



Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

17th February 2019

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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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

Divine Reversal

For us the community of church, those who claim Jesus as Lord, the closest we have to a constitution is set out in the Beatitudes which we hear today from Luke's Gospel.

When we hear such outrageous and apparently impossible statements in our Scripture – “happy the poor; happy the hungry; happy those that weep; happy are you when people hate you” – it's so easy to think ‘this is nonsense’; it goes against our reason and our experience. So we can turn off and we don't have to make sense of it in our daily lives. No sane human would think or talk in this way.

But this is what should give us pause. Maybe our ‘sane’ human way of thinking is not God's way. For God is not us, God is utterly beyond our words and concepts, infinitely more vast than our deepest desires and our common sense.

The stark truth of Jesus' words to His disciples here on the plain, the reality of the kingdom He is proclaiming is a bold reversal of human nature. The people near the lake in Galilee, no less than us today, want abounding wealth and full stomachs. Like us they dreaded suffering and pain. Being hated and insulted by others was no easier for them than it is for us.

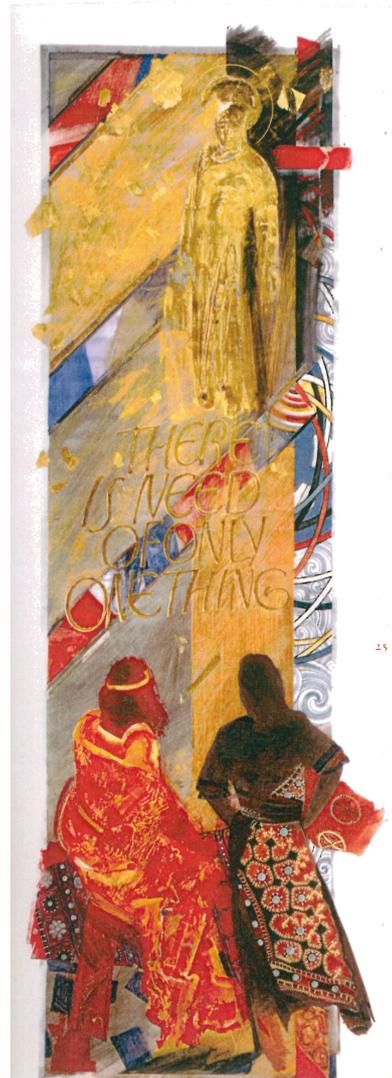
But Jesus deemed such conditions blessed; they proclaim the upside down world of the kingdom; the paradox of ‘divine- reversal’ – they go against our natural impulses.

So often we attempt to water down the powers of these kingdom values to make them more ‘realistic’. As the great English writer Dorothy Sayers observed, “we have snared the lion of Judah, trimmed his claws and turned him into a domesticated kitten”.

But if we allow the ways and words of Jesus to have their full force of vitality we will recognise that there is a high wisdom here that confronts our understanding.

The God revealed in Jesus points to a reality that can never be reduced to human dimensions.

Fr. Chris.



Morning Masses

Please note there will be no morning Masses until Tuesday 26th February.

This includes weekday 7am and Saturday 9am.

Weekend Masses ie Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am will be as normal.

Entrance Antiphon:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Entrance Hymn: No 526 (Gather) Gather Us In

Opening Prayer:

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the Lord: "Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. "Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water; sending out its roots by the stream. This tree shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit." The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1:1-4

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you or that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets." The Gospel of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: No 382 (Gather) Firmly I Believe and Truly

Communion Antiphon:

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Reflection Hymn: No 211 (Gather) Seek, O Seek the Lord

Recessional: No 421 (Gather) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Remembering those who have gone before us...

Recently Deceased: Patrick Michael Murphy, Vickie Bateman, Kevin Carter, Marie Croghan, Doug Jenkins,
Anniversaries: William (Bill) Harding, Brian Gray

Let Us Pray For...

Recently ill: Siobhan Pearson, Kaye Andrewartha, Elizabeth Strutt, James Toohey, Maria Grazia Orlandi, Robert Horder, Clive Adams, Di Stewart, Lourdes Jacobs, Patrick Brogan, John Laing, Linda Stein, Rosheen O'Hare, Ruby Naidu, Sandra Holyeak, Ray Walsh, Omar Soliman, Lisa Powell, Tony Musgrave, Dulcie Kennedy, Flynn Cawood, Valentino Close, Ronald Soussa, Sophie Napier, Veronica Rainbird, Joan Agbor

If there is someone who you would like the parish to pray for, please contact Lynelle at the Parish Office on 9358 5229 or email Lynelle@stcanice.com.au. Please note if asking for someone to be included on the sick list you must have their permission for their name to be published in the bulletin.

