



CANNON HILL CATHOLIC PARISH

Under the pastoral care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate



*The call of Jesus Christ, heard within the Church through people's need for salvation,
draws us together as Missionary Oblates of Mary.' (Oblate Constitution 1)*

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16TH AUGUST

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.



The Woman of Canaan at the Feet of Christ

Painted by Jean-Germain Drouais (1763-1788),
Painted in 1784, Oil on canvas, © Louvre Museum, Paris
See art reflection here: <https://tinyurl.com/yj8apfa3>

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

Source: Loyola Press

This Week's Readings

First Reading - Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 66

R: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading - Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 15:21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

This Week's Mass Intentions

16/08: Mazenod College, WA
17/08: Vocations
18/08: Fremantle/Care Centre
19/08: Cannon Hill Parish
20/08: Mazenod College, VIC
21/08: Burpengary
22/08: St Peter's, Hong Kong



MASSES & MEETINGS

Cannon Hill - St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 9:00am
Saturday - 6:00pm; Sunday - 9:30am

Tingalpa - Holy Family Catholic Church:

Thursday - 9:00am; Sunday - 8:00am

Reconciliation: every Saturday, 5:00pm - 5:30pm at St Oliver Plunkett Church.

Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Friday of the month following 9:00am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church.

Anointing and Healing: first Wednesday of every second month, 9:00am at St Oliver Plunkett Church.

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month held after the 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church. (Welcoming Mass combined with the Baptism Mass.)

Little Lanterns Liturgy: 1st Sunday of the month (except January) during the 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church. All primary school-aged children are welcome to attend.

Hospitality - Parish Morning Tea: 1st Sunday of the month following Mass at both churches; every Wednesday after 9:00am Mass in the Parish Hall.

THIS WEEKEND...

15 AUG - SAT: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Solemnity), 9:00am Mass at SOPC.

16 AUG - SUN: First Holy Communion Prep, 8.00am, Parish Hall; **School Sponsored Mass**, 9.30am, SOPC.

COMING UP...

18 AUG - TUE: First Holy Communion Prep, 3.15pm - 4.30pm, Parish Hall.

20 AUG - THU: St Bernard (Memorial).

21 AUG - FRI: St Pius X (Memorial).

22 AUG - SAT: Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Mem)

22-23 AUG - SAT/SUN: Annual Catholic Campaign.

24 AUG - MON: St Bartholomew (Feast)

27 AUG - THU: St Monica (Memorial).

28 AUG - FRI: St Augustine (Memorial).

29 AUG - SAT: The Passion of St John the Baptist (Mem.)

29-30 AUG - SAT/SUN: Annual MAMI Appeal - Fr Fini.

30 AUG - SAT: First Holy Communion Prep, 8:00am - 10.30am, Parish Hall/SOPC.

REGULAR MEETINGS

MON: Cannon Hill St Vincent de Paul Conference

Fortnightly at 6:15pm

Next meeting: **Monday, 17th August**

Contact: Paul 0418 750 367

TUE: Parish Leadership Team

Fortnightly at 6:00pm

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, 18th August**

WED: Parish Liturgy Meeting

Monthly at 4:30pm

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, 15th September**

THU: Parish Finance Council Meeting

Bi-monthly at 4:30pm

Next Meeting: **Thursday, 22nd October**

Plate Collections

9th August 2026

First (Oblates): **\$636.30** | Second (Parish): **\$468.30**

Thank you for your ongoing support.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - 21ST SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

First Reading - Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 137

R: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading - Romans 11:33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.



"Here, the land itself becomes more than a mere site of encounter between Jesus and a pleading mother; it becomes a place where humility, trust, and perseverance overcome all barriers and meet God's boundless love that embraces every human heart."

Pope Leo XIV, 1 December 2025

Ecumenical and Interreligious Meeting in Beirut, Lebanon

JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA

Every Wednesday

Cannon Hill - After 9:00 am mass

First Sunday of the Month

Tingalpa - After 8:00 am Mass

Cannon Hill - After 9.30am Mass

Everyone is welcome!!!



Be part of our community by joining our official parish database. All parishioners and visitors are invited to sign up or update your contact details to receive the latest news, events, and updates from Cannon Hill Parish. Stay informed, stay involved! Use the QR Code to register or go to:

<https://cannonhillparish.flocknote.com/register>

Cannon Hill Parish is **Child Safety Aware** and complies with Australian Privacy Laws. Our Safeguarding Representative is Ronda Vorrasi. A copy of the Safeguarding Policy is situated in the foyer of the church. **STOPLINE CONTACT:**

Phone: 1300 304 400 | Email: A0B@stopline.com.au

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

OUR SICK

Please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is sick and would appreciate a home visit.

We pray for those in the community who are sick.

May the healing spirit of Christ bring them comfort and hope.

Tony Vorrasi, Keenan Wiltshire, Baby Margaret Rose; Ed Pender, Mary-Jane McAuliffe, Anna Slawek, Gary Smith, Lameki Eketi, Eli Jorna, Marina Gilbert, Vincy Law Tan, Sam Swann, Athol Young, Ken Drego, Karen Marrinan, Carol-Ann Marrinan, Jeanette Hill, Lucia Giaccio, Rob Connolly, Ashley Anthony, Daniel Normyle, Carol Flannigan, Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika, Harry Lynas, Michael Simpson, John la Spina, Imelda Khoo, Lorretta Stephenson, Brian Crimmins, Angela White, Mary Stevenson, Veronica Roberts, Melisa Duffy.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ronald Schmidt

ANNIVERSARIES

Edward Gleeson (5 yrs)

Names will remain on Our Sick list until advised otherwise.

