

Sunday 12 July 2026

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Parable of the Weeds, Domenico Fetti (Italian, c. 1589–1623), c. 1622, oil on panel, Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid. Public domain.

Domenico Fetti painted this scene as part of a series of parables commissioned for the Duke of Mantua. In the foreground, the farmhands lie fast asleep, oblivious, while under cover of night a shadowy figure moves through the field scattering dandelion among the wheat. There is no violence in the image - only stealth, and the ordinary vulnerability of people at rest. Fetti resists the temptation to paint the harvest itself; instead he holds us in the moment of quiet damage being done, unseen and unremarked.

That patience is exactly what today's Gospel asks of us. The farmer refuses to let his servants tear out the dandelion early, for fear of uprooting the wheat with it: "Let them both grow till the harvest." Wisdom's first reading makes the same case about God himself - a sovereignty so secure that it can afford to be lenient, giving sinners room to repent rather than judging in haste. Fetti's sleeping farmhands are a gentle rebuke to our own impatience: not every wrong needs uprooting today. Some things - weeds and grace alike - are best left to grow toward a harvest only God can judge rightly.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 12:13,16–19 • Psalm 85:5–6,9–10,15–16 • Romans 8:26–27 • Matthew 13:24–43

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

TODAY - 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday 20 July St Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr (OM)

Tuesday 21 July St Laurence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church (OM)

Wednesday 22 July St Mary Magdalene (Feast)

Thursday 23 July Thursday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time

Friday 24 July Friday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 25 July St James, Apostle (Feast)

NEXT SUNDAY: 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember in your prayers, our deceased brethren having anniversaries this week and those for whom Mass intentions have been sought.

COLUMBARIUM MASS INTENTIONS

19 July Lesley Anne McKenna Tooth - niche 54,

22 July Sarah Frances Pardey - niche 158 and 24 July

Vittorio Reverberi - niche 144

OTHER MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Msgr Francis George Coorey, Dr James McCaughan, Sr Therese Campbell SM, Sr M Pius Driscoll LCM and Fr Brian Egan, Vale Vita Maria Aloschi

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 Vicky Bell, Helene Hussein, Peter and Mary Moloney, Izzy Cowling

Lord Jesus, healer of body and spirit, look with mercy on all who are sick or in pain. Give them courage in suffering and trust that you are close to them. Strengthen those who care for them and grant healing, peace and hope. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

Holy Baptism held on the third Sunday of each month after 10.00 am Mass

Holy Matrimony To arrange, kindly contact the Parish Hub
MASS INTENTIONS AND 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

THIS WEEK AT ST CANICE'S

Wednesday 22 July 2026 Feast of St Mary Magdalene

Friday 24 July 2026 6.00pm Discernment Talk "Bless Our Darkness" - Fr Manoling Francisco SJ Free admission Our Lady of Dolours' Parish, Chatswood

Saturday 25 July 2026 10.00am Choir Workshop with Fr Manoling Francisco SJ.

Tickets \$15 Our Lady of Dolours' Parish, Chatswood

Saturday 25 July 2026 Feast of St James, Apostle

Saturday 25 July 2026 7.00pm Bukas Palad Music Ministry 40th Anniversary Concert.

Tickets \$40 Our Lady of Dolours' Parish, Chatswood

Sunday 2 August 2026

8.30am & 10.00am – Feast Day of St Ignatius of Loyola & Railaco/St Canice's relationship celebration, followed by Curious Grace (11.00am–1.00pm, front of St Canice's Church)

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: TOUR OF IRELAND "IN THE STEPS OF ST CANICE"

St Canice's is organising a 7-night tour of Ireland, 9–15 May 2027, following the path of St Canice - from Clane, Co. Kildare, through Glendalough, Kilkenny, the Mass Rock at Stradbally, St Canice's Cathedral, the Cliffs of Moher and Galway, to Knock, Co. Mayo. Fr Paul O'Boyle (Clane and Rathcoffey) and Fr David Braithwaite SJ will accompany the group. Costs for a group of 20 (excluding international airfares and insurance) are being finalised. Register your interest: sonia@stcanice.org.au.

CONTACT & MASS TIMES

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Mass Times

Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am

Tuesday to Friday 8:00am

Saturday 9:00am & 6:00pm (Vigil)

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Sunday 9:30am



Scan the Parish Hub QR code for Mass intentions, Columbarium enquiries and general contact.

PARISH TEAM

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Fr Dave Braithwaite SJ Parish Priest (on leave)

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Fr Martin "Bong" Abad Santos SJ Visiting Priest

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ONGOING NOTICES

St Canice's Restoration Appeal

St Canice's is undertaking a Restoration Appeal to preserve and enhance our church for generations to come. To learn more or donate, please scan the 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.

Holy Father's Worldwide Prayer Network July 2026 - For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

www.popesprayer.va

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 +61 2 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 of Sydney has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.