

# Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

24 May 2020

Ascension Sunday – Year A

## Parish Directory

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## Masses – for 10 people

By booking only: Sat 6pm, Sun  
8:30am, 10:30am. Also Tu 7am, W  
9am, Th 5pm, F 12noon, Sa 9am

Online: 6pm Saturday  
<[https://www.facebook.com/watch/  
StCanicesElizabethBay/](https://www.facebook.com/watch/StCanicesElizabethBay/)>

Small funerals & weddings

## Reconciliation

Emergency: by arrangement

## Vaticum & Anointing

As requested - contact the Parish  
Office or 0427 566 324 after hours.

## Healing Mass

Cancelled

## Weddings, Child Sacraments, RCIA

Contact Parish Office Tel: 9358 5229

## Sorry Day – 26 May

Sorry Day is worth remembering in our present anxious times. The Apology made by the then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd acknowledged wrongs done, was supported by both sides of Parliament, was accepted by members of the Stolen Generation and prompted hopes of further reconciliation. It was a gesture of generosity and hope.

Each year we are invited to ask whether its promise has been built upon. The answer would be reassuring if prejudice and discrimination against Indigenous Australians had diminished, if they had a larger voice in dealing with matters that pertain to their welfare, if the standards of their health, education and exposure to the justice system were drawing nearer to the Australian community at large, and if the effects of their invasion and the responsibilities following from it were recognised by the non-Indigenous community.

By those standards the Apology now looks like a foothill of a mighty mountain range. Although the annual reports point to some areas in which progress has been made, it is patchy and small. Most notable is the rate of Indigenous incarceration: the surest test whether respect is paid to cultural difference and whether the commitment to reconciliation was serious.

A more fundamental test of reconciliation is whether Indigenous people participate in the decisions that affect their welfare. It is hard to see much improvement in this respect. Decisions are taken by people at a distance with little feeling for Indigenous communities. The Intervention, cuts to welfare in response to school absenteeism of children, and moneyless cards have all been proposed and imposed with little consultation. They have weakened the spirit and the responsibility of people seeking change from within the communities. Reconciliation must be built on respect.

The drift in the commitment to reconciliation is reflected in the process of Constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians. It began with some support in Parliament for a minimal proposal that might win political and popular acceptance. Many Indigenous leaders, however, saw this as excluding their people from recognition, and have moved to support a treaty. Their proposal, which would seem to have less chance of support in a Referendum, reflects the demand that they be consulted as equal partners in policies that affect them.

The heart of the Christian tradition, inherited by Jesuit organisations such as JSS, lies in reconciliation—the healing of past wrongs and a shared commitment to addressing their consequences. The need and desire for effective reconciliation brings together people from different religious faiths and none. We work with many disadvantaged young Indigenous Australians within and outside the justice system and with Indigenous families. They cry out for recognition of their culture and their needs and for respect.

*Andrew Hamilton*

*An excellent Ascension Homily by Frank Brennan is available online at <https://soundcloud.com/frank-brennan-6/homily-24520>*

**Because of software difficulties, the bulletin this week is a primitive edition. NB. Links may not work. PP**

## **Entrance Procession**

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

## **Collect**

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son...

## **First Reading                      Acts 1:1-11**

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

## **Responsorial Psalm              Ps 46:2-3, 6-9**

**R.** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. **R.**

## **Second Reading                      Ephesians 1:17-23**

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## **Gospel Acclamation              Matthew 28:19, 20**

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel                                      Matthew 28:16-20**

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

## **Communion Antiphon**

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

[Remembering those who have gone before us...](#)

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Adolfo Nicolas SJ, James Hayward, Richard Wise, Pamela Gasteen, Simon van den Beld, Rosemary O'Hare, Margaret Clery, victims of COVID-19 inc. Jesuits in Philadelphia (7), Ontario (5), Ireland and other places. **Anniversaries:** Kim Sharwood, Patrick Kavanagh, Peggy Kavanagh, Jean & Ted Sykes, Eric & Edna Gomes Patrick Kavanagh, Peggy Kavanagh, Luc Pierre Joseph Vernin.

[Let us pray for...](#)

**Recently ill:** Those with the CoronaVirus, Rosie Castillo, Fr Peter Maher, Wilhelmina van Wanrooy, Kevin Matthews, David Lynch, Gwen Feeney, Aloysious Mowe SJ, Jack Ryan Duffy, Anne O'Sullivan, Susanne O'Sullivan, Belen Latorre, Anne Brennan, Michael Taylor, Tony Catt, Siobhan Pearson, James Toohey, Maria Grazia Orlandi, Robert Horder, Clive Adams, Patrick Brogan, John Laing, Linda Stein, Ruby Naidu, Sandra Holyeak, Ray Walsh, Omar Soliman, Dulcie Kennedy, Flynn Cawood, Valentino Close, Ronald Soussa, Sophie Napier, Veronica Rainbird, Joan Agbor. Our RCIA candidates: Jessie & Neil.

**Special Intentions:** Maria Trinidad Solis, deceased members of the van Wanrooy and Verdonk families,

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> Please note you must have a person's permission for their name to be on the bulletin's sick list.

**Weddings & Funerals:** Please remember those who have had to cancel weddings, and families impacted by restrictions on funerals. As a way of support for the families, we can list funerals here.