If you know of anyone who should be removed, please let the Parish Office know.

Submissions for those who are sick or recently deceased should be received by Thursday morning, preferably by email.

CHP Multicultural Day Photos

The photos from our recent Multicultural Day event are now available to view. Visit our website to see the highlights and memories from this wonderful celebration of our parish community. <https://tinyurl.com/bp6e8rxk>

Annual Catholic Campaign



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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

Next weekend, **22nd and 23rd August**, our parish will support the **Annual Catholic Campaign** with a special collection.

The Campaign supports local ministries and people in need across our Archdiocese, including seminarians, retired priests, families in need, and those experiencing physical or emotional hardship.

Envelopes are available on your seats. Please take one and return it next weekend. You can place it in the collection plate or give it to one of our volunteers. Or if you prefer, post it or give online.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

St Ollie's School Fête

St Oliver Plunkett school fête is back for 2026. All are welcome to join the fun on Saturday, 10th October.

The school parents and friends group also welcome involvement from interested people across our parish community, one way to contribute is via the cake stall.



The cake stall is one of our most loved stalls on the day. If you find joy in the kitchen and have a knack for baked goods, we need your help. Cake stall convenor Jess is assembling a team of bakers to help with bulk baking in the lead up (with ingredients provided). If you can assist please email danjesscooper@gmail.com or fetestollies@gmail.com

Cannon Hill Parish Altar Servers

A Meaningful Way for Children to Help

Altar serving is a wonderful way for children and young people to take part in Mass, grow in confidence, and feel connected to our parish community.

Boys and girls who have received Confirmation are warmly invited to join, with no upper age limit. Servers can assist at either Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses, and full training will be provided. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



CANNON HILL CATHOLIC PARISH



OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00am - 2.30pm

St Oliver Plunkett Church & Parish Centre

21 Beauvardia St, Cannon Hill Q 4170

Church of the Holy Family

41 Belmont Rd, Tingalpa Q 4173
(enter via 56 Palgrave St)

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Cannon Hill Catholic Parish

PARISH TEAM

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Parish Leadership Team:

Sachin Rasquinha, Ronda Vorrasi, Guy Elliott, Michael Hill, Lawrence Swann



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From the moment the Oblates arrived in Fremantle in 1894, they have dedicated themselves to the mission of the Church in Australia. They dedicate themselves to serving the poor in parishes, schools, prisons, among the youth and with those on the streets. The Oblates preach Christ to the poor and the most abandoned and have served them in Australia for more than 100 years.

To learn more go to www.omi.com.au

DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and faithful support. Your contributions play a vital role in sustaining our parish ministries and enriching the lives of those we serve.

Donations can be made via the EFTPOS terminal at the church entrance (split between 1st and 2nd collections), or through our secure online direct debit facility (please contact the Parish Office to arrange).

For information regarding Bequests, contact the **Catholic Foundation**

on **3324 3200** or the

Parish Office on 3853 7490.

Donate using the QR Code or
<https://tinyurl.com/parish-donate>



OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

22-23 August 2026



Help Rebuild Lives

Your generosity helps to protect some of the most vulnerable people in our community. Through Centacare, you provide safe refuge, practical support and hope to families and individuals at the moment they need our care most.



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CATHOLIC MISSION

WE ARE HIRING

Diocesan Administrative Assistant

- Part-time 3 days per week
- Based in Brisbane
- Supporting Dioceses in QLD

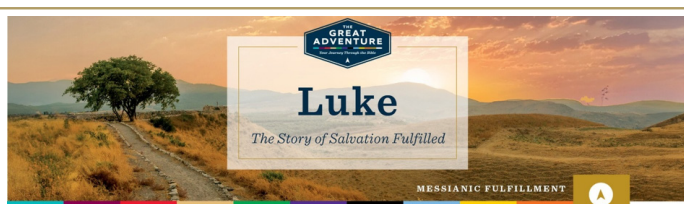


APPLICATIONS WILL BE ASSESSED AS SOON AS THEY ARE SUBMITTED.
IN YOUR BEST INTERESTS TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATIONS
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

For more information regarding the role, pls visit our website below.
<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission>



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The Brisbane East Deanery will begin the **Gospel of Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled** study by Jeff Cavins **beginning Tues 1 SEPT.** There will be morning sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and evening sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays. The course will run for **8 weeks**, finishing on Friday 30 October.

For more information or to register your interest, please contact **Louise Simento** at **0456 700 040**.

OLDER PERSON ADVOCACY NETWORK

The Australian Government Department of Health's Older Person Advocacy Network provides free, independent and confidential support to older people receiving government-funded aged care. In Queensland, this service is delivered by Aged and Disability Advocacy Australia (ADA), the state's network member. See more at:

<https://opan.org.au/about-us/> and

<https://adaaustralia.com.au/>



REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

*One heart
One family
One charism*

DE MAZENOD FAMILY GATHERING 2026

As we celebrate 200 years of the Constitutions and Rules, join us as one family to share stories, strengthen friendships, and celebrate the charism that unites us. All are welcome.

22 - 25 OCTOBER

**ST EUGENE'S RETREAT CENTRE
NEWBOROUGH, VICTORIA**

**REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN
VIC \$200 | INTERSTATE \$100**

**SCAN TO REGISTER &
LEARN MORE**



An invitation is extended to the people of the Archdiocese to attend the monthly **Anointing Mass** at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, **Friday, 4th September, 2026 at 7.30pm.**

Fr. Prince Thomas, MCBS, Associate Pastor at Jubilee Parish, will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the Mass and further prayer ministry will be available after Mass. For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com Sponsored by CCR Bardon.