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Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

28 March 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord – Year B

The mirror of uncertainty and confinement

This year we shall again celebrate Palm Sunday in the shadow of Coronavirus. As in previous years, Palm Sunday is a day for remembering refugees. Marches took place through many cities and towns, their banners recalling the branches waved as Jesus entered Jerusalem in the Gospel story, and the fate of so many people who have sought asylum echoing the end of Jesus' life journey on Good Friday.

March is also a year since CV was declared to be a pandemic. The Palm Sunday march, like other large events, was cancelled. At Jesuit Social Services we grieved the loss of opportunity to walk in solidarity with refugees under our JSS and 'Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum' banners.

The uncertainty caused by the virus, however, has also brought home to us the experience of refugees which echoes Jesus' own journey to Good Friday: from the memory of ordinary life—its triumphs and disappointments, its meetings in the streets, its friendships and rivalries, and all its predictability—to a later time of flight, perhaps to arrest, to pursuit, and to the living death of loss, the loss of freedom, of dignity and of sharing in the joy of shared enterprises and relationships. Uncertainty can snatch us from the tapestry of ordinary relationships to the broken thread of isolated lives.

In Australia the lives of people who have sought protection mirror Jesus' confinement in Jerusalem at the end of the week that began so promisingly on Palm Sunday. For him that was a relatively short time of lost freedom, of concealment behind thick walls, of casual brutality, of sudden invisibility, of arraignment before judges who had already decided to have him killed, from being a human agent to being a cipher in other people's games.

The life of people who have sought protection from Australia is best seen through the eyes of people who became physically and mentally ill through years of confinement on Nauru and Manus Island. Under legislation forced on the Government they were brought to Australia for treatment. Many were held in city hotels, untreated and confined. They could look out on the city streets, on people living the unconfined lives which they had sought for themselves and their families, look out on all the casual conversations, the hurry to work each morning and return home each evening, and the daily activities that build a nation. And like animals in a zoo, they could see the occasional person looking in at them, kept alive but deprived of life. Many were recently released from these places of mental torture to an unsupported life in the community, not out of compassion but because but because they would cost the government less. Many remain in confinement.

This image of these refugees belongs together with the familiar story of Palm Sunday and the week that it introduced. It represents a man who enters the city as king and judge, and later is betrayed for a few coins, is mocked and judged. But his suffering and God's raising him from the dead really judge those who judged him. The people who look to us for protection have similarly been judged, put on display as deterrence, and their lives measured by their financial costs. They look out on the Australians who have done this to them and ask what we value, what price we put on humanity and compassion, what values we have. As they look out, they invite us to look inwards and to reflect on our lives and our nation.

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Masses

Tu 7am, W & Th 9am, F 12noon, Sa 9am
Sat 6pm, Sun 8:30am 10:30am.
Online: Sat 6pm Zoom Meeting ID: 893
9545 6461 Passcode: 990013

Weddings, Funerals – for ≤100 people

Contact Parish Office Tel: 9358 5229

Reconciliation

By arrangement

Viaticum (Last Rites) & 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

PALM SUNDAY, YEAR B – 28 MARCH 2021

Blessing of Palms

Gospel & Procession Mark 11:1-10

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you...

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed

The servant of the Lord said: “The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. “The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.”

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Mark 14:1 – 15:47

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Memorial Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.



2021 Easter Ceremonies

Holy Thursday: Eucharist 7pm

Good Stations of the Cross 10am

Way of the Cross ex St Canice 11am

Friday: Solemn Service 3pm

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 7:30pm

Easter Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am

Good Friday: Catholic Practices

Fasting: 18-58 yr old inclusive. Traditionally, one main meal and two small meals only.

Abstinence: No meat, 14yo and over. In Australia, abstinence from meat on **other** Fridays can be replaced by some other form of penance.

Collection for the Holy Places. Catholics around the world contribute to the upkeep of the Holy Places in Palestine and Israel via the Good Friday Collection. Our Tap'n'Go income for Good Friday will also be added to that collection.

The Way of the Cross...

is a Kings Cross tradition. It will start on **Good Friday at 11am** in our Peace Park, the Anglicans and us having finished our own services. ‘The Way’ visits significant landmarks to help situate us in Christ’s Passion and Death.

Please join the people of the Parish and the Cross!

More help at Easter...

We need **5 people** to read for the **The Way of the Cross!** If you are willing to be involved in this, email Emma at <parish@stcanices.com.au> Otherwise, leave contact details on the **sheet in the sacristy.**

Remembering those who have gone before us...

Recently Deceased: Aristeo Albay, John Timbs, COVID-19 victims.

Anniversaries: Jim Quinn

Let us pray for...

Recently ill: Vance Velasco, Caroline Crilly, Kathleen Doherty, Mary Woodburne, John Harding, Paul Scharrer, Maurice Heading SJ, Jillian Wells, Alison Dudley, Marina Byron, Amanda Sinclair, Br Terry Kavenagh OSB, Fr Peter Maher, Wilhelmina van Wanrooy, Kevin Matthews, Gwen Feeny, Aloysious Mowe SJ, Anne O'Sullivan, Susanne O'Sullivan, Belen Latorre, 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, those with Covid-19. **Elect:** Amanda Or.

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.

COVID-19: Please remind yourself of the expectations listed on the sheet at the desks: we should (and are obliged legally) to follow our plan!



