohrid adds: "*The crowds witness both grief and joy. The raising of the dead son became a public witness to God's visitation and kindled faith in those who saw and praised Him.*"

St Gregory the Great concludes: "*Jesus restores life through His word; so too, in spiritual death, we are revived by hearing the call of Christ. Where there is sorrow and hopelessness, He speaks life and returns us to communion.*"

St Thomas Aquinas and the Fathers invite us to contemplate the gentle power of Christ's mercy. In moments of seeming finality - when we feel empty or alone - He draws near with compassion, halts our procession of grief and calls us to rise. May our sorrow become the place where hope is restored, and in our weakness, may we encounter the Lord who comes alongside us with healing and new life.

Lord Jesus Christ, you approached the widow in her grief and brought her son back to life with a word of compassion and power. Teach me to trust your mercy and to bring my sorrow and emptiness before you. Speak life into the places in my heart that mourn or despond, awaken hope where it has faded and renew me with your loving presence. May every tear be met by your tenderness, every loss by your promise of resurrection and every prayer by your healing grace. Amen.

Holy Mary, comforter of the afflicted, pray for us in our moments of grief and help us to cherish the compassionate heart of your Son. Amen.

[The *Catena Aurea* ("Golden Chain"), written by St Thomas Aquinas, compiles commentary from the early Church Fathers. Access online at www.ecatholic2000.com/catena]

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.