



Sunday 26 October 2025

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Pharisee and the Publican (woodcut, 4.2 x 4.9 cm, British Museum, London)

This work by Hans Holbein the Younger (c. 1497–1543) depicts the Gospel parable from Luke 18:9–14, contrasting human pride with humble repentance. On the right, the richly dressed Pharisee prays with eyes lifted, symbolising self-righteousness and spiritual arrogance. Opposite him, the Publican stands bowed and contrite, his lowered hat expressing humility and dependence on mercy. Holbein's architectural composition divides the figures, illustrating the gulf between pride and the grace that flows from repentance. Through his refined linework and balanced form, Holbein captures the essence of Christ's teaching: that justification comes not from human status or virtue, but from a heart that turns humbly toward God.

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: Paul Lam Han, Kathleen Kevin, Leslie Patrick Musgrave, Catherine Mary Alexander, Irene (Timmy) Harding, Dennis O'Brien, Xavier Sedger, June Strain Graham, John Fear
Celebrating the sacraments: Edmund Bagley (Baptism), Eva Vassiliadis (Baptism), Rhyall Clayton (Marriage) Andelko Topic (Marriage).
We especially remember: Joy Hemera (22nd October 2024) Thomas Eugene Hemera (25th October 2012)

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

- Monday 27 October 2025** Monday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time **No Mass**
- Tuesday 28 October 2025** Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles (Feast) **Mass 8:00 am**
- Wednesday 29 October 2025** Wednesday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time **Mass 8:00 am**
Gregory Woodburne
- Thursday 30 October 2025** Thursday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time **Mass 8:00 am**
Cecily Roach, Bobbie Ryan
- Friday 31 October 2025** Friday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time **Mass 8:00 am**
- Saturday 1 November 2025 All Saints' Day (Solemnity)**
Mass 9:00 am
Kathleen Coggins
- SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2025 ALL SOULS' DAY SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 6:00PM - SUNDAY MASSES 8:30 AM AND 10:00 AM**

HYMNS AND MUSIC

- Processional** Praise to the Lord (28)
- Responsorial Psalm (Response)** The Lord Hears The Cry Of The Poor
- Memorial Acclamation** We Proclaim Your Death, O Lord, And Profess your Resurrection, Until You Come Again!
- Communion** When I Am Laid in Earth (Henry Purcell), Daily, Daily Sing to Mary (59)
- Recessional** The Church's One Foundation (256)

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PARISH HUB

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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.



SHOP & SAVE: SUPPORT ST CANICE'S OP SHOP



Open: Wednesday – Saturday 10:00am–4:00pm

Location: 78 Roslyn Gardens, Rushcutters Bay NSW 2011

Discover something special and support your local community at St Canice's Op Shop

NEXT CURIOUS GRACE - SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2025

Our next Curious Grace gathering will take place on Sunday 2 November 2025 after 10:00am Mass. Please join us for painting, drawing, plant pots, knitting, hand massage and a splendid morning tea - all our usual activities.

For more details: Sonia +61 414 376 868 or curiousgrace@stcanice.org.au

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

MARRIAGE IS AN EXALTED VOCATION

Marking the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Ss Louis and Zélie Martin, parents of St Thérèse of Lisieux, Pope Leo XIV praised marriage as a noble and exalted vocation and a true path to holiness. Writing to Bishop Bruno Feillet of Séz, France - the home diocese of the Martin family - the Pope described the couple as a radiant model of faith, fidelity and joy, embodying the beauty of sacramental marriage. Their lives, he said, reveal how love rooted in faith bears fruit in family life, hope during trial and ultimate joy in God's plan.

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



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NOTICES FOR 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.

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.**

POPE AND KING PRAY TOGETHER IN THE CAPELLA SISTINA

On 23 October 2025, Pope Leo XIV and King Charles III prayed together publicly beneath the frescoed ceiling of the Sistine Chapel - the first such shared act of worship between a Pope and a reigning British monarch since the Reformation. The prayers, drawn from both Catholic and Anglican traditions, focused on care for creation and Christian unity, marking an unprecedented moment of reconciliation during the Church's Year of Jubilee, a time dedicated to forgiveness and renewal. Following the service, King Charles was appointed a Royal Confrater of the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls, one of Rome's four great papal basilicas.