Parish Calendar

Sun 28	Palm Sunday (on Zoom , Sat 6pm)
Wed 31	Communal Reconciliation (2nd rite) 6:30pm
Thu 1	HOLY THURSDAY. Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm
Fri 2	GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross 10am, Way of the Cross begins at St Canice's @ 11am, Solemn Service 3pm
Sat 3	EASTER VIGIL: our most important celebration, 7:30pm (~ 90min) then light supper.
Sun 4	Easter Sunday – 8:30am (on Zoom), 10:30am. Daylight Saving ends!

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Tue 30 March Mass 7am

Wed 31 Mass 9am, 2nd rite 6:30pm

Thu 1 April **No 9am mass**

Parish Pastoral Council Events

New Date: St Canice Women's High Tea – Saturday 1st May, 3pm – 5pm

Join us in the parish hall for high tea and hear the inspirational stories of two Sydney women. Tickets will be available next weekend. Details to be provided in next week's bulletin.

Are you interested in Social Gatherings?

Last year's survey results showed that many people wanted more social interaction with other parishioners. If you would be interested in joining a small group of people for a social gathering please email the PPC at <ppc@stcanice.com.au> A member of the PPC will be in contact with you over the next few weeks to chat further.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Wed. 31st March 6:30 – 7.15pm**

Social sin has been in the headlines for several months—not just individual wrong-doing but the inadequacies of schools, parliament, the sexes &c.

Come together for a 2nd rite of Reconciliation to seek forgiveness.
And be prepared for Easter!

1st Reconciliation &...

Congratulations to our four children who made their 1st Reconciliation last Tuesday. We thank Helen Campbell for assisting the parents and children in their preparation. First Communion preparation will begin next term.

More Lenten Activities

Daily mass (Tue, Wed.) Reconciliation (Wed.)

Good Friday, **Stations of the Cross** and **The Way of the Cross** (starts from St Canice's, Peace Park).

'Live' masses

We usually stream 6pm mass on Zoom (click or see left front page for details); videos on Facebook <facebook.com/StCanicesElizabethBay/videos> afterwards. **Easter** 8:30am will likely be Zoomed.

*Lent: a time of preparation for Easter:
marked by greater mercy,
kindness and giving material help,
by increased prayer, and by fasting,
self-denial and other penance.*

Parish Notices

Next Week's Readings:

4 April – Easter Sunday (DLS ends)

First Reading: Acts 10:34a,37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Easter...

Easter is our most important feast. The Vigil is our most significant ceremony. After it we can congratulate our newest Catholic, Amanda, at a light supper in the Hall.

Apologies if we haven't responded

The recent wet weather resulted in leaking roofs that required immediate attention. We apologise if we haven't responded to an email or phone message. We will endeavour to respond to your enquiry you as soon as possible.

Columbarium Restoration

Have you noticed how the niche covers in our Columbarium have been cleaned and restored? This labour-intensive and very costly exercise aimed to fix what brass-cleaning products had caused. Every niche cover was removed, hand-sanded back, and coated with a light lacquer to obviate further staining. To maintain this state, we ask you NOT to use any type of brass cleaner to polish the niche, as it can splash onto and stain nearby covers, as well as ruin the overall effect. The original plaques were intended to have an antique look and not be highly polished. For further information and advice, please do not hesitate to contact Lynelle on 9358 5229.

Proj. Comp. – Virtual Immersions

weekly in Lent via Zoom help participants focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic social teaching + interview & Q&A with Caritas staff. Tues. & Thursdays for one hour. Register@ <lent.caritas.org.au>

JRS Foodbank Appeal

Week 6: Pasta (spaghetti, penne, spiral, etc... please, not tinned spaghetti). **Baskets** under the cross.

Project Compassion: An Australian Icon

For over 50 years, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion. It has raised more than \$500 million since 1965. For many, Project Compassion's iconic collection boxes have become a nostalgic part of their lives – a reminder that it's time to support Caritas' annual appeal.

Margaret Moriarty can't remember a time without a box in her house during Lent. "Donating to poorer counties was very important to my mother and father. My children have grown up with the same iconic boxes in our home and my grandchildren are continuing the tradition," Margaret says.



Throughout five decades of natural disasters, conflicts and crises, Caritas Australia has worked alongside vulnerable communities with the generous support of Australians and also helped with access to education, health

services, agricultural training and reduction of maternal and infant mortality. During the pandemic, it has assisted in minimising the spread of the coronavirus. This year, Caritas Australia has presented 5 stories from people striving to 'Be More' – a few stories from the millions helped by Project Compassion. We thank generations of our supporters nationwide for their ongoing generosity, so we can move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges. Our story is [here](https://youtu.be/qraK73QR-nM) <https://youtu.be/qraK73QR-nM>

Don't forget to return your ProjComp box / envelopes!

Sunday only? News, depth, spirituality!

Australian Jesuit News– <www.jesuit.org.au>
Australian Catholics– <australiancatholics.com.au>
Eureka Street– <www.eurekastreet.com.au>
Madonna– <www.madonnamagazine.com.au>
Jesuit/Ignatian Spirituality– <jisa.org.au> **March**
Pope's Intention Video–<thepopevideo.org/>
Catholic Weekly <www.catholicweekly.com.au>: *for the printed copy, \$2 to the StVdP box please.*

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> 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.