

## Plenary Council St Gregory's Parish Listening Sessions

Wednesday 7 November

Times:

Session 1 - 10.30am – 12noon

Session 2 - 7 – 9pm

Venue:

Queanbeyan Kangaroos Club

Address: Stuart Ave, Queanbeyan

We have been praying for success of the Plenary Council for many months and it is now our time to host two local parish sessions. The Listening sessions provide an important opportunity for all parishioners to listen to each other, discuss ideas and send our responses to the Plenary Council. The focus of the sessions is the question, What is God asking of us in Australia? Over the next few weeks more information will be provided in preparation for the sessions. If you would like to attend either of these sessions please advise the parish office by Friday 2 November. [queanbeyan@cg.org.au](mailto:queanbeyan@cg.org.au) or 6299 4611

Fr Troy Bobbin Parish Priest and Mary Dorrian

Chairperson St Gregory's Parish Pastoral Council

### REFLECTION

We all know that Moses was filled with the Spirit of the Lord, but today's first reading tells us that God took the Spirit and shared it with seventy-two elders of Israel. Unfortunately, two of the elders, Eldad and Medad, were not with everyone else when this happened.

But that didn't stop God. To everyone's surprise, the Spirit fell upon Eldad and Medad, even though they were not at the "ordination." Hearing the news, Moses declared, "Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!" (Numbers 11:29).

There is a similar story in today's Gospel. John told Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him" because "whoever is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:38, 39, 40). In both of these stories, people were harshly judging someone who was trying to do God's will but who didn't fit into their expectations.

Today, we still believe that the Spirit falls on everyone who is baptized and accepts Jesus in faith. As Peter said, "The promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off" (Acts 2:39). Those who are "far off" includes us. Like Moses and the elders, the apostles, and the man John condemned, we too have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. We too are meant to be prophets.

Being a prophet doesn't mean shouting in the desert like John the Baptist did. It doesn't mean confronting kings and princes like Jeremiah and Amos did. A prophet is someone who brings Jesus and his words to the world. That's our job. Jesus is asking us to tell people how wonderful he is. He is asking us to proclaim his mercy, his goodness, and his salvation. And he's asking us to do it with a heart filled with his love.

If Moses were here, he'd tell us, "By the power Of the Holy Spirit, you are a prophet. So get out there and proclaim God's word to a hurting world. I wish that every member of the Church would take up this call."

"Lord, help me to be your prophet."



## NORTHERN MISSION

St Mary's Church BUNGENDORE  
St Joseph's Church GUNDAROO  
St Bede's Church BRAIDWOOD  
Sts Peter & Paul HOSKINSTOWN  
St Brigid's Church KRAWARREE  
St Patrick's Church MICHELAGO

**ST GREGORY'S PARISH**  
St Raphael's Church Lowe Street Queanbeyan  
St Gregory's Church Molonglo Street Queanbeyan

We acknowledge the original owners and custodians of this land and pay respects to the elders past and present and all deceased members of the Ngunnawal people.



#### PARISH TEAM

Fr Troy Bobbin PP  
Fr Peter Day Associate Priest Bungendore /Braidwood  
Deacon Chris Van Gessel  
Part time Pastoral Associate Sr Chloe Forsyth DC

#### OFFICE TEAM

Office Staff: Lorraine, Rita, Rosa, Catherine  
Youth Coordinators: Sarah, Jordan  
Bungendore - Maureen, Mary  
Braidwood—Br Brian Pastoral Assoc, Secretary - Helen

**ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL** Principal – Ms Claire Frazer

**ST BEDE'S SCHOOL** Principal - Trish Ferlitsch



"There are many rooms in my father's house"

#### PARISH OFFICE OPEN

9am-3.30pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

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29/30 SEPTEMBER 2018 **TWENTY– SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** YEAR B

#### Entrance Antiphon:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**First Reading:** A reading from the book of Numbers 11:25-29

**Responsorial Psalm:** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

**C:** The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple **(R.)**

**L:** The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**

**C:** So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. **(R.)**

**L:** From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** A reading from the letter of St James 5: 1-6

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth Alleluia!

Gospel **Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.



# St Gregory's Parish Queanbeyan

As a faith Community, we pray with our brothers and sisters in their time of need.