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

PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

AWARD TO SYRIAN ARCHBISHOP FOR WITNESS TO FAITH

In a moving ceremony at the Vatican, Archbishop Jacques Mourad, Syrian Catholic Metropolitan of Homs, received the St John Paul II Award for his courage and dialogue amid conflict in the Middle East. Once kidnapped by extremists, he has become a leading voice for reconciliation and religious coexistence, symbolising Christian perseverance under persecution.

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)



NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS



Upcoming Events



Remembering Our Babies Memorial Mass

We invite you to join us for our Remembering Our Babies Mass for Pregnancy, Infant & Child Loss.
10am on 9th November 2025

Mention My Name Memorial Mass

For all who have died by suicide or misadventure, please join us as we remember them.
10am on 16th November 2025



This is Your Home Memorial Mass

Please join us for our Memorial Mass, This is Your Home. Everyone is welcome here.
10am on 23rd November 2025

Grief Care team members are available for pastoral support on all masses.
Ph: 02 9646 6908 | Email: team@griefcare.com.au

JUBILEE OF THE WORLD OF WORK (8 NOVEMBER 2025)

As part of the ongoing Jubilee calendar, the Vatican will hold the Jubilee of the World of Work in early November. Pope Leo XIV will address workers, employers, and unions, urging a renewed commitment to solidarity, social justice, and dignity in labour, echoing the Church's teaching on the spirituality of work rooted in *Laborem Exercens* and *Fratelli Tutti*.

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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

MEDITATION ON LUKE 18:9–14 WITH REFLECTIONS FROM ST THOMAS AQUINAS

Jesus tells the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican *“to certain who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others.”*

St Thomas Aquinas (c 1225–1274), in his *Catena Aurea*, presents the words of the Fathers to interpret this lesson on humility and pride.

- St Augustine of Hippo (354–430) writes: *“Faith is not the gift of the proud but of the humble. The Lord offered this parable against those who gloried in their own righteousness. The Pharisee, boasting of his merits, might have said, ‘Because of Thy mercy I am not as other men,’ yet his prayer was not thanksgiving but self-exaltation. The Publican, by accusing himself, pleased God more than the other by praising himself.”*
- St John Chrysostom (347–407) explains: *“He uncovered the wound, while the other sought the remedy. The Pharisee offered words, but the Publican offered his heart. The one provoked God by boasting; the other drew near to Him by repentance.”*
- St Bede the Venerable (c 672–735) comments: *“Both entered the temple, for the Church is open to all; yet the proud are heard by themselves, not by God, while the humble, who seek His mercy, are justified.”*
- Theophylact of Ohrid (c 1050/60–c. 1108) adds: *“The Publican feared to lift his eyes to heaven, thinking them unworthy of the divine light. By striking his breast, he struck the seat of sin, stirring his heart from sloth to repentance.”*
- St Gregory the Great (c 540–604) concludes: *“The Pharisee departed condemned because he was full of himself; the Publican returned justified because he was empty. For he who exalts himself shall be humbled, but he who humbles himself shall be exalted.”*

The words of St Thomas Aquinas and the Fathers of the Church call us into the stillness of humility before God. The Pharisee’s prayer reminds us how easily pride can disguise itself as piety, while the Publican’s cry, *“God, be merciful to me, a sinner,”* reveals the essence of conversion – a heart emptied of self that God Himself can fill. St Bede reminds us that the temple is open to all, but only the humble find justification because they pray not to themselves but to God. So too must we, with downcast eyes and trustful hearts, bring our sins honestly before the Lord, confident that His mercy always raises up the lowly.

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught that all who exalt themselves will be humbled and all who humble themselves will be exalted. Teach me the same humility of the Publican, that I may approach your mercy with a contrite spirit and a truthful heart. Empty me of pride and fill me with gratitude for the grace you freely give to all who seek you. May every prayer I offer draw me closer to your Sacred Heart, that I might go down justified, renewed in your love, and ready to serve you in all people. Amen.

Holy Mary, Mother of God and mother most humble, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

[The *Catena Aurea* (“Golden Chain”), written by St Thomas Aquinas, compiles commentary from the early Church Fathers, arranged verse by verse across the four Gospels, offering an unbroken stream of wisdom through the ages. Access online at <https://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.