



ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

3 August 2025

Stephen, Deacon & First Martyr
(This week's service times within)

Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. Acts 7.55, 58



The Stoning of Saint Stephen, Rembrandt, 1625, Musée des Beaux-Arts de Lyon, Lyon, France.

***St John's exists to bear public witness to Jesus Christ,
the source of life.***

NOTICES



'Fighting Fair' recording. Video and audio of Rev'd Andrew's recent seminar on conflict can be found via <https://tinyurl.com/SJconflict> or the QR code. *(If you have trouble viewing in your browser, select the files by clicking to the left; then 'Download' to your desktop; then click each file.)*



Youth 'check in'. On Sunday nights there is a chance for senior youth (years 10-12) to catch up briefly to discuss faith questions. This will happen over dinner/supper, following our 6pm service. See Barnabas Walker (barnabaswalks@gmail.com) or William McLennan (willjmcl11@gmail.com) for more information.

Young adults get-together. At 6pm on Friday August 8th, young adults at St John's will meet in the Robertson Room to eat snacks and play some (potentially very competitive) Mario Kart. Please let Will or Barnabas (see above) know if you're coming.

Making Marriage Work. We are offering a short (2 sessions) marriage course to those who have booked a wedding at St John's. Occasionally we have spare spots, which we offer to interested parishioners. Whether you are recently married or have been for many years, this material – drawn from the Gottman Institute's extensive research – could benefit any couple. Cost is \$120, and the next course is in October. If you'd like to know more, contact one of the clergy, or weddings@stjohnscanberra.org

Kneelers. Please be aware that many of the kneelers in the Church are bending in half which brings them too close to the heaters. Over the next few weeks a rod will be inserted along the top of the kneelers to prevent this. You will still be able to use them for the use for which they were intended and we will be able to see their lovely designs more easily.

St Mark's Film Night. All are invited to the screening and discussion of Martin Scorsese's 2016 film '*Silence*', about a pair of Jesuit missionaries sent to Japan to find their mentor (rating MA 15+). Commencing at 5.30pm at St Mark's, 15 Blackall Street Barton, in the Durie Room. Discussion to follow, Pizza provided. Cost \$10. Bookings necessary. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1443645>

Kategoria Conference. In Greek, *kategoria* means accusation – the opposite of *apologia* (defence). This isn't a conference for playing defence. It's about going on the front foot with a compelling, gospel-shaped vision for human flourishing. At Kategoria, we ask not just how to defend our faith, but how to prosecute the case for Jesus in society.

Over four days in beautiful Murrumbateman, Kategoria brings together Christians for deep teaching, serious thinking, and rich community. You'll hear from theologians, policy experts, pastors, academics and culture-makers, all engaging the big questions of our time.

Kategoria is designed to foster a residential learning community where participants not only receive robust input but also engage in rigorous dialogue and build long-term relationships with like-minded peers. 26-29th September, in Murrumbateman. Learn more and register: www.kategoria.org.au

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(*St John's event)

***Friday 8 August: Young adults get-together.** Supercompetitive Mario Kart, and snacks, for young adults. 6pm in Roberston Room. RSVP to Will or Barnabas.

***Sunday 10 August: Choral Evensong.** Bring your Sunday to a close with prayers, hymns and thanksgiving, aided by the 1662 Book of Common Prayer and the choir.

Tuesday 12 August: Order of St Luke Healing Meeting. All are invited to the Healing Meeting at St David's Anglican Church Red Hill at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea. The meeting will focus on teaching and/or prayer. Sessions are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Info Fr John Gibson at gibsonjohn385@gmail.com or 0451 681 118.



Saturday 16 August: St Mark's Film Night All are invited to attend the screening of Scorsese's 2016 film *Silence*, about a pair of Jesuit missionaries sent to Japan to find their mentor (rating MA 15+). Commencing at 5.30pm at St Mark's, 15 Blackall Street Barton, in the Durie Room. The cost is \$10 for movie and pizza. Bookings through the QR Code or at the following link <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1443645>



Beautiful Beanies, lovingly handmade by Dianne Porter in support of Operation Christmas Child!

Leaps and Bounds

For the past few years, St John's Care has had the privilege of supporting a young family, U, E, their daughter, and two young sons, since their move to Australia. I first met them when they came to the Centre seeking help after receiving an urgent eviction notice. They were facing a rent increase they simply couldn't afford, and with no family or safety net in Australia, they were at risk of becoming homeless. U and E had come to Australia on student visas, hoping to build a better future for their children through education and opportunity. They were aware of the sacrifices it would require, but nothing could have fully prepared them for the intense financial and emotional strain of starting over in a new country, especially during a global pandemic and with limited access to social support systems. Shortly after their arrival, their daughter K began experiencing frequent seizures. The stress on the family grew significantly as they navigated the health system, paying out of pocket for specialist appointments, medications, and scans. During this time, St John's Care supported the family through weekly food hampers, financial contributions toward pharmacy costs, and advocacy to help them connect with bulk-billed health services.

Those early months were filled with worry and exhaustion.

Despite the challenges, U and E remained deeply committed to creating a safe and nurturing environment for their children. With support from SJC, they secured transitional housing and eventually moved into a more stable rental property. We helped them furnish their new home with donated goods including beds, kitchenware, and school supplies, and connected them with a local charity that provided subsidised medical equipment for K.

Over time, K's condition became more manageable with the right treatment, and her health improved dramatically. I'll never forget the day she visited the Centre with her brothers, proudly handing me a drawing she had made at school. It was a simple gesture, but it represented how far the family had come from crisis to a newfound sense of stability. As U and E prepare to complete their studies later this year, their focus has turned to securing permanent residency so they can remain in Australia long-term. They've joined a local church, enrolled the children in weekend activities, and have become active members of the community.

Their story is one of extraordinary resilience, and St John's Care is proud to have played a part in helping them rebuild their lives. Whatever comes next, we'll continue to walk alongside them on the road ahead.

Kind regards,

Robbie Speldewinde

Operations Manager

Items Required: Shampoo & Conditioner, Shaving cream, Baked beans, Lactose free milk

SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY OF THE PARISH

The best way to support our ministry is to (annually) prayerfully consider an appropriate amount, and then set up automatic regular transfers using our 'giving' account:

BSB:702 389 **ACCOUNT:** 0520 9450 **NAME:** St John the Baptist Reid

See also: <https://www.stjohnscanberra.org/giving>

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Upcoming services

Sunday 3 August 2025

Stephen, Deacon and First Martyr

Readings: 2 Chronicles 24.17-22; Psalm 31.1-8; Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-60; Matthew 10.17-22

- 8.00am:** Sung Eucharist
- 9.30am:** Family Eucharist (Kids Church & Youth Group)
- 11.15am** Choral Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
- 6.00pm:** stjohns@6 (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation)

Wednesday 6 August 2025

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Readings: 2 Peter 1.16-19; Mark 9.2-10

- 10am:** Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 10 August 2025

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Isaiah 1.1, 10-20; Psalm 33.13-21; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16; Luke 12.32-40

- 7:00am:** Eucharist (BCP)
- 8.00am:** Sung Eucharist
- 9.30am:** Family Eucharist (Kids Church & Youth Group)
- 5.00pm:** Choral Evensong (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
- 6.00pm:** stjohns@6 (Praise, Prayer & Proclamation & Baptism)

Wednesday 13 August 2025

Readings: Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16; Luke 12.32-40

- 10am:** Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

For more information: www.stjohnscanberra.org

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

AMAZING MAZE!

Matthew 10