## Parish Calendar

- Sun 24 May Ascension: Attendance at all masses by booking only 6pm, 8:30am & 10:30am, respond to email (or ring). Our mass online, Sat 6pm [click here](#) World Communications Day  
End of Laudato si' week. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins.  
Drop in online for the Cuppa Catch-up Zoom Mtg: 11:20am - 1pm+ [here](#)
- Mon 25 May Solemnity: Mary Help of Christians, Patron of Australia. Specially recorded mass from our Lady Chapel is available on You-Tube cf. The link for you to join the Mass will be advised on a parish webpage post on Monday morning May 25th. <https://www.stcanice.org.au/mary/>
- Tue 26 May Mass 7am All masses must be pre-booked
- Wed 27 May Mass 9am Make sure you send in your booking for masses Sat–Fri!
- Fri 28 May Mass 12 noon
- Thu 29 May Mass 5pm
- Sat 30 May Mass 9am. Mass online Sat 6pm [here](#)
- Sun 31 May Pentecost Sunday: masses 8:30, 10:30am.

## Attending mass, 'Cuppa Catch-up', and online mass

Ten (10) people—in addition to the reader/s and priests—can attend our masses. You must book in the week before. We must record names and contact information for infection follow-up and parish records. We are unable to have morning tea yet and please be aware of social distancing when catching up with others outside of the church. Frail and immuno-compromised parishioners should not attend. Please book via the email you were sent. If you have not received it or don't have email, please contact the office. People may visit the Church, but only by arrangement with the office.

**Cuppa Catch-up:** after 11:20am on Sunday you are invited to get yourself a cup of something and jump into our Zoom gathering simply to see some other parishioners >, and perhaps do some chat. It's set-up as a recurring meeting. — [If needed, Meeting ID: 851 6193 7480 Password: StCanice ]

<<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85161937480?pwd=SExFaEE3amNqSmk4SThOcU02SmZHUT09>>

Only the 6pm Saturday mass will be live-streamed in future weeks. Find our live masses on Facebook [here](#). All our completed liturgies are available on Facebook [here](#).

## Catholic Weekly – digital

The Catholic Weekly is available in a digital form at [www.catholicweekly.com.au](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au)

## The agenda of Easter!

One weeks to go! What direction should our following of the Risen Christ take in the coming year. What roles might we relinquish or take up?

## Next Week's Readings:

30 / 31 May 2020 – **Pentecost**

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1.-11

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13

**Gospel:** John 20:19–23

## Death of Fr Adolfo Nicolas SJ

Fr Nicolas, the previous Superior General of the Jesuits died on Wednesday. He had strong connections with Australia. Though Spanish, as a young Jesuit he went to the Japan Mission, as did Fr Arrupe (General, 1966-1983). He became head of the EAPI in Manila where many Australian Jesuits did refresher or formation courses. He then was appointed Provincial of Japan, then went back to Manila as President of the Asia-Pacific region. He still lived near the EAPI, and during a course for prospective Parish Priests in 2006, I had some great conversations with him. In 2008 he was elected General. He retired because of health in 2016. Many people in Australia and around the world have fond memories of him, his infectious humour, refreshing simplicity, clear insight and natural warmth. RIP.

## Field Hospital retreat (cont.)

Take 15 minutes to pray about the Gift of Restoring Intimacy — part of the 'Field Hospital' Retreat brought to you by Jesuit Mission and First Spiritual Exercises Team.

**Click here** and choose the second prayer-time – or start from the beginning—the last prayer on the page! Tip: to listen & follow the text, control-click its 'click here' to open in a new window, while still listening.

## Planned giving

Where you can, please continue to support the parish, either by handing in envelopes or contacting Lynelle, preferably by email, in regard to online giving.

**Remember to tune in for our special mass for Our Lady Help of Christians from Our Lady Chapel. The Australian Bishops, after Michael Musgrave had already conceived this project, entrusted the nation during this pandemic to Mary Help of Christians. The link for you to join our Mass will be advised on this parish webpage post on Monday morning May 25<sup>th</sup>:**

**<<https://www.stcanice.org.au/mary/>>**

### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child 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.

## Jesuit Refugee Service needs help

JRS is in great need of these items (see webpage). You can drop them off at St Canice's. Monday & Wednesday, 9am – 11am ONLY. Please, not at other times.

## Our Kitchen

Food and drink: Lunch M–F, 11-12noon & coffee, 10-12noon. Dinner M–Tu 6-7pm & coffee 5:30-7pm. Plus pop-up health clinic, and pop-up clothing for the homeless.

## A Prayer for Healing and Help

Almighty and All loving God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
We pray to you through Christ the Healer  
For those who suffer from the  
Coronavirus in ... and across our world  
We pray too for all who reach out to those  
who mourn the loss  
Of each and every person who has died  
as a result of contracting the disease.  
Give wisdom to policymakers,  
Skill to healthcare professionals and researchers,  
Comfort to everyone in distress  
And a sense of calm to us all in these days of  
uncertainty and distress.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord  
Who showed compassion to the outcast,  
Acceptance to the rejected and  
Love to those whom no love was shown. Amen

## News, depth, spirituality:

Australian Jesuit News– <[www.jesuit.org.au](http://www.jesuit.org.au)>,  
Australian Catholics– <[www.australiancatholics.com.au](http://www.australiancatholics.com.au)>,  
Eureka Street– <[www.eurekastreet.com.au](http://www.eurekastreet.com.au)>,  
Madonna– [www.madonnamagazine.com.au](http://www.madonnamagazine.com.au)