



Sunday 23 November 2025

Solemnity of Christ the King



"Christ Enthroned," by Jan van Eyck (c. 1390–1441) - part of the Ghent Altarpiece, Sint Baafskathedraal (St Bavo's Cathedral), Ghent, Belgium

In this painting, Christ is depicted seated firmly on a magnificently worked Gothic throne, embodying the dual image of a divine ruler and a priestly king. He is dressed in sumptuous, vividly embroidered red robes, fastened at the chest with a gem-studded morse, and he wears a richly adorned papal tiara. Van Eyck's vision is both theological and human. Christ's right hand is lifted in blessing, while his left hand steadies an ornate scepter, signaling the peace and justice of his reign.

The HOLY FATHER'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK November 2025 Intention

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 & ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur this week together with the anniversaries of those whose remains are inurned in our Columbarium

Monday 24/11

St Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)

Tuesday 25/11

Tuesday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time

+Andrew Roger Molomby

Wednesday 26/11

Wednesday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday 27/11

Thursday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time

Friday 28/11

Friday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 29/11

St Saturday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday 30/11 First Sunday of Advent

+Ann Marie O'Brien , +Heinz Karl Reuthlinger

MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

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

Sick

Other

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Ranee Fernando, Olga Mantillas

RECENT BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

Holy Baptism

Holy Matrimony

MASS INTENTION & COLUMBARIUM

To:

- request the offering of Mass for any intention, or
- make a Columbarium enquiry, application or inurnment appointment

please use the Parish Hub QR Code on page 2.

PARISH TEAM

Clergy

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CONTACTING THE 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.

SIGN UP FOR THE ST CANICE'S PARISH BULLETIN!

Stay connected and informed with all the latest parish news, events, and Mass times by subscribing to our weekly bulletin. We encourage ALL parishioners and visitors to sign up - receive updates direct to your inbox and never miss important announcements.

Simply scan the QR code below right to join our mailing list



MASSES & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Holy Mass

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:00 am

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

Tuesday at Lulworth House (Activity Room 2 North) 10.30 am

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

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

DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary

After Weekday Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First First Friday of the Month 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.

Next Curious Grace Sunday 7 December 2025 10:00 am - 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 this important mission, please contact Ollie at the Parish Hub or email kitchen@stcanices.org.au

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2025 10:00 AM: THIS IS YOUR HOME MEMORIAL MASS:

Join us today in remembering all those who have died. Everyone is welcome to attend and find community here. The Archdiocesan Grief Care team offers pastoral support at all masses.

Contact Grief Care at +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



ADVENT 2025

Arts & Faith: Advent Prepare for Christmas with Arts & Faith: Advent, a free online program from Ignatian Spirituality. Each week, discover a new video about sacred art inspired by Advent Scriptures, featuring reflections and articles to deepen your experience. Access it here by clicking the QR code:



Adoration Hour Friday, Dec 5: , 6:00 pm –7:00 pm at St Canice's

Curious Grace Sunday, Dec 7: 11:00 am–1:00pm: hospitality, activities and conversation at St Canice's.

Classic Christmas Concert Fundraiser Friday, Dec 12: , 7:00 pm –8:30 pm at St Canice's. Tickets \$35 via Eventbrite or call +61 410 784 830.

2025 Christmas at the Cathedral - Mission Team Dec 17–20 during the Christmas lights. Share your faith at St Mary's Cathedral. Help to welcome guests with conversation, prayer or candle-lighting. No experience needed - training provided.

Dates: Wed 17 Dec and Thur 18 Dec

Time: 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Venue: St Mary's Cathedral (inside)

Registration. via QR Code:



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.davidsplace.com.au

DUBLIN HAS A CATHEDRAL AT LAST!