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations

23/24 Feb	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	G. Losurdo	J. Freckman	S. Barnes
Readers	P. Campbell-Hardwick	A. Hurst	B. Clulow
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	T. Hunt M. Musgrave 2 others as available

Next Week's Readings:

23/24 Feb

First Reading:

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel:

Luke 6:27-38

Parish Calendar

Sun, 17 February	Meditation, Church, 6pm
Wed, 20th Feb	Bible Study, David's Place, 4.30pm
Sat, 23 February	David's Place Mass, David's Place, 1pm
Fri, 1st March	Healing Mass, Church, 11am
Sun, 10th March	1st Reconciliation, Lesson 1, Hall, 9.30am
Sun 12th Mar - Sun 14th Apr	Lenten Program, Church, Tuesday evenings, 7pm / Sunday mornings, 9.30am
Sun, 17th March	Peter Kearney "Ashes to Easter" Concert, Church, 3pm

You are invited to join our Lenten Program

This year our Lenten Program will feature the Diocese of Wollongong Lenten Program - "Trust". You are invited to participate in one or more of 3 ways:

- **Tuesday Evenings, 7pm in the Church:** Join Mark and Catherine Chittick as you reflect on Sunday Gospels during the Lenten Season. (*commences Tuesday 12th March*)
- **Sunday Mornings, 9.30am in the Hall:** Join various parishioners leading a group reflecting on the Sunday Gospels. (*commences Sunday 17th March*)
- **Self-paced:** See Lynelle in the parish office to obtain a copy of the Trust program book and work through the reflections, spiritual direction and readings at your own pace. The program is also suited as a self-guided reflection

Any questions: Contact Lynelle at the Parish Office on 9358 5229.



Parish Notices

Participate in our on-line Survey - ends next Friday 22nd February

As members of the Australian Catholic church and in particular members of St Canice's Ignatian community, we are invited to consider an important question:

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

Over the last few months we have provided opportunities for discussion in relation to the above question. We thank those who came along to the various meetings and appreciate your honest feedback.

We would like you to share more of your thoughts about the church and invite you to participate in the St Canice online survey. Responses in the survey will be used to make a parish submission to the Plenary Council and also will be used to inform the next parish planning cycle for our parish and our Kitchen.

Surveys can be submitted online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StCanices>

If you would like to participate in the survey however are unable to access it online, please contact Lynelle at the parish office on 9358 5229 for assistance.



Can you help? We are in need of a few people to help out in the kitchen during the week of 3rd March to the 9th March - undertaking tasks such as: setting up the food for volunteers, doing a general clean/tidy when the kitchen is closed, washing towels and other such related tasks. If you are able to spare a couple of hours during the above dates it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Lynelle on 9358 5229 if you are able to assist.

Bible Study: Everyone is welcome to come along to Bible Study every second Wednesday @ 4.30pm at David's Place. Bible Study will commence on Wednesday 20th February 2019 @ 4.30pm. Enquiries: Jo de Groot: 0412 257 873.

St Canice's Kitchen Kings Cross Market Stall - 16th March 2019: St Canice's is holding another stall on Saturday 16th March. We would love some people to join us to help out on the day – simply talking to people who show an interest in what we do or receipting donations and sale of merchandise. We also need some help with the set up and pack down of the stall. The setup is at 7am and we would need help for about 1/2 an hour and the pack down would be around 2pm and would also take about 1/2 an hour. If you are interested in helping out please contact Carrie at the parish office on 9358 5229 or carrie@stcanice.com.au

A Date for your Diaries: Sunday 5th May 11.30am: As you are aware Fr Chris will be leaving us after Easter to take up the role of Parish Priest at Seven Hill Parish. We would like to join as a parish community to say thank you for the contribution Fr Chris has made to St Canice's. Please keep Sunday 5th May free. We will be holding a lunch in the Peace Park (weather permitting) after the 10.30am Mass. More details will be provided closer to the date.

First Reconciliation Enrolments - children in yr 3 and above: 1st Reconciliation will be held at St Canice's on Wednesday 27th March 2019 @ 6.30pm (Enrolments close 1st March 2019). Enrolment forms for the First Reconciliation preparation program are now available. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the parish office or downloaded from our website - <http://www.stcanice.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/1st-Reconciliation-Enrolment-Form-2.pdf>

Dates for the 2019 1st Reconciliation preparation program are as follows:

- **Parent Meeting:** Sunday 10th March @ 9.30am
- **Lesson 1:** Sunday 17th March @ 9.30am
- **Lesson 2:** Sunday 24th March @ 9.30am
- **Reconciliation Liturgy:** Wednesday 27th March @ 6.30pm

After making their First Reconciliation, children can then enrol in our First Communion Program. Please complete the enrolment form and return to Lynelle at the Parish Office (28 Roslyn St Rushcutters Bay) or email the form to lynelle@stcanice.com.au.