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The Solemnity of St Canice & Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary



THE SOLEMNITY OF ST CANICE OF AGHABOE

As you could have guessed our Parish is entrusted to the care of St Canice of Aghaboe as our Patron Saint. St Canice was an Irish abbot and one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland. On Sunday the 11th of October Father David Braithwaite will celebrate his Solemnity calling upon his intercession for another year of growth, spiritual development and successful outreach for our Parish.

Please join us after this for our regular monthly 'Curious Grace', which has been transferred from the first Sunday of the Month to this feast. It offers generous hospitality, good company and a range of creative activities that encourage participation, connection, conversation and a sense of wellbeing. It is a place for anyone and everyone in our parish and the wider community, no matter your faith, your age, or your stage in life.

We welcome volunteers and participants to Curious Grace on this upcoming Sunday and the first Sunday of every month at the Parish grounds. If you would like to get involved please contact Sonia Fingleton at sonia@stcanice.org.au

ST CANICE'S KITCHEN REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

As you would know from last month we are in the final stages locking in a start date for **Stage One of the St Canice's Kitchen redevelopment.**

This transformative project will see the undercroft beneath the hall converted into a modern commercial kitchen and multi-purpose event space, with the capacity to accommodate up to **300 guests**. Part-funded by the generous support of the **PAYCE Foundation**, the redevelopment will enable us to expand our services, strengthen our community programs, and create a more sustainable future for St Canice's Kitchen.

Sadly, **our Kitchen will have to close temporarily from 1 December 2026 until the beginning of February 2027.** Additionally our parking lot will no longer be available from the **First of October**, until the redevelopment is completed, we apologise for this inconvenience.

DAVID'S PLACE

David's Place is a space for prayer and fellowship for marginalised people and their friends. It is a community centred on the Eucharist and sharing our lives with each other. The group gathers for prayer and coffee at various times each week and for our community Mass and lunch on the last Saturday of each month. They also gather for lunches, outings, retreats

birthdays and funerals as these arise. Davids Place is not a service but a centre of spirituality. All are welcome to join. Please get in touch with Sue Buckingham
sue.buckingham@hotmail.com

UPDATE ON OUR PARISH IMMERSION TO RAILACO

a reflection from Barbara France

As many of you know last month 12 of our parishioners went on a Parish Immersion to visit Our Sister Parish in Railaco East Timor. They saw the medical clinics and nutrition program supported by the parish in Railaco's surrounding villages and were greeted by curious smiling children, love and kindness.

These people may have so little materially, their faith and community inspired us all. The welcome at NOSSEF with a band was a joy. The students spoke about their future, the value of their education and the support of the Jesuits with passion seeded in a deep faith and desire to give back.

There were many other visits to St Ignatius College in Dili, the Jesuit teachers college and water security and food security projects which are making such a difference. May God bless all in Railaco and Emera and shine a light upon them. Thank you from us all for hosting us and providing us an unforgettable experience. The visit could not have happened with the support of the Jesuit community in Railaco and Dili.

Knitters and Yarn Group

What began as a social opportunity to connect share skills and enjoy each others company soon evolved into something more meaningful. Now a group of 12 women gather on the 3rd Thursday of every month creating hand crafted crochet squares which are then assembled into rugs. These unique rugs are now for sale through St Canices Op Shop.

The group has expanded its range to include beanies and scarves and their reputation for quality work has even led to some commission work for baby cardigans! Each item is a symbol of friendship generosity and community spirit. If you crochet and would like to join the group please email Jenny at jenlon1308@gmail.com.

Note you must be able to crochet as there is no teaching of the art.

Immersion to Ireland 2027

We are seeking expressions of interest for a 7 day tour of Ireland ‘ in the steps of St Canice.

As you have probably heard, St Canice's Parish is organising a 7-night Tour of Ireland ‘In the Steps of St Canice’ and is seeking expressions of interest from parishioners, family and friends.

The 7-night tour will kick off in Clane, County Kildare on May 9, 2027 and end in Knock, County Mayo on May 15. It will be a beautiful and deeply meaningful journey — following the story of St Canice through Ireland, blending history, spirituality, and stunning landscapes

This tour is organised in collaboration with a friend of St Canice’s, Father Paul O’Boyle from the Parish of Clane and Rathcoffey in North Kildare and he, with St Canice’s Parish Priest , Father David Braithwaite, will accompany the tour.

Destinations on the tour will include Clane; Valley of the Two Lakes and the Monastery of St Kevin within the Wicklow Mountains National Park; the medieval jewel of Kilkenny and the Heart of St Canice, the Mass Rock in Stradbally, County Laois; St Canice’s Cathedral and Tower; The River Nore; Ardfert and Tralee in County Kerry; The Cliffs of Moher in County Clare; Galway; the Aran Islands and Connemara and Knock in County Mayo.

If you would like more information please complete the form below <https://www.stcanice.org.au/immersions> and find the brochure or contact sonia@stcanice.org.au for more information.

Considering a ‘Young Adults’ Mass at St Canice’s

St Canice's is considering a new Sunday Mass aimed especially at young adults and celebrated in a more traditional liturgical style.

The proposal will be discussed at an upcoming meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council. The Mass would be celebrated ad orientem ("towards the East"), with the priest and congregation facing the same direction in prayer.

We also hope to include Gregorian chant from the Graduale Romanum, the Church's official book of chants for the Mass.

To help us gauge interest, we'd love to hear from anyone who might like to sing in the choir, serve at the altar, or help spread the word. Please email media@stcanice.org.au.