Dublin now has a Catholic cathedral after Pope Leo XIV officially designated St Mary's Pro Cathedral as the city's cathedral on 14 November. This historic change rectifies 500 years of religious and political upheaval, dating back to the Reformation and the subsequent Penal Laws that suppressed Catholic worship in Ireland. St Mary's, which had served as Dublin's principal Catholic church since 1825 but was known as a "pro cathedral," will now undergo refurbishment to better serve both its liturgical role and the needs of Dublin's inner-city community, reflecting a renewed hope for the Church in Ireland and her outreach, especially to the city's poor

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**

IWITNESS YOUNG ADULTS CONFERENCE

11-14 DECEMBER 2024 - TEEN RANCH, COBBITY

Young Catholic adults are invited to experience powerful talks, prayer and fellowship at the 2025 iWitness Conference. Join Catholics from across Australia for a transformative weekend of encounter, worship and joy. Cost: \$365 (or \$325 for weekend only) **Details**

<https://www.iwitnessaustralia.com>

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S NETWORK ADVENT RETREAT WITH THE SISTERS OF LIFE

Take time this Advent to enter into stillness and renewal with the Sisters of Life. The afternoon retreat includes talks, Confession and a Holy Hour - an opportunity to draw closer to Christ in prayer and reflection. The Sisters of Life

are a new religious institute of women founded in New York in 1991, dedicated to the protection of the sacredness of human life.

Saturday 29 Nov 1:00 pm–5:00 pm

Venue: St Joachim's Parish, Lidcombe

To register: trybooking.com/DFBJT or QR code



SACRED SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

First Reading 2 Samuel 5: 1-3 (They anointed David king of Israel)

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 98 (Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord)

Second Reading Colossians 1:12-20 (He has transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son)

Gospel Luke 23:35-43 (Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom)

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 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 Rejoice, the Lord Is King (231)

Responsorial Psalm (Response) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Memorial Acclamation We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again

Communion The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Dominus regit me), Crown Him With Many Crowns (58)

Recessional Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (159)

NEXT SUNDAY - 30 NOVEMBER - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Next Sunday marks the start of a new Church year and the beginning of the Advent season. Advent, from the Latin word "adventus," meaning "coming," is a period of four weeks leading up to Christmas when Catholics prepare spiritually for the birth of Jesus. This season is not only about remembering Christ's first coming in Bethlehem but also focuses on his presence in daily life and anticipates his future return at the end of time. During Advent, Catholics engage in prayer, reflection and acts of charity to nurture hope, peace and renewed faith, symbolised by the lighting of the Advent wreath and the use of violet vestments, signally penance and quiet expectation.

MEDITATION ON LUKE 23:35-43 WITH REFLECTIONS FROM ST THOMAS AQUINAS' CATENA AUREA

In this Sunday's Gospel, Christ the King reigns not from an earthly throne, but from the Cross. Surrounded by mockery and suffering, Jesus forgives his persecutors, offering mercy even in his agony.

St John Chrysostom notes how Jesus fulfils his own teaching - he prays for those who harm him, showing that true kingship is marked by compassion and forgiveness.

St Bede the Venerable emphasises that Jesus' prayer bears fruit in those who would later come to faith, underscoring God's power to draw goodness even from tragedy.

St Athanasius reflects on the depth of Jesus' saving work: in accepting death, Christ conquers death and gives us new life. Amid ridicule, the repentant thief recognises the innocence and majesty of Christ, confessing his need and receiving the promise, *"Today you will be with me in Paradise."*

St Gregory the Great sees in the thief's heartfelt faith and confession a model for us all: faith sees royalty in the Crucified, hope asks for entrance to his kingdom and charity reproves sin even while suffering.

Through the Catena Aurea each of us is invited to gaze upon Christ crucified - the true King whose mercy knows no bounds. The Cross reveals a kingdom built on sacrificial love, forgiveness and hope for the lost. In every hardship, let us turn to Jesus, remembering that his reign transforms suffering into salvation. Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, crucified King, grant me a heart like yours - steadfast in forgiveness, humble in suffering and bold in hope. May I recognise your kingship even in weakness, and trust the promise of paradise for all who turn to you in faith. Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us, that we may bear witness to the victory and peace of your Son, the King of the Universe. 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.