



## Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

1 Sept 2019

Twenty second Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

### Parish Directory

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### Mass Times

Saturday Vigil - 6pm  
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

### Weddings, Child Sacraments, RCIA

Contact Parish Office Tel: 93585229

## The tricky problem of being a Catholic

You may have had the experience as I have of listening to someone's problem, yet seeing it through a different lens, so that when you give the person that new perspective, it not only solves their problem, but offers them new insights on life.

A problem today for Catholics is how to nurture their faith in a society where unbelief is the only comfortable stance. To live as a Catholic or a Christian can seem so difficult, that it appears almost impossible to continue professing one's faith. Perhaps, then, this explains the attraction of some brands of Christianity that look like entertainment or promise more money!

However, when a 'problem' is examined closely a way may be found through it that also makes life happier elsewhere. Many Catholics have been taught their faith as a series of fixed ideas. Sometimes these seem very much at odds with what they have learnt in science or with what most Australians believe--for example, about 'rights' or about coming to Australia by boat.

To take the last example, opposition to 'boat people' was galvanised by reversing an argument for dealing with them in a better way, into one which blamed the deaths at sea on those supporting asylum seekers coming to Australia. Even leaving aside a non-sequitur here, the issue can still be seen from another angle. The main (not only) hidden assumption is that, if asylum seekers could be prevented from heading for Australia, they would not take a riskier method of reaching a third country. Subsequent history in the Mediterranean has shown what a death-dealing assumption it has been.

This example shows how a very widespread belief in Australia can be not only shallow but wickedly wrong.

Just as some of the timetable problems were too complex to detail here, but certainly not too difficult to solve, many other issues facing Catholics also need be teased apart into manageable ideas.

Currently in NSW, we have a major divide over abortion. The matter is being posed as one of decriminalisation. The media presents two sides in total conflict. However, the bill before parliament does not decriminalise abortion; where it is undertaken outside of certain limits, it is still a crime. And on the other hand, Catholics opposed to abortion may well be in favour of a quite significant degree of decriminalisation. The described divide is largely manufactured.

So many aspects of our universe, from the big bang onwards, should present few if any difficulties to Catholics. Indeed, modern theories have demolished 'scientific' doctrines like determinism that seemed to make faith more difficult. In other areas, especially that of rights, our religion has a far greater depth than that afforded by the latest poll. The problem for many Catholics today is not realising how robust our faith is.

*Paul Fyfe SJ*

### Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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

### Opening Prayer

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

My child, perform your tasks with humility; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. Many are lofty and renowned, but to the humble the Lord reveals his secrets. For great is the might of the Lord; but by the humble he is glorified. When calamity befalls the proud, there is no healing, for an evil plant has taken root in them. The mind of the intelligent appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the desire of the wise. The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67:4-7, 10-11

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant. The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

### Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, the lawyers and Pharisees were watching him closely. When Jesus noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. "But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Jesus said also to the Pharisee who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." The Gospel of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: No 36 (Gather) The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor.

### Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Reflection Hymn: No 489 (Gather) The Beatitudes

Recessional: No 514 (Gather) We Are Called

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## Remembering those who have gone before us...

**Recently Deceased:** Tony Musgrave, Nanette Shiffer, Diana Armstrong, Bob Roberts, Doris Goddard

**Anniversaries:** Vlatko Zaknich, Mara Separovich, Jim Caward, Bessie and Stan Duncan, Irene Harding, Glauco Traselli; Bridget Ohlsson, Arthur Kavanagh, Gordon Sharp

## Let Us Pray For...

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

*If you would like the parish to pray for someone or to bring them Holy Communion, please contact Lynelle at the Parish Office on 9358 5229 or email [Lynelle@stcanice.com.au](mailto:Lynelle@stcanice.com.au). Please note you must have a person's permission for their name to be on the bulletin's sick list.*

### Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations

7/8 Sep	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
<b>Greeters</b>	G. Losurdo	A. Hurst	C. Coggins
<b>Readers</b>	B. McSoriley	J. Higgins	M. Musgrave
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	As available	As available	B. Campbell B. Clulow C. Coggins T. Hunt

### Next Week's Readings:

7/8 Sept 2019

First Reading:

Wisdom 9:13-18

Second Reading:

Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17

Gospel:

Luke 14:25-33

## Parish Calendar

<b>Sun, 1st Sept</b>	<b>Meditation Base Camp</b> , Church, 6pm. World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the beginning of the Season of Creation
<b>Sat, 31st Aug</b>	<b>David's Place Mass</b> , David's Place, 1pm
<b>Fri, 6th Sept</b>	<b>Healing Mass</b> , 11am, Church
<b>Sun, 22nd Sept</b>	<b>David's Place 20th Anniversary Mass</b> , 10.30am, lunch in Peace Park afterwards

**Charitable Works Fund Appeal - last weekend to donate:** Thank you to those people who generously donated to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal last weekend. **We raised a total of \$2170 towards our quarterly levy of \$10300 leaving an outstanding amount of \$8130 to be paid from parish funds.** We will be running the appeal for one more week and would appreciate any contribution no matter how large or small.

Donations can be made by one of the following methods and are tax deductible:

- Using the CWF appeal envelope in your planned giving envelope box
- Using one of the CWF envelopes available on the pews or at the back of the church
- Visiting the CWF website <https://www.cwf.org.au/> to donate securely by credit card (please remember to nominate St Canice's as your parish as this helps reduce paid by Parish funds).

To find out more, phone 1800 753 959 or email [cwf@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:cwf@sydneycatholic.org)

**Jesuit Mission Indian Bazaar:** Come and join in the fun and festivities at Jesuit Mission's Indian Bazaar on Saturday 14th September 2019, 9am-5pm at St Ignatius' College, Riverview. There will be rides, stalls, auctions and more. The annual fundraiser supports Jesuit Mission's work in over 13 countries, empowering the most vulnerable people to transform their lives and build brighter futures. More details at <https://jesuitmission.org.au/indian-bazaar/> & <https://www.facebook.com/events/926093744402699/>

**Church Steps:** Because of an upsurge in drug use, disrespectful and intolerable behaviour for the past few weeks, we have unfortunately had to discontinue allowing sleeping on the church grounds.

## Parish Notices

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this year on Sunday 3rd November at the 10.30am Mass. Bishop Terry Brady will be officiating at the Mass. If you feel that your son or daughter is ready to receive this sacrament of continuing initiation into the community of church please contact Lynelle at the parish office on 9358 5229 or [lynelle@stcanice.com.au](mailto:lynelle@stcanice.com.au). Children should be in year 5 or above.

Enrolment forms can be obtained from the following:

- On the St Canice Parish Website
- By emailing Lynelle at the Parish Office: [lynelle@stcanice.com.au](mailto:lynelle@stcanice.com.au)
- By phoning Lynelle at the Parish Office: 9358 5229
- At the back of the church

**Enrolments close on Friday 6th September.**

### **David's Place 20th Anniversary Mass**

The David's Place community invite all parishioners and friends to join them on **Sunday 22nd September at the 10.30am Mass** to celebrate their 20th anniversary. After Mass you are invited to join them in Peace Park for lunch.

To learn more about what happens at David's Place visit their website or Instagram page.

- **Website:** <https://www.davidsplace.com.au/>
- **Instagram:** [https://www.instagram.com/davids\\_place\\_sydney/](https://www.instagram.com/davids_place_sydney/)

**Thank-you:** to Alma Gatica from Jesuit Refugee Service for speaking at last Sunday's 10:30am Mass about the plight of some asylum seekers in Sydney that JRS help.

### **Handouts:**

The following publications are available at the back of the church:

- Australian Catholics Magazine
- Jesuit Mission Reflections Magazine
- St Vincent de Paul Vision Magazine

### **A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney**

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or

[safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

## Prayer for *Father's Day*

God our Father,  
We give you thanks and praise  
for fathers young and old.  
We pray for young fathers,  
newly embracing their vocation;  
May they find courage and perseverance  
to balance work, family and faith  
in joy and sacrifice.  
We pray for Fathers around the world  
whose children are lost or suffering;  
May they know that the God of compassion  
walks with them in their sorrow.  
We pray for men who are not fathers  
but still mentor and guide us  
with fatherly love and advice.  
We remember fathers, grandfathers,  
and great grandfathers  
who are no longer with us  
but who live forever in our memory  
and nourish us with their love.

*Amen.*

### **RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [and others]:**

It's now that time of year when we start the journey of enquiry for people interested in being baptised or joining the Church or developing their faith:

- Please ask non-Catholics you know if they have thought about becoming a Christian or a Catholic.
- Would you like to deepen your own faith by being part of this journey?
- Can you offer to assist people on that journey, where possible, by being willing to listen and speak simply about your own faith?

### **More about RCIA**

RCIA is a flexible 4 stage process for becoming a Catholic, tailored to each person enquiring. Though pre-Vatican II methods are still common, the modern rite focuses on the development of faith, while not neglecting knowledge. It is for those "who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts." (RCIA, 1). RCIA typically but not always takes place in a group. It can be adapted for **anyone** of catechetical age. It also can provide a better structural context for the whole parish year.

Contact Fr Paul or the office to assist, or if you require further information.