



## Catholic Parish of St Canice

*We acknowledge the Gadigal people, the traditional custodians on whose land this Church was built.*

16th December 2018

3rd Sunday of Advent, Year C

### Parish Directory

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### Jesuit Mission (National Office)

[www.jesuitmission.org.au](http://www.jesuitmission.org.au)

### Mass Times

Sunday- 8:30am and 10:30am  
Tuesday to Friday- 7:00am  
Saturday- 9:00am Vigil- 6:00pm  
Public Holidays- 9:00am

### Reconciliation

Before Vigil and Sunday Masses or on request

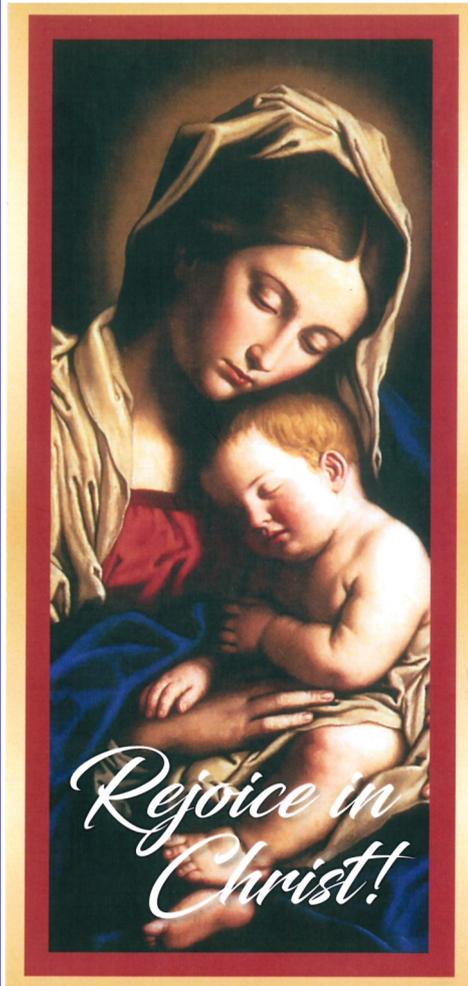
### Anointing

As requested - please contact the Parish Office

### Healing Mass

11:00am - First Friday of each month otherwise by request

## Rejoice!



This third Sunday of Advent shifts our focus slightly from “preparing the way” to the celebration of new life and the birth of a child. This shift is reflected in the change of liturgical colours today from violet to rose. This is Gaudete Sunday when we “rejoice in the Lord, always,” it has its liturgical counterpart in Lent with Laetare Sunday. It’s a celebration of witness, hope, joy and encouragement; a preparation for Incarnation.

Incarnation is about the way we see things, the way we get hints of the holy, hidden nature of everything, especially of the experiences of our lives: the silence of the darkness, the forgiveness of a friend, or the wind in the winter trees. All this is unearned, undeserved, all free. We know this because of the baby in the manger.

“The day of my spiritual awakening” wrote the medieval mystic Mechthild of Magdeburg “was the day I saw - and know I saw - all things in God and God in all things”. Incarnation is about recognizing divine beauty - usually in deep disguise - in the heart of a gesture, a passing event, a sensation seen through the lens of Christmas.

In “The Snow Geese, poet Mary Oliver tells of her sacramental glimpse into the mystery of the ordinary:

One fall day I heard  
above me, and above the sting of the  
wind, a sound  
I did not know, and my look shot upward;  
it was  
a flock of snow geese, winging it  
faster than the ones we usually see,  
and, being the colour of snow, catching  
the sun  
so they were, in part at least, golden.....  
I have never seen them again.

Maybe I will, someday, somewhere.  
Maybe I wont.  
It doesn't matter.  
What matters  
Is that, I saw them,  
I saw them  
As through the veil, secretly, joyfully,  
Clearly.  
What matters  
is that, when I saw them,  
I saw them  
as through the veil, secretly, joyfully,  
clearly.

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**Entrance Hymn:** No 281 (Gather) Advent Song

**Opening Prayer:**

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; The Lord, your God, will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6**

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

**Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything let your requests be made known to God by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation: Isaiah 61:1**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 3:10-18**

The crowds, who were gathering to be baptized by John, asked him, "What should we do?" In reply John said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, John proclaimed the good news to the people. The Gospel of the Lord.