Please pray for our sick:

John Warner  
Margaret Rose  
Peggy Franklin  
Gywen McIntyre  
Sr Bernadette Walsh  
Maureen Keating  
S Vidovic  
Gary Robinson  
Phil Donoghoe  
Gregory Walsh  
Maria Melvin  
Phyllis Polsen  
Regina Paredes  
Louis McFarlane  
Norman Humberdross  
Marie Lazaro  
Lani Albuera Cabahug  
Grant Crowe  
Josei Yumul



Recently deceased

David Lowrey  
Sr Julia Denton DC  
Krystyna Kopec  
Gus Etheridge  
Darrell Walsh  
Gerardus Van--Beers  
Joseph Catania  
Diana Studdert  
Bob Kelly  
Imants Skriveris  
Pacifico V Gareza Jr  
Charlie Morella  
Cecil Mikola  
Garry Griffiths  
Gerry Manion  
Michael Thornton



Anniversaries

Peg Tongs  
James & Patricia  
O'Malley  
Giuseppe Sorbara

Catholic Voice is available at church doors.

JUST A REMINDER THAT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS NEXT SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER. SO PUT YOUR CLOCK FORWARD AN HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT.



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Little Sparks Children's Liturgy DURING 9AM SUNDAY MASS NO LITTLE SPARKS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, IT WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER.**

**YOUTH GROUP WILL BE MEETING FORTNIGHTLY, NEXT GATHERING TBA**

**Monday Craft Group:** 10am—midday  
**Wednesday Prayer Group:** 1.30-3pm  
Come and explore the Gospel and its relevance for today. All welcome to join us.

**ANOINTING MIDDAY MASS FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER**

LATE CALL has just been published by Bishop Pat Power. 1 Copy of the book is available from the gift shop for \$20.



"I've been a Catholic for all of my life and have attended Sunday mass for most of that time. I attended the Alpha course in this past year and it far exceeded my expectations! I didn't realise that our faith is THIS GOOD!" Selina Stanford

The Alpha course is relevant for everyone at any stage of their faith journey and provides the opportunity for a deeper personal encounter with Jesus.

Register at [sstanford2000@gmail.com](mailto:sstanford2000@gmail.com) to come and see what it's all about at 6.30pm 10 October, or call 0438 664110 for more information. Just come and see, no cost, no obligation.

## ADULT EDUCATION

Our next adult education session is on Saturday 13th October at the parish meeting room, Lowe St, 10—12noon  
Topic: Vocations—What does that mean and look like, can you hear God calling you? Come and learn the art of how to "discern," how to know how that message was from God. Flyers are at the church doors.

**ON LEAVING THE CHURCH COULD YOU PLEASE LIFT UP KNEELERS DUE TO OH&S REQUIREMENTS.**

## PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

**Our lady of Fatima Day to celebrate our Lady of Fatima, we will have a public square rosary at Queanbeyan Park, Lowe St on Saturday 13th October at 2pm. Please come and join us (if you have our Lady's statue please bring with you and also bring a chair) For enquiries please contact Rosa on 0428164281 or email [rosario\\_stephens@yahoo.com](mailto:rosario_stephens@yahoo.com)**



## This weekend is Social Justice Sunday

This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: **Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land.** The Statement confronts the growing challenge of homelessness and housing insecurity in Australia.

For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)) or call (02) 8306 3499 - **copies of the statement are available at the church doors.**

Thank you to all those who donated recently to the Father's Day Appeal. A total of \$975 was raised.

## Sacrament of First Reconciliation Year 3 children

Registration forms for this sacrament have been sent out to parents via the school system. If you did not receive a form, you can download them at our website <https://www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com/sacred-room/sacraments/first-reconciliation/>

Forms are due in by 17 October 2018.

Please call the parish office if you have any questions regarding this Sacrament. Thank you.

Marian Procession and Youth Pilgrimage 2018 **Sunday 14 October 2018** - St Clement's Retreat and Conference Centre, Galong 8.30am Youth Pilgrimage 10.30am Sacrament of Penance | 11.30am Mass with main celebrant Archbishop Yllana 12.30pm BYO lunch 2:00pm Procession to the grotto | Contact 02 6239 8500

## 13 – October "Amicus"

"Amicus", a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering at the China Tea House, Erindale at 7pm for dinner. To join us please call Rosemary 0428599342.

## Holy Hour - Liturgy of Lament and Healing

Archbishop Christopher invites you to join him at the 'Holy Hour - Liturgy of Lament and Healing'. This Liturgy accompanies the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse. In prayer, we will gather with heads bowed seeking healing and hope in Christ.

**When:** Monday 22 October, 6pm - 7pm

**Where:** St Peter Chanel's Church, Cnr Weston and Loch Streets, Yarralumla

**Website:** <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/holy-hour>

## SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER 5.30PM

**ACOLYTE:** E UNWIN  
**READERS:** W UNWIN M WILSON  
**Ministers of Communion:** A de JONGH, M UNWIN, E McAULIFFE, G WELLS  
**ALTAR SVRS:** NO ONE

## SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER 9AM

**ACOLYTE:** D CONNOR  
**READERS:** R GILLET M UNWIN  
**Ministers of Communion:** F & S STANFORD, M CAETANO, M GATTUSO, R HALA, F HALE  
**ALTAR SVRS:** NO ONE

## MORNING TEA ROSTER

30 SEPTEMBER

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

7TH OCTOBER

ELIZABETH, HELEN, TONI & LYN

Weekday & Weekend Masses			1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesdays	10:00am	George Forbes House
Saturday	5:30pm	St Raphael's, Queanbeyan	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays	11:00am	Warrigal (Kawaree)
Sunday	9:00am & 5.30pm	St Raphael's, Queanbeyan <b>YOUTH / FAMILY MASS</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays	11:00am	Queanbeyan Nursing Home
Sunday	8.30am	St Mary's Bungendore	Fridays	11:00—11:55am	Exposition & Adoration, St Raphael's
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of month	11am	Peter & Paul, Hoskinstown	Saturdays	4.30 pm—5 pm	Reconciliation, St Raphael's
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month	5.00pm	St Patrick's Michelago	or by appointment		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month	9am	St Joseph's Gundaroo	Sundays during 9am mass		Children's Liturgy Ages 3-9yrs
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	12 noon	St Brigid's, Krawarree	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	10:30am	Baptisms St Raphael's Church
Saturday	6.00pm	St Bede's Braidwood	(Sat) 5:30pm / (Sun) 9am		Baptism Presentations, St Raphael's Church
Monday	NO MASS		By Appointment		Marriages
Tuesday	5.30 pm	St Raphael's	Mondays 10:00am—12noon		Craft Group, Parish Meeting Room
Wednesday	7:00am	St Raphael's	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesdays 12:30pm		Cancer Support Group 6297 1912
Wednesday	9.00am	St Mary's Bungendore	Wednesdays 1:30—3pm		Prayer Group, Parish Meeting Room.
Thursday	7am	St Raphael's	RCIA		ENQUIRIES BEGIN SEPTEMBER
Friday	12noon	St Raphael's			

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**— Our 3<sup>rd</sup> October meeting will be at the home of Louise Dwight at 12 noon and her address is 25 Cassinia Street, Queanbeyan. Please bring a plate of food to share. Please advise any of us for catering purposes. Louise's telephone number is 6297 9696 or mobile number 0419 694 796. Pauline de Jongh's telephone number is 6297 1912 or mobile number 0412 223 072 and Margaret Church's number 6299 0081 or 0418 624 491.



Could your skills assist communities overseas? How does the Palms approach work? Just want to know more?

**Palms Info Session** Tuesday 30 Oct, 4:15 pm  
St Clare's College 1 McMillan Cr, Griffith ACT 2603

## Home in Queanbeyan—Movie Night

Friday 19th October at the Q Theatre, Queanbeyan 6—10.30pm

**MOVIE TICKETS:** \$75 includes drinks, hot snacks and movie entry **BUY TICKETS:** [www.theq.net.au](http://www.theq.net.au) or The Q Box Office: (02) 6285 6290 **RAFFLE TICKETS ALSO ON SALE NOW!** Prizes include: Exclusive premium corporate packages to **Shania Twain and Sam Smith Sydney concerts** and a **\$1,000 cash voucher** Only 750 tickets available (\$20 each) Order from: [manager@homeinqueanbeyan.org](mailto:manager@homeinqueanbeyan.org) or (02) 6284 2409