



Sunday 5 October 2025

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Jan Luyken. "Parable of the Mustard Seed," late 17th century. Etching, Bowyer Bible, Bolton Museum, England

Luyken's etching vividly captures the humble beginnings and extraordinary growth suggested by Jesus' parable of the mustard seed found in the Gospels. The scene presents a sower planting a seed - a moment easily overlooked - contrasted with the surprising fulness of a mature, sheltering tree. Luyken's intricate lines suggest abundance and expansiveness arising from the smallest gesture, mirroring the Gospel's assurance that faith, though it may begin as a mere speck, can flourish and offer refuge beyond imagination.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Alister Horman, Terry Meagher Emiliano Betancourt, Paul Christie, John Prescot, Tony Yeldham, Jose Henrique Dardis, Dorothy Furhagen, 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

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

Celebrating the Sacraments: Violet Buckingham (Baptism & Confirmation), Jack Magney (Baptism)

We especially remember: Therese Tess (Birthday), Molly Dominguez, Matthew Slade-Smith, Giulia Lombardo

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

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNIVERSARIES

Monday, 6 October 2025 St Bruno, Priest (M) **No Mass**

Tuesday, 7 October 2025 Our Lady of the Rosary (M) **Mass 8:00 am**

Wednesday, 8 October 2025 Wednesday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time **Mass 8:00 am**

Thursday, 9 October 2025 St Denis and Companions, Martyrs or St John Leonardi, Priest (M) **Mass 8:00 am**

Friday, 10 October 2025 Friday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time **Mass 8:00 am**

Saturday, 11 October 2025 St John XXIII, Pope (M) **Mass 9:00 am**

SUNDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2025 SOLEMNITY OF ST CANICE OF AGHABOE, PARISH PATRONAL FEAST
MASS: 6:00 PM (SATURDAY VIGIL MASS), SUNDAY 8:30 AM AND 10:00 AM

HYMNS AND MUSIC

Processional Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (118)

Responsorial Psalm (Response) If Today You Hear His Voice, Harden Not Your Hearts

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

Communion Panis Angelicus (César Franck), Hail Queen Of Heaven (94)

Recessional I Now Thank We All Our God (170)

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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 will not be held on the first Sunday of October. Instead, our next gathering will be a special celebration for the Feast of St Canice on Sunday, 12 October 2025, 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

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.**

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN - DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Pope Leo XIV is set to proclaim St John Henry Newman a Doctor of the Church on 1 November 2025 during the Jubilee of the World of Education, recognising his decisive contributions to theological renewal and the development of Christian doctrine. A former Anglican priest who became Catholic in 1845 and was later made a cardinal, Newman's profound influence is reflected in repeated calls for his elevation, supported by bishops' conferences across the globe and by his lasting impact on 20th-century theology, especially the Second Vatican Council. The Dicastery for the Causes of Saints cited Newman's authoritative teaching, which has been valued by Popes from Leo XIII to Francis, as foundational to this honour, making him one of just over three dozen saints acknowledged for their major contributions to theology and spirituality.

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

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:

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- St Canice's Sanctuary Guild
- St Canice's Altar Service
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- Prayers for an ill friend or family member
- Mass intentions
- David's Place
- Curious Grace @ St Canice's
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- Railaco Timor Leste
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GOD'S LOVE REACHES EVEN THE LOWEST PLACES

Pope Leo XIV, speaking at a general audience in St Peter's Square, emphasised the boundless reach of God's love, assuring all that divine mercy extends even to those who feel furthest from hope or who have hit "rock bottom." Reflecting on the meaning of Christ's descent into the realm of the dead, the Pope described how Jesus enters the darkest places of human pain and despair - not as a judge, but as a gentle healer who brings comfort, freedom and new life. This descent, far from being a defeat, is a testament to God's radical love: no heart is too closed, no tomb too sealed and no struggle too deep for Christ's saving touch, which can create new beginnings even from the lowest points. He urged that the Christian experience of being rescued by God should inspire believers to radiate hope and love to others, especially "among the ruins of hatred that kills." In vivid imagery, Pope Leo described Christ moving quietly, "on tiptoe," into the "daily hell" of loneliness and shame, calling each person by name and gently restoring them to the light.

SUNDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2025 - PATRONAL SOLEMNITY OF ST CANICE

As you are aware, our parish will be celebrating. It's patron, St Canice, on Sunday, 12 October 2025 at the 10 am Sunday Mass.

St Canice, also known as *Cainnech moccu Daláinn* in Gaelic and as *St Kenneth* in Scotland, was an influential Irish abbot, monastic founder, priest and missionary of the early mediaeval Church.

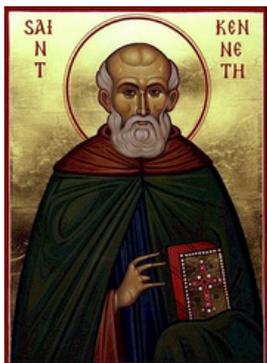
Born around 515 or 516 AD in Glengiven, County Derry, Ireland, Canice played a major role in spreading Christianity throughout Ireland and Scotland. He was one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland - leading students of St Finnian of Clonard - renowned for their vast contributions to Irish Christianity and scholarship.

Celebrated for his eloquence, learning and piety, Canice is remembered for founding several monasteries, with the most significant at Aghaboe in County Laois, which became a nucleus of spiritual and educational life in the region.

Patrick Francis Cardinal Moran, the first Irish Archbishop of Sydney and Australia's first cardinal, named the parish in Rushcutters Bay after his beloved Irish saint in 1887. Cardinal Moran had previously served as Bishop of Ossory, where he developed deep devotion to Canice and knowledge of his significance, including Canice's role as patron saint of the shipwrecked and his legacy in Kilkenny.

Cardinal Moran's selection of St Canice honoured both the saint's compassion and the particular needs of the Catholic seafarers and newcomers in the parish's district.

Since its founding, St Canice's Parish at Rushcutters Bay has been a living tribute to the saint's memory and mission, with its church completed in 1889 through the generosity of John Hughes, Susan Hughes and other parishioners.



St Canice (Cainnech/Kenneth) of Aghaboe

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TROPARION OF ST CANICE (CAINNECH/KENNETH) OF AGHABOE

*In honour thou dost rank with Ireland's Enlightener,
O Lover of the Desert, Composer of sacred verse,
Father of Monks and Founder of Monasteries,
O Father Cainnech. Labouring for Christ,
both in thy native land and in Scotland,
thou art a tireless intercessor for the faithful.
Pray for us who hymn thee, that despite our frailty
we may be granted great mercy.*

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025 10:00 AM MASS

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 friends and family! **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.

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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Visitors always welcome

LECTIO DIVINA FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL: LUKE 17: 5-10

Introduction

Enter the quiet presence of God. Set aside distractions and concerns and prepare to listen to Jesus' call - to live with faith, humility and a heart ready to serve.

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, source of true faith. Open my mind to the mystery of believing and trusting in you, even when my faith feels small. Make me ready to follow Jesus in simple trust and selfless service.

Act of Contrition

Lord, forgive my desire for recognition or signs. Pardon my reluctance to trust you in daily life or to serve faithfully without praise. Renew in me a spirit of humble confidence. Help me believe your grace works, even through small acts.

Reading of Sacred Scripture – Luke 17:5–10

Read slowly, listening to Jesus' words:

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you...When you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

Meditatio (Reflection)

- When have I doubted that my small faith or ordinary actions matter?
- Where is Jesus inviting me to persevere, trusting that God's work begins in small, unseen places?
- What does it mean to serve the Lord and others simply, without need for praise or reward?
- Recall a time when humble trust led to unexpected joy or growth.

Oratio (Prayer)

Lord Jesus, give me the faith of a mustard seed - humble, patient and willing. Teach me to serve without seeking reward and to trust that, through you, every small act bears fruit. Let my life be a living prayer, trusting in your power and grace.

Offer God your worries, your hopes for greater faith and your desire to serve in love.

Pray for all who struggle to believe, and for those who serve quietly.

Contemplatio (Contemplation)

Rest in silence before God. Picture Jesus as servant and teacher, inviting you to follow with a humble heart. Sense his encouragement to trust the power of small faith and simple service.

Conclusion

Our Father...

Jesus, faithful Master and friend, shape my life in the way of your Gospel. By your Holy Spirit, let me walk in faith and love - serving as your disciple and sharing in the joy of those who believe. 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.