

Face masks: mandatory this Sunday: we have them available.



## Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

It's Census year! So the Australian Church is asking us to count on Sundays in May. 1,2,3...

16 May 2021

### Ascension of the Lord – Year B

500 to 1!

Most events, even though they seemed very big to those who took part in them, are soon forgotten in the history books. Other events, however, are remembered for things that seemed very small at the time but had huge consequences.

Both these things are true of the attack on the Castle at Pamplona that took place 600 years ago. It seemed big at the time. It pitted the Spanish king who was trying to unify Spain against forces from the local kingdom of Navarre aided by French soldiers. It was, however, a relatively unimportant incident among hundreds of such skirmishes over twenty years, many of which involved Pamplona, and which have coloured the subsequent history of this fiercely independent Basque region.

The small event for which the battle is now best remembered was the wounding of a knight defending the castle. His leg was struck by a ricocheting cannon ball. His injury led to the inevitable surrender of the castle. For the wounded knight, Inigo of Loyola, it also led to a long convalescence which changed the direction of his life and shaped both the church and the world that we inherit.

The key to this change lay in the history and the *inner* life of the injured man. He was a representative of his age – with high aspirations, his heart set on life at court, on military prowess, achievement in war, on falling in love, on public esteem and on rising in society. He was a doer

and a goer. Being laid up with a busted leg that, out of vanity, he had rebroken with nothing to dream about but jousting and lovemaking, with nothing to read about but the extraordinary lives of saints, was not part of his plan. He found himself dreaming about each of these opposing ways of life. And crucially, he began to reflect both on his dreams and on his life, and *then* to reflect on his reflections.

In this process he found God's calling. As he devoted all his energies to following it, he was able to open this reflective way of life to others. He lived as a beggar who in the marketplaces engaged people in conversation that led them to reflect on their own lives. When the religious authorities stopped him from doing this because of his lack of qualifications, he went to Paris to study. There he gathered around him a group of fellow students whom he also taught to reflect on their lives and to ask where God was leading them. Their shared journey led them eventually to form a religious congregation characterised by its gift for spiritual conversation and by its treasuring Ignatius' way to a reflective life. He named the congregation after Jesus, whose following was central both to the path he took and to the reflection he encouraged.

Ignatius' experience lies at the heart of the *Ignatian tradition* that Jesuit Social Services and other Jesuit works have inherited. The reflectiveness that led him to ask "what matters?" is similarly central to our way of working – p.2

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#### Office Hours (Mar. 2021)

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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

## THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD – 16 MAY 2021

For those hard of hearing and without a missal, the text of the 3 readings is usually available at the front desk.

### 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*

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 98:1-4

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

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

**Right:** Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**Left:** For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

**Right:** God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**Left:** Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

**Right:** For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

**Left:** God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

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

### Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-13 *To the measure of the full stature of Christ*

### 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

Mark 16:15-20 *The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God*

### General intercessions

R. ...Christ, hear us. **All:** Christ, graciously hear us.

### Memorial Acclamation

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

### Communion Antiphon

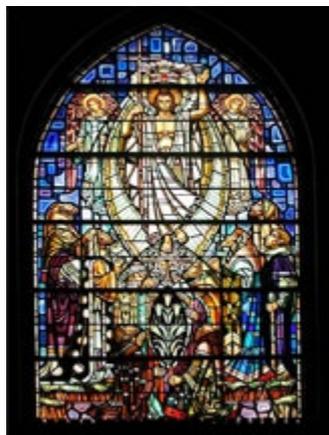
Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.



# Alleluia, alleluia!

*from p.1:* seeking out the people who most need our help, helping them to find what they want most deeply in life, and ourselves reflecting constantly on our approach, so as to ensure we continue to serve others and not just ourselves.

We do not know what happened to the cannon ball which bounced off the castle wall on to Ignatius' leg. But its apparently accidental path remains an image of Ignatius' own change of trajectory, one to which he brought all his natural gifts of leadership and persistence. He harnessed those to the radical new life he discovered through reflection on where God was leading him. In doing that he has left all of us in his debt.



*Andrew Hamilton SJ*

## St Canice's pews & Mass responses

Why are the pews here like they are? Why has the method for doing the psalm changed? Vatican II in its first major teaching asserted that "full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else". SC §14. When all the congregation join in, and can be *heard* joining in, you know that ideal is at work. It is most obvious when in 'choir' formation. Our pews are like that; it's often found in cathedrals and Anglican churches. The *Prayer of the Church*, said several times a day by most ordained and many religious, has the psalms and responses organised in this way. Left and right aisles just can't compete! And when only predominant voices are heard, the ideal is far away. So, during Easter this year, you are being encouraged to find your voice in conscious, full and active participation. The Church solemnly asks it. Don't just let a few do the 'work'—participate! PF

Remembering those who have gone before us...

**Recently Deceased:** Jill Rolfe, Jacqueline Ingram, Gilbert Foel, Peter Jones SJ (Haz-  
aribagh), Teresita Reyes, Patricia Hoban, Patricia Prichard, COVID-19 victims.

**Anniversaries:** Pierre Luc Joseph Vernin, Adolfo Nicolas SJ, Leon Toohey, Marian Lembryk.



Let us pray for...

**Recently ill:** Cassie Bungey, Michael Coleman, Mark Williams, Vance Velasco, 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. **Baptisms:** Luna Loria Nott & Luka Loria. **Neophyte:** Amanda Or.

**First Holy Communion candidates**, who are being presented at Mass this weekend.

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: We can now stand and sit. Please avoid contact with the pew in front of you.**

## Parish Calendar

Sun 16	Ascension of the Lord. (Zoom, 6pm Sat) <b>9:20am</b> <b>Morning tea.</b> Count 3. World Communications Day, Week of Prayer: Christian Unity, <i>Laudato si'</i> Week	QR Code or name/phone at church Tue 18 Mass 7am
Thu 20	IGNATIAN YEAR 500 BEGINS.	Wed 19 Mass 9am
Sat 22	6pm Vigil (Zoom, copied to Facebook later)	Thu 20 Mass 9am
Sun 23	PENTECOST: After mass: 11:30am–12:30pm. Parish Forum. Launch of Ignatian Year 10pm.	Fri 21 Mass 12noon
Mon 24	OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS. Bicentenary: Cath. Education. Conclusion: <i>Laudato si'</i> Year.	Sat 22 Mass 9am

## Parish Pastoral Council Events

### Meet the PPC – 15th May

We invite you to come along and meet members of our PPC Saturday 15th May at 5pm.

#### 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.

### Easter

*The most important season of the Church Year, 50 days of rejoicing in the Resurrection, from the Easter Vigil until Pentecost Sunday. The Alleluias are sung, and the Easter Candle lit for every mass.*

The Easter season is the most appropriate time for baptism and the sacraments of initiation, and **for considering & deciding** on our mission as Christ's followers and Church, sent out to proclaim the Good News.

**Jesuit Mission BAZAAR** — 14 August '21, St Ignatius College Riverview. **We need your generous donations.** Jesuit Mission office, Ron Dyer Centre. Tel: 02 8918-4109, <www.jesuitmission.org.au>

### Save the date: Parish Forum

**Next Sunday May 23, 11.30am – 12.30pm**

The PPC's first forum is an opportunity to hear what has already been done for our parish and our plans for the future. As much information will be provided, we ask you to send any **questions** BEFORE the day, as the time available at the forum is limited. Email them to <ppc@stcanice.com.au>. Minutes of the forum will be circulated afterwards. Please RSVP your **attendance** to <lynelle@stcanice.com.au>.

### Last call — CWF Parish Appeal!

**Our parish levy for this appeal is \$11,500.**

Thank you to all who have generously donated. We have already raised **\$6830**. To donate, use the QR code for a Credit Card, or a CWF envelope on our pews. To donate via our parish account, please contact the parish office for details.



# Parish Notices

## Next Week's Readings:

23 May – Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

## Morning tea starts this Sunday

### 9.20am. More helpers needed.

Join us this Sunday for morning tea. We still need more helpers for future 'teas' – please contact Lynelle or Emma on 93585229 if you are able to assist

## The Ignatian Year 500

This parish is in the care of the Jesuits. The Jesuit founder and the lay founder of Ignatian spirituality is St Ignatius Loyola. All who follow that spirituality are called to celebrate the coming 14-month-Year! Our cover story explains why Thursday is the right date to begin this important 'Year'. It ends on another auspicious date, 31 July ('22), the anniversary of Ignatius' death and also his feast day.

The Year will begin with a streamed Mass in the town where he recovered. It will then be officially launched next Sunday, Pentecost, with prayers led in 3 time zones, ours the first and streamed from the Philippines at 10pm, our time. Please join in!



## Sunday only? 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)>

Jesuit/Ignatian Spirituality– <[jisa.org.au](http://jisa.org.au)>

Pope's Intention Video–<[thepopevideo.org/](http://thepopevideo.org/)>

Catholic Weekly <[www.catholicweekly.com.au](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au)>: for the printed copy, \$2 to the StVdP box please.

This week we count males and females at each mass.

## A memorable day for the parish

With the bicentenary of Australian Catholic Education on Monday 24/5, we will celebrate Our Lady Help of Christians in St Canice's Lady Chapel. This will give thanks for the 3 Catholic schools of this parish, for NOSSEF, our secondary school in Railaco and our Kitchen Training Program. It will mark the beginning of *Ignatian Year 500*, and the conclusion of the Special Anniversary Year of *Laudato si'*.

## Br Ian's talk on discernment

A modest crowd, despite the weather, enjoyed an engaging presentation on a defining point of Ignatian Spirituality. You can watch it on our Facebook page <<https://fb.watch/5v3TgpNdSS/>> Apologies that you can't read the Powerpoint slides.

## 'Live' masses

We usually stream 6pm mass on Zoom (click or see our front page, left); videos are on Facebook after <[facebook.com/StCanicesElizabethBay/videos/](https://facebook.com/StCanicesElizabethBay/videos/)>.

## 16-25 May *Laudato si'* Week, to conclude the Year!

### 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.*

## 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.