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online bulletin has  
many clickable links. Each  
week they grow! Not all are  
obvious...



## Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

1st Sept  
begins the  
Season of Creation  
in the Year of  
*Laudato si'*

30 August 2020

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

### Parish Directory

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To be advised

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(02) 9356 3888

### 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

This week in the media we have witnessed a gross misrepresentation of the letter by our and other Archbishops to the PM, regarding his favouring one problematic vaccine candidate and his desired compulsion. The conclusions drawn by the media were fallacious. Separately, in the case of the USA priest whose baptism was doubtful, we see an incredible over-reaction by his bishop. These stories have unnecessarily made the Church look ridiculous. PF

## Respect for the Planet's Resources

**P**ope Francis' Prayer Intention for September: *That the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.*

Pope Francis announced his 2020 monthly intentions before the onset of coronavirus. But his September intention, which sums up his concern for the environment since he took office and is so powerfully expressed in his Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*, could not be more pertinent to us now as we live with coronavirus. After seeing how quickly it can spread and how catastrophic its results can be, we now know how precarious our human life is. Because even a small outbreak can become massively threatening to health and to our economic wellbeing, our hopes naturally turn to the discovery of vaccines. Around the world huge resources are being put into research and development. So far so good. The question that faces us all, however, is whether, once developed, vaccines will be made available freely to the whole world, or will be priced in a way that poorer nations with the most need cannot afford, or be hoarded by wealthy nations for their own citizens, and only then trickled down to others. We hope, with Pope Francis, that it will be shared 'in a just and respectful manner'. But we are also aware of the way in which rich nations have bought up all available supplies of drugs once thought to be helpful to treat Covid-19. This is consistent with policies that put one's own nation first and see other nations as rivals, to be helped only when it suits.

On every issue Pope Francis always points to the larger attitudes that are revealed in the way people and nations act, and to the consequences for the world of the decisions they take. If we pursue our own interests to the harm of others, and particularly of people who are poor, we not only act selfishly but poison the delicate relationships on which the health of our world depends.

In the case of the coronavirus, we shall all be vulnerable to it unless we address it as a universal threat to each of us. If it is unchecked in any nation or any group in society it will threaten the whole of society and of the world. Because the welfare of nations is interrelated, too, the harm caused by the virus to the fragile economies of developing nations will be reflected in massive poverty and hunger, and this in turn leads to the destruction of the environment. The growing severity of climate change that results will affect people throughout the world. When we share and respect the resources of the world each nation will benefit, as we have seen in our Australian response to the coronavirus. There we have all benefited when we put aside our individual interests and share together the restrictions it imposes.

In his intention Pope Francis had in mind the more obvious plunder- p.2

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

### Entrance Procession

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.

### First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

*The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me*

Jeremiah cried out to the Lord: “O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, ‘Violence and destruction’! For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

“If I say, ‘I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,’ then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.”

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9

*For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise*

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

### Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

*May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice*

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

### Gospel Acclamation cf Ephesians 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

### Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself*

Jesus sternly warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

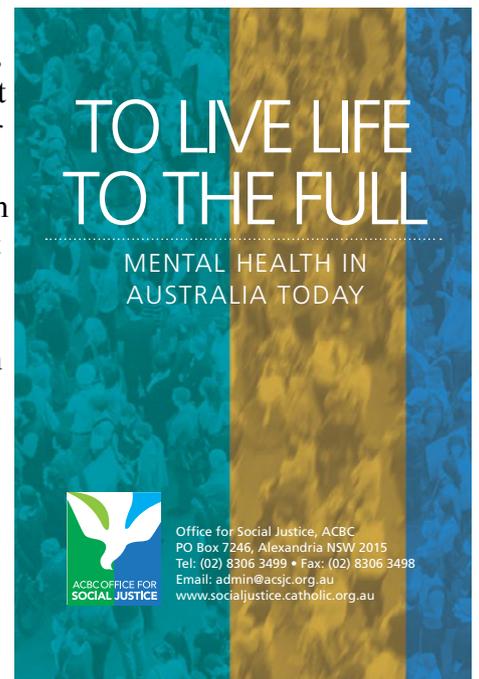
Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.”

### Memorial Acclamation

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

### Communion Antiphon

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



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*from p.1:* ing of the world’s resources for private gain through deforestation, mining that pollutes rivers and fish breeding grounds and poisons communities, barbaric exploitation of land that destroys the patrimony of ancient peoples for minimal financial gain, ransacking of water needed to keep river systems alive, and the promotion of coal and oil for continued use in transport, heating and power. All these actions impose short-term gain for the few with the resultant long-term loss of a liveable human world. They are lacking in justice and in respect. Although we may feel powerless in the face of self-interested corporations and nations, Pope Francis reminds us that our prayer is important. It makes us attend to the needs of our world, joins us to Jesus in his prayer for the world and gives us courage in the small actions we can take to insist on justice and respect in our own nation’s dealings.

*Andrew Hamilton SJ*

Remembering those who have gone before us...

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

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Osborne, Arthur Kavanagh, Bridget Ohlsson, Tony Musgrave, Irene Harding.

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 30 August, **online**, Sat 6pm [click here](#)  
Tue 1 September World Day of Prayer for Creation  
Wed 2 **Dedication of Sydney Cathedral** (feast)  
Thu 3 *Anniv. Episcopal Ordination: †Anthony Fisher.*  
Fri 4 Spring EMBER DAY — of prayer & penance  
Sat 5 23rd Ord.: Come in person—or **online**, Sat 6pm [here](#)  
Sun 6 Prior **booking** please! 6pm, 8:30am, 10:30am. *Fathers Day.*

Complete an attendance form at church	
Tue 1 September	Mass 7am
Wed 2	Mass 9am.
Thu 3	Mass 9am
Fri 4	Mass 12 noon
Sat 5	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

The topic for 2020–21 is timely: *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*. Please **download** it. Or at least read the summary and use the prayer (p5 of the online bulletin; or available on the front desk at Church). The Bishops' statement 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. This day has moved back a month to the last Sunday in August in line with other places. If you need a printed copy, let the PP know!

"I know of someone who got themselves arrested just so they could get into acute mental health care. For some reason there was not a single bed in the state for this person, and the person had to sit in the emergency department with two police officers for 36 hours." Anonymous 42

## 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:

5 /6 September 2020 – 23rd Ordinary Sunday

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

## 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

## "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)>

## 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.

## 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.

# To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today

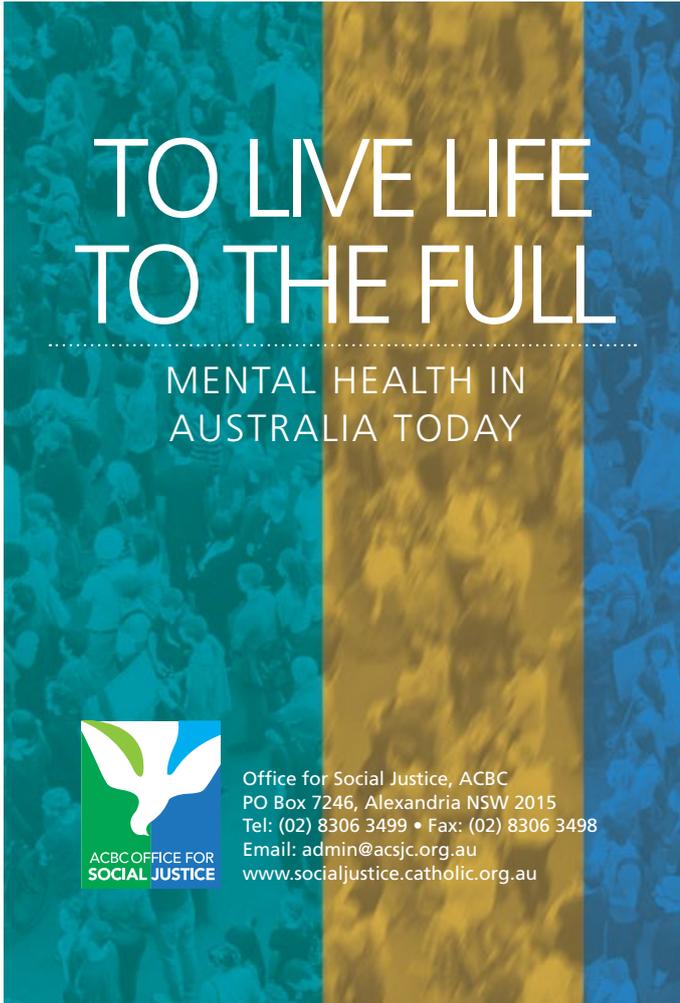
The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In fact, most of us will experience a mental health problem at some point over the course of our lives. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. Our parishes, organisations and communities can be places of acceptance care and healing, not places of rejection, judgment or stigma.

In the Social Justice Statement *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops welcome the deinstitutionalisation of mental health care in Australia. However, without adequately funded community mental health services, there is a gap in the system through which people continue to fall. Social determinants including poverty, living conditions, and personal security are significant contributors to mental ill-health. The Statement highlights the experience of First Nations people and communities, asylum seekers and refugees, people who are homeless and those who are in prison.

The Bishops observe that “our society tends to draw away from, or to push away, those who confront us with our frailties and limitations” which is “completely at odds with the story of Jesus” who “takes on the frailty of the human condition” and “draws near to those who are sick or who have disabilities, those who are marginalized or despised”. People living with mental ill-health are part of the Body of Christ – ‘us’ and not ‘them’ – and share equally in Jesus’ promise of the fullness of life (Jn 10:10).

The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community.

**Download** the Statement and access other resources at <<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2020/>>



**TO LIVE LIFE  
TO THE FULL**

MENTAL HEALTH IN  
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Jesus, you invite us all into the fullness of life.  
May we support one another to flourish  
in body, mind and spirit.  
Strengthen our commitment to ensure  
that nobody falls through gaps in our systems of care.

People called you mad.  
Help us to recognise you  
in those who suffer mental ill-health today.  
Show us how to eliminate stigmatisation of mental  
ill-health  
from our parishes, schools, communities and  
organisations.

You drew near to those  
who were suffering in body or mind.  
May we too feel your nearness  
when we struggle with mental health challenges.  
May we be one as members of Your Body.

You invite us to share in your ministry  
of love and true compassion.  
May we be empowered by your Spirit  
to reach out to all people in need.  
May we build communities of welcome and  
inclusion.

Amen

# 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.

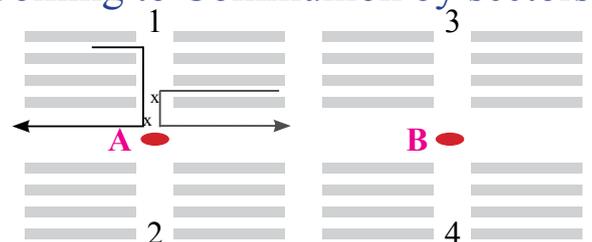
The command to love your neighbour sometimes takes strange forms!

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 !