**Offertory Hymn:** No 501 (Gather) We Have Been Told

**Communion Antiphon:**

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

**Reflection Hymn:** No 429 (Gather) In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

**Recessional:** No 514 (Gather) We Are Called

**Let Us Pray For:**

**Recently Deceased:** Patricia Craker, Fr Victor-Luke Odhiambo SJ, Michael Rowe, Paul Youll, Kathleen Morris, Maria Di Paolo, Mirjana Jajic, Neva Ann Jakich

**Anniversaries:** Dan O'Brien

**Recently ill:** James Toohey, Maria Grazia Orlandi, Robert Horder, Clive Adams, Kevin Carter, Di Stewart, Lourdes Jacobs, Patrick Brogan, John Laing, Linda Stein, Rosheen O'Hare, Fachtna De Siun-Young, Ruby Naidu, Sandra Holyeak, Ray Walsh, Omar Soliman, Yvonne Nobbs, Lisa Powell, Tony Musgrave, Dulcie Kennedy, Flynn Cawood, Valentino Close, Ronald Soussa, Sophie Napier, Veronica Rainbird, Joan Agbor

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations			
22/23 Dec	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
<b>Greeters</b>	M. Topui	J. Freckman	M. Musgrave
<b>Readers</b>	P.Campbell-Hardwick	H. Campbell	M. Byron
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	As available	As available	S. Buckingham C. Coggins T. Hunt 1 other as available

**Next Week's Readings:**

22/23 Dec

First Reading:

Micah 5:1- 4

Second Reading:

Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel:

Luke 1:39-44



**Parish Calendar**

**Sun 16th December**

Meditation Basecamp, 6pm, Church

**Mon 17th December**

**Spiritual Conversation Series 7-8.30pm - Church**

**Thurs, 20th December**

2nd Rite of Reconciliation, 7pm

**Sun, 23rd December**

Meditation Basecamp, 6pm, Church

**Are you around for the Christmas Masses at St Canice's?** If you will be home for Christmas and would like to participate in our Christmas Liturgies as readers, eucharistic ministers, or greeters then please write your name on the blank roster **which is located on the bench in the Sacristy** this weekend. A firm roster will be set up and we will be in contact over the next few weeks.

**Gathering after the 10pm Mass - can you help setup?:** It is a St Canice's tradition that we hold drinks on the JRS rooftop after the 10pm Mass. We are in need of some help with the set up ie carrying tables/chairs up to the rooftop area and also carrying up drinks etc. Every little bit of help counts even if you are only able to help move a few items. Our last day of operation in the kitchen Friday 21st December so any time from 2pm on Friday is fine to start moving chairs and tables. Due to the hot weather it would be best to move drinks etc upstairs on Monday (Christmas Eve). **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU LET US KNOW WHEN YOU CAN HELP OUT SO WE CAN ARRANGE ACCESS.** Please contact Lynelle at the parish office on 9358 5229 if you are interested in helping.

**2019 Columban Calendars:** Are now available for sale at the piety stall after the 8.30am and 10.30am Sunday Masses. They can also be purchased from the Parish Office. Great value @ \$9.

## Parish Notices

**Spiritual Conversation Series - Monday 17th December - 7- 8.30pm - St Canice Church:** The Spiritual Conversation Series will use 4 First Spiritual Exercises that were originally written by St Ignatius of Loyola and have been recently adapted by Michael Hansen SJ. The Exercises provide an opportunity for participants to be still in their daily life and meditate on the great gift our place in this universe is. After the Spiritual Exercise the participants will then engage in a Spiritual Conversation about their experiences. No prior knowledge or experience of Spiritual Conversation is needed; only an open mind and a generous heart

The Spiritual Conversation Series which will be facilitated by Rachel McLean and Sr Anne Taylor, both experienced in Ignatian spirituality and givers of the First Spiritual Exercises.

### **St Canice Parish Pilgrimage to China: April 2020**

Pope Francis states "Dear brothers and sisters of the universal Church, all of us are called to recognize as one of the signs of our times everything that is happening today in the life of the Church in China."

St Canice's pilgrimage engages deeply with China's Catholic history; we also visit Buddhist and Jewish sites.

The pilgrimage is led by Dr Jeremy Clarke, PhD, who has a doctorate in Chinese history and who has published much on the history of the Jesuits in China (and whose mother Elizabeth worked at St Canice's in the early 1990s). Fr Frank Brennan SJ says: "Jeremy combines learning and pleasure, putting the anxious and curious equally at ease."

We visit hard-to-get-to sites like the beach where St Francis Xavier died, as well as such cities as Macau, Shanghai and Beijing, all rich with Chinese Catholic stories. We tour the Jewish museum in Shanghai, as well as have mass in the French Concession. We stroll along the Bund and see the Church of St Ignatius. We pray before Jesuit missionary tombstones in Beijing, as well as climb the Great Wall and visit the famous Buddhist Lama Temple. We dine in street-side restaurants as well as gourmet haunts. We engage with history as we brush up against the China of today: vibrant, bustling and fascinating.

Our pilgrimage is **all-inclusive**. and the chance of a lifetime.

Dr Clarke accompanies you every step of the way. Are you willing to join us? \$8199 twin share, or \$8599 single supplement.

A parish information evening will be held in early March.

Contact Sino-Immersion for more details:  
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*Fr Chris*

