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Face masks are recommended when attending worship in Church

## Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

23 August 2020

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

### Parish Directory

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### Masses – for ≤101 people

Tu 7am, W & Th 9am, F 12noon, Sa 9am  
Register: Sat 6pm, Sun 8:30am 10:30am.  
Online: Sat 6pm <https://www.facebook.com/StCanicesElizabethBay/live/>

### Weddings, Funerals – for ≤101 people

Contact Parish Office Tel: 9358 5229

### Reconciliation

By arrangement

### Viaticum & Anointing

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

### Healing Mass

Cancelled

### Baptism & Child Sacraments, RCIA

Contact Parish Office Tel: 9358 5229

## Victims of violence based on faith or belief

Christians should not need to be told about what people have suffered because of their faith. Jesus had reminded his hearers of the fate of prophets in Israel, and he was himself killed because his preaching of God's Kingdom was unacceptable to the authorities. Early Christians, too, lived with the knowledge that they might be tortured and killed for their faith. They honoured and sought the intercession of the martyrs of their own day. They saw them as models of Christian faith who had followed Jesus to death in the hope of rising with him. Throughout history Christian children heard stories of the gruesome death of martyrs, often inflicted by rulers who also described themselves as Christian.

Honouring the martyrs of our group is a mark of respect for people who lived and died courageously for a faith we share. But it can also feed hatred. Children, for example, often believe that players in the football teams they support can do no wrong. In any fight, in any tribunal appearance, they can identify as the victims of villainous opponents. Some of us grow out of this conviction as we become older!

In allegiances that lie closer to the heart of our identity, however, we can easily ignore the ways in which people outside our group also suffer for their beliefs, sometimes at the hands of people who share our faith. Catholics may honour Thomas More and the Catholic martyrs in England who died under Henry VIII and Elizabeth, but then forget the deaths of the Reforming martyrs Latimer and Ridley at the hands of a Catholic queen. Similarly, we can focus on the deaths of Christians at Muslim hands during history and ignore or defend the deaths of Muslim at the hands of Christians.

When we think of martyrs we usually think of people who are arrested and tried for their beliefs. They have the choice to renounce their faith. Many people, however, are given no choice. They are bombed, burned, killed, maimed, tortured or raped simply because they live in the wrong town. These people who have no opportunity to profess the beliefs attributed to them deserve to be honoured at least as much as those who freely accepted to suffer for their faith. As American poet Antony Hecht said, writing of a Christian burned at the stake for his faith, he was

*Permitted at least his pitiful dignity;*

*And such as were by made prayers in the name of Christ,*

*That shall judge all men, for his soul's tranquillity...*

Others are deprived even of that dignity.

The Day for victims of violence based on faith or belief also commemorates people who are treated violently on account of their non-religious beliefs – sometimes, indeed, for their denial of religious belief – such as political and ethical convictions. People who press to reform laws they believe unjust on racial or other grounds are often beaten and killed.

When we honour the victims of violence, we are also called to ask why violence happens. That call has recently been made forcefully by the  p.2

**Help everyone by booking a weekend place at mass by Thursday!**

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 23 AUGUST 2020

### Entrance Procession

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

### Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

### First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

*I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder*

Thus says the Lord God of hosts: “Go to the steward, to Shebna, who is master of the household, and say to him: “I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your post. On that day I will call my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah, and will clothe him with your robe and bind your sash on him. I will commit your authority to his hand, and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. “I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and no one shall shut; he shall shut, and no one shall open. I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his ancestral house”.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8

*I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.*

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

### Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

*From him, through him, and in him are all things*

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

### Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

### Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

*You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah. and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

### Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

### Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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*from p.1: Black Lives Matter movement throughout the world. The answer lies in the hatred and lack of acceptance of people who are different that leads to violence. Violence has its roots in prejudice; prejudice in a lack of understanding; a lack of understanding, roots in the absence of deep social relationships with people who differ from us. To address it we must walk back through these steps, beginning by reaching out to people who are different. Finally, this day is one that most religions and humanitarian movements can endorse fully. At the heart of religion, in its most genuine expressions, is respect for people—for their unique humanity that cuts deeper than their explicit religious faith, let alone their race, ethnicity, wealth or gender. Living religion is about life not death, harmony not violence, and love not hatred. The fact that religions have often been used to channel hatred calls on people with a strong faith tradition to foster, in their relationships with people outside their own groups, curiosity, respect and wonder.*

*Andrew Hamilton SJ*

Remembering those who have gone before us...

**Recently Deceased:** John McNiven, Antony Campbell SJ, Rosie Fatima Castillo, victims of COVID-19 inc. 47+ Jesuits, & victims of the Beirut incident.

**Anniversaries:** Arthur Kavanagh, Bridget Ohlsson, Tony Musgrave, Irene Harding, Bert Fyfe, Andalusia Imbardelli.

Let us pray for...

**Recently ill:** Those with Covid-19 & the injured in Beirut; Fr Maurice Heading SJ, Jillian Wells, Antonios Constantine, Alison Dudley, Marina Byron, Hayden Ure, Amanda Sinclair, Michael Kelly SJ, Br Terry Kavenagh OSB, Fr Peter Maher, Wilhelmina van Wanrooy, Kevin Matthews, 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.

**Available:** [NEW] Australian Catholics (Spring edition: gold coin donation in SVdP box on wall welcome); Reflect (Jesuit Mission News).

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.

**Please re-familiarise yourself with the expectations listed on the "St Canice's COVID-time" sheet at the desks: we should (and are obliged legally) to follow our plan!**

## Parish Calendar

Sun 23 August, **online**, Sat 6pm **click here**  
Mon 24 St Bartholomew, apostle  
Tue 25 *—no need to book ahead for weekday masses*  
Fri 28 Cannies' virtual sleep-out  
22nd Ord.: Come in person—or **online**, Sat 6pm **here**  
Sun 30 **Social Justice Sunday** (22nd Ordinary Sunday)  
Prior **booking** please! 6pm, 8:30am, 10:30am

Complete an attendance form at church	
Tue 25 August	Mass 7am
Wed 26	Mass 9am.
Thu 27	Mass 9am
Fri 28	Mass 12 noon
Sat 29	Mass 9am.

## Talking about the PPC

*Dear Parishioners of St Canice's  
My name is Brian Anderson and I am currently working with Fr Paul and Lynelle in establishing a new Parish Pastoral Council. I live a stone throw away from the church and I have worshipped at St Canice's since August 2017.*

*As we know 2020 has brought many challenges to our lives and indeed our local church. I would like to thank Fr Paul for his leadership of the parish during this unsettling time. He has guided the St Canice community well both spirituality and pastorally. Thank you also to Lynelle who has ensured the parish continues to run so smoothly. We are fortunate to have them both!*

*Over the next few weeks I will be available to chat to parishioners after mass. I'd like to hear your views on how you believe the Parish Pastoral Council can best support the needs of parishioners. I look forward to meeting you.  
Best wishes, Brian Anderson*



## Social Justice Sunday

This day has moved back a month to the last Sunday in August in line with other places. The topic in 2020 is timely: *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, You can **download** it already. It encourages faith communities, governments, and each one of us to make mental health a priority—a timely message in a year of bushfires and pandemic. If you need a printed copy, let the PP know!

## Face masks &c.

Our Archbishop exhorts parishioners to wear masks at Mass; and also to spatially distance as far as possible when meeting people before and after Mass, while receiving Holy Communion, and when moving in and out of church.

## Ordinary Time...

when we live out our discerned  
Easter vocation in everyday life,  
daily putting on Christ crucified and risen.

# Parish Notices

## Next Week's Readings:

29 /30 August 2020 – 22nd Ordinary Sunday

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27



## “Take fresh courage”

2020 is the 10-year anniversary of Mary MacKillop's canonisation. In these challenging times please pray and support *Mary MacKillop Today*, so that we can continue to transform lives through our vitals works and carry on the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross. For more information please call 02 8912 2777 or visit <[marymackilloptoday.org.au](http://marymackilloptoday.org.au)>

## Enquiring about being Catholic

**This is the best time** to enquire about the Catholic Church—no strings attached. Or to take it seriously again. Or you may know someone... Talk to the PP! *And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?* Romans 10

## The Catholic Weekly

\$2 to the StVdP box please. Also available in a digital form at <[www.catholicweekly.com.au](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au)>

## News, depth, spirituality:

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

## JRS Foodbank Appeal

Since 1 April, it has fed more than 5,000 women, children, and men who have lost jobs, been excluded from Federal financial support and cannot return home. JRS stocks of **rice, pasta, oil, tuna, and long life milk** are RUNNING LOW. If you can donate these items we have drop off spots around Sydney **here**. Please visit <<https://jrs.org.au/how-to-help-refugees-and-people-seeking-asylum-during-covid-19-3/>> and learn how you can support people who have no other means to buy these basics for their families. A short video shows how food donations help <<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=293160638622911>>

## Mass Greeters Wanted

We are in need of people at our weekend Masses to welcome people as they enter the church and also marking names on the Mass registration list. If you would like to help out at any weekend Mass please contact Lynelle in the parish office. Phone 9358 5229 or email [lynelle@stcanice.com.au](mailto:lynelle@stcanice.com.au).

### The Pope's Prayer in the Year of Laudato si'

*Loving God, Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.*

*Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we can be part of Creation, your gift. Be present to those in need in these difficult times, especially the poorest and most vulnerable.*

*Help us to show creative solidarity as we confront the consequences of the global pandemic.*

*Make us courageous in embracing the changes required to seek the common good. Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and interdependent.*

*Enable us to succeed in listening and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.*

*We pray through Christ our Lord, under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, Amen.*

**Remember to register: online / email / phone**

### 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.

# St Canice's COVID-time: please assist us

## Attending church, and online mass

Our floor space allows us to have the maximum 100 people in total, **subject to distancing and registering**. Those who are unwell or at risk due to compromised immune or respiratory system **must not attend**; those over 70 or frail should carefully consider not coming. (This all applies to baptisms, funerals and weddings as well, which can also be livestreamed as a funeral service recently was.)

So that mass can begin in a timely manner, if at all possible, please register **by 3pm Thursday**, and arrive early. Register via the email you are sent on Monday or Tuesday (check your junk mail!). Otherwise visit our website, or contact the office.

People may visit the Church, but only by arrangement with the office.

**The best address now** for our live-streamed mass and all our completed liturgies is <https://www.facebook.com/StCanicesElizabethBay/live/> **here**.

## Attending mass in Covid time with physical distance

Please note each and every one of steps I ask *you* to take.

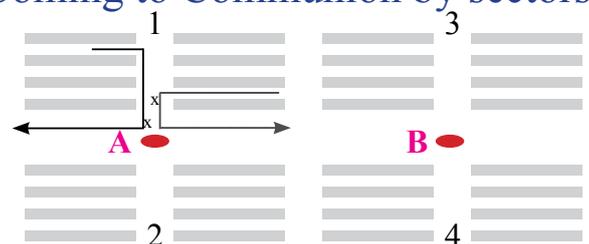
The command to love your neighbour sometimes takes strange forms!

1. If you have any **symptom** or are frail, you **must not** come. Pray at home!
2. By Thursdays, please **register** online or by phone for the Sunday mass you wish to attend. All on our email list get this weekly message by Tuesday.
3. We strongly encourage you to bring a **face mask**, and please arrive **early** if possible, especially if you did not register for this exact mass. You may be directed to a particular door.
4. Any **couples** and small households may keep close together
5. At all times households or individuals must maintain **1.5m distance** from each other, whether outside the church, entering and leaving the church, in your place, at the collection, at communion. **Touch** as few surfaces as possible.
6. When you are safely able to enter the church, please sanitise your **hands**. Cleansing stations are on the left and right of the door.
7. Collect a **bulletin**. Don't return it or other papers. Only your household should touch it.
8. Have your **name** ticked off (or register) at the table near the entrance door you used.
9. We have designated about **60 places** where you can sit—some places are for 1 person only. Please use common sense as well. **Stand or sit** in that place and don't move forward or touch the pew in front of you.
10. Please join in the responses but **do not sing**. If you have our Mass response sheet, do not leave it in church and please retain it for future masses.
11. After the intercessions, you can add to each **collection** using 2 baskets.
12. Please join in the **sign of peace** by gesture and/or voice.
13. **Communion** is done in 4 sectors. Approach via the aisle in front of the minister, maintain 1.5m distance. Quietly receive in the hand only, holding your arms out, and in such manner that the minister would not risk touching your hand. Return to your place via the aisle to the left or right.
14. **Sanitise** your hands as you leave, 1.5m distant. When outside, socialise little here.

Thank you for your care in assisting us, and protecting others. *Paul Fyfe SJ, PP [version 200808]*



## Coming to Communion by sectors



Wait for your sector; maintain 1.5m !