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Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

5 September 2021

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

Parish Directory

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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 Church can only be used for funerals and small weddings.

September 8: International Literacy Day

In our society we take it for granted that everyone can read. But it was not always so. Three thousand years ago few civilisations had written documents or books. The voice was all important. Story tellers held the traditions and the wisdom of the tribe which were communicated in ritual dance and play, and community matters were decided by speech. Even where alphabets were used to represent speech so that people could write down words, as was the case in ancient Greece, only privileged people in society could read, and political decisions were decided by the quality of speeches. People would memorise important writings by heart.

As the Bible was written down, however, missionaries to peoples with their own spoken language needed to speak in those languages about faith and the stories on which it was based. They had first to learn the new language and to find a way of representing it in letters in which they could translate the Bible and other sacred books. Because many early missionaries spoke Greek alphabets found in Europe and Asia show Greek influence. In this way writing was introduced to Ethiopia, the Germanic tribes, Ireland, England, