



Catholic Parish of St Raphael

Founded 1889

We are in the country of the Wiradjuri people. We pay respect to their elders, celebrate their continuing culture and acknowledge the memory of their ancestors.



PARISH POST #24 – 11th July 2021 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B



St. Edward's
Canowindra



St. Raphael's
Cowra



St. John the Baptist,
Eugowra



St. Malachy's
Gooloogong



St. Brigid's
Woodstock



St Vincent's
Wyangala



Catholics In Australia Did You Know?

Vatican II: The Second Vatican Council, was the most significant twentieth century event in the Catholic Church. Held in Rome from 1962 to 1965, the Council was made up of the Pope (at first, John XXIII, and after his death in 1963, Paul VI) and all the bishops of the world. Its aim, as Pope John declared in announcing his plans to hold a council, was to 'open the windows of the Church'. Vatican II presented its teachings in the form of sixteen documents. These dealt with many matters such as the promotion of Christian unity, the recognition that non-Christian religions contain much that is true and holy, and the right of all people to religious freedom. But it was the four principal documents which were to bring about major changes in the practices of the Church and the lives of its members.

Liturgy: The first document released by the council, instigated a revolution in Catholic worship, with changes including the celebration of Mass in the vernacular rather than Latin and the redesign of churches and rituals to emphasise and encourage the active participation of all present.

Scripture: For several centuries, ordinary Catholics had been discouraged from reading the scriptures themselves, and were instead advised to rely on their priests and teachers to interpret it for them. By the time the document on Divine Revelation was released, not only were Catholics not discouraged from reading the Bible, they were 'forcefully and specifically' urged to do so!

Servant leaders: The document on the Church, instead of emphasising the hierarchical nature of the Church, with its Pope, bishops and priests, as the Church's teaching about itself had traditionally done, Vatican II presented the Catholic Church primarily as part of the whole Christian community of faith, or 'People of God'. Its emphasis, therefore, was on the role of each baptised member of the Church. The hierarchy's role, still very important, was seen as one of service to the faith community.

The Church in the Modern World: The last and easily the longest released by the Council, has had an enormous impact on the way the Church interacts with the rest of society. It firmly situated the work and interests of the Church in the world and society: nothing that is genuinely human is to be regarded as alien to the Church. Many current Catholic movements for social justice, world development and peace, including liberation theology, owe their intellectual origins at least in part to this document.

Today's Catholic Community: The outcome of all these changes in society and the Church is that today's Catholic community looks very different from that of the 1950s. Mass attendance rates have fallen; the number of priests, sisters and brothers is declining and their average age is increasing. The relationship between clergy and people has changed. Old forms of devotion like the Rosary have nearly disappeared but there has been a growth of interest in alternative forms of prayer borrowed from a variety of cultures and traditions. An array of leadership roles which were once the preserve of priests, has been filled by lay people, and lay people (by no means all Catholics) comprise virtually the entire staff at Catholic schools and the majority of students at Catholic theological colleges. Some Catholics see these changes as a tragedy which the bishops either have been powerless to stop or have conspired to promote, but most regard them as welcome evidence of a Church prepared to adapt to meet changing circumstances. Yet the changes that have taken place have primarily been changes in rules and practices. The Church's teachings have been re-interpreted in the light of modern understandings of history, sociology, the sciences and other fields of human endeavor, and then re-expressed in language more suitable for the times. By and large, however, the teachings themselves have not changed.

This material is taken from R. Dixon (2005) *The Catholic Community in Australia*, Openbook Publishers: Adelaide.

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Sr Kathy Jennings - Mob. No. 0429 462 551

Cowra Saturday 6pm 10/7/2021	Cowra Sunday 8am 11/7/2021	Canowindra Sunday 10am 11/7/2021	Eugowra Sunday 11/7/2021
Readers/Welcomers 10/7 Tony Purcell, Mary Ford 17/7 Price Family, Jenny Minehan	Readers/Welcomers 11/7 Olivia Twyford, Ann Apthorpe 18/7 Jenny White, John Lynch	Readers/Welcomers 11/7 Ian Breen, Mary Goodacre 18/7 Mark & Anne Ward	Commentator/Intercessions 11/7 Rosemary Townsend 18/7 Cathy Eppelstun <i>Leader: Therese Walsh</i>
Eucharistic Ministers 10/7 Antonia Grandelis 17/7 Trudy Clarke	Eucharistic Ministers 11/7 Peter Lauenders 18/7 Michelle McNaught	Eucharistic Ministers 11/7 Paul Williams 18/7 Michael Payten	Reader 11/7 Sue Kelly 18/7 Patrick Anderson
Sacristan 10/7 Bernadette Newham 17/7 Chris Webb	Sacristan 11/7 Mary Apps 18/7 Sue Thomas	Sacristan 11/7 Debra Rice 18/7 Jennifer Middleton	Offertory Procession 11/7 Volunteer Please 18/7 Volunteer Please
Computer 10/7 Price Family 17/7 Cong Hoang	Computer 11/4 Sue Thomas 18/7 Jan Chivers	Computer 11/7 Sarah Grant 18/7 Mary Goodacre	Eucharistic Minister 11/7 Volunteer Please 18/7 Volunteer Please
Altar Servers 10/7 Jack Graham, Ryan Clarke 17/7 Charli Reynolds, Sara Rush	Altar Servers 11/7 Maddy White, Sienna Lauenders 18/7 Leuwin McGill, Oscar McGill	Altar Servers 11/7 Sophie, Tom & Claire Phelan 18/7 Fergus & Oscar Townsend	Altar Server 11/7 Volunteer Please 18/7 Volunteer Please
Cleaning 18/7 Team 3 – Vicki Grant, Fran Wheeler, Marg Wallington, Helen Payten & Marea Agustin		Altar Linen July Jennifer Middleton & Kerrie Bowd Flowers July Sarah Grant	Grounds for July Dom Townsend & Mark Brown Morning Tea July Cancelled due to Covid Restrictions
Church Cleaning 11/4 Anne South 18/11 Alicia D'Ombraim/ Amber Kimmorely Sacristy Cleaning July Debbie Barnes			

It is mandatory for everyone to use the QR Codes or the manual sign in register when entering the Church. This is to enable fast contact tracing in the event of any community transmission.



MASS TIMES for coming week:

COWRA

12/7 Monday: No Service
13/7 Tuesday: 9:00 am Mass
14/7 Wednesday: 9:00 am Mass
15/7 Thursday: No Service
16/7 Friday: 5:45 pm Mass
17/7 Saturday: 6:00 pm Mass
18/7 Sunday: 8:00 am Mass

CANOWINDRA

15/7 Thursday: 9:00 am Mass
18/7 Sunday: 10:00 am Mass

WYANGALA

17/7 Saturday: 9:00 am Mass

GOOLOOGONG

18/7 Sunday: 5:00 pm Mass

EUGOWRA

18/7 Sunday: 8:30 am Communion Service

WOODSTOCK

18/7 Sunday: 8:30 am Communion Service

Regular Mass Schedule:

Woodstock – 2nd Saturday of the month at 9am
Wyangala – 3rd Saturday of the month at 9am
Gooloogong – 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm
Eugowra – 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 5pm

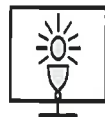
MASSES & PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Tom Perry (Eugowra), Brady Tucker (Cowra, Son of Mark & Julie Tucker), Stella Henry (Canowindra)

Anniversaries: Nicole Konstanta

Masses: Kevin Coghlan, Alyssa Croucher, Bob Cross, Harvey Wright, Remond Family, Victoria (Dorrie) Astill, and Special Intentions.

Sick: Jan Whitty, Sr Sheelah Mogan, Fr Chris Riley, Istvan Pasztor, Maureen Duffey, Peter Lech, Pat Norris, Gabrielle Yates, Peter Dawson, Adrian McGuinness, and all who are sick and in need of prayers.



MASS FOR YOU
at home

Mass For You At Home airs on your normal Channel 10 station at 6am each Sunday or to watch on your computer at any time click on this link: www.massforyou.com.au

Mass is also streamed daily from the Church of St Francis Xavier in Lavender Bay NSW, to watch click on the following link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD_HVaQ

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: [Jer 23:1-6](#)

The Lord will appoint new shepherds.

Second Reading: [Eph 2:13-18](#)

Christ removes the barriers between peoples

Gospel: [Mk 6:30-34](#)

Jesus pities the crowd, sheep without a shepherd.



Welcome Parishioners & Visitors for the Celebration of our Mass

**Wear a face mask.
It's a condition
of entry.**



COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AS OF 26 JUNE 2021

The State Government has announced that from 26 June, the following restrictions are in place affecting parishes, churches and church buildings:

- The number of people allowed to attend a place of worship for Mass, private prayer or any gathering, is based on the 1 person per 4 square metre rule;
- Funerals are limited to 1 person per 4 square metres capped at 100 people, including the celebrant;
- **Masks are compulsory in all indoor non-residential settings, including workplaces and places of worship;**
- Singing by audiences and choirs at indoor venues or by congregants at indoor places of worship is not allowed;
- **All organisations must continue to use QR Codes or manual sign in registers, to enable fast contact tracing in the event of any community transmission;**
- It is critical everyone continues to practise COVID-safe behaviours, always social distance, staying home if unwell and get tested if suffering from the mildest of symptoms.

FAITH SERVICES

"BREAD COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN"

'To Deepen one's appreciation of the Eucharist as portrayed in the Gospel of St John 17th Sunday – 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B.



6 Sessions offered in:

Cowra: July 14, 21, 28 and August 4, 11, 18

Time: 10 am -11 am (After Wednesday morning Mass)

Location: St Raphael's Presbytery

Canowindra: July 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 12, 19

Time: 9:45 am – 10:45 am (After Thursday morning Mass)

Locations: St Edwards Parish Hall

This is an initiative of Bishop Michael McKenna and the Faith Formation Team

If this cannot be held due to covid restrictions, you will be informed.

Please contact the presbytery if you wish to join, email: office.cowra@cdeb.org.au or PH: 0427421043

With Confirmation approaching, we keep all the children preparing for this sacrament in our prayers as they make this very important step, an affirmation of commitment to their faith and beliefs.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPS

We would like to send our thanks to all of those who are continuing in our Planned Giving programme and also those who have joined for the first time. Thank you for your support of our Parish.

If you would like to give to our parish

through your own online banking the parish bank details are – **Account name:** St Raphael's Parish

BSB: 066 781 **Account:** 100 005 520

Reference: Your name

thank
you

SAVE THE DATE!

WEEKEND OF 30TH – 31ST OCTOBER

St Raphael's Catholic School Celebrates 150 Years

Saturday October 30 Reunion Dinner from 6pm, Cowra Show ground. Book your table for the night at Humanitix.com
Sunday October 31 Celebration Mass for the unveiling of Anniversary artwork and dedication of primary school building. Mass will be at 9 am, followed by morning tea at St Raphael's Catholic School.

ST. RAPHAEL'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
COWRA



FINANCE COMMITTEE/PASTORAL COUNCIL DINNER

Due to the current uncertain situation with Covid, the Finance Committee & Pastoral Council Dinner which was originally planned for July 15 has been postponed. A new date will be advised in the coming weeks.



We Welcome

Eliza Mae Cranney

into our community of faith as they are Baptised in Cowra this weekend

LADIES MORNING TEA

St Raphael's Ladies Morning Tea on Friday 16th July has been cancelled due to the current Covid Restrictions.

BISHOP MCKENNA'S 2021 PASTORAL LETTER

Bishop Michael McKenna has released his

Pastoral Letter for 2021 "Bread Come Down From Heaven" which is available to read on the Bathurst

Diocese website: <https://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au/> or available to collect from the Church foyer.



ST VINNIES COWRA

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Cowra are seeking friendly and helpful team members who would like to give back to their community by volunteering their time at our local Vinnies shop. The role

involves providing customer services to all those that enter the shop, arranging stock, sorting and preparing donated goods and much more! If you would like the opportunity to give your time, talents and other skills to assist those in need in our community please visit 19 Macquarie St, Cowra NSW 2794 or call 6342 2572 and ask for Maria.

CANCELLED UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to the current Covid Restrictions, the following events have been cancelled for this month:

- Bread & Cup
- Ladies Mass & Breakfast
- All morning teas after Sunday Masses until further notice.

Job Ads - Diocesan Communications Coordinator

To assist in the delivery of communication strategy, media distribution and content production, the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst is currently seeking a Diocesan Communications Coordinator to service the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst. A copy of the Position Description is available on request. For further information please email hr@centacarebathurst.com.au

Applications close 5pm Thursday 15th July 2021

We're
Hiring

The Living Word

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

11 July 2021

First Reading Am 7:12-15

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 1:3-14 or shorter form Eph 1:3-10

Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their

course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:7-13

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

God chooses ordinary people and confers on them an extraordinary responsibility. Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. Most of the apostles were fishermen. Paul was a tentmaker. Christians today are mechanics and clerks, teachers and engineers, doctors and housekeepers. These are all people following ordinary trades or professions, but what they do in them is truly remarkable. They touch minds and hearts and souls, and they heal them. They instruct and comfort people, and they help to drive out the demons that possess them. They participate in very ordinary ways in the extraordinary establishment of the reign of God.

Jesus inaugurated the reign of God on earth. He chose disciples and sent them out to continue the work that he had begun, to preach his gospel and, through healings and exorcisms, to conquer the forces of evil that threatened that reign. And now we have been called; in him we have been chosen, in all of our brokenness and vulnerability. The task to which we have been called is awe-inspiring; and every spiritual blessing in the heavens has been bestowed upon us so that we will be able to accomplish it. If we allow Christ's saving power to take possession of us, we too will further his prophetic ministry. We will bring the saving grace of God to the world that is terrified and that writhes in pain; we will bring it to those places where healing is needed and where demons still hold sway. We will bring all things under the headship of Christ.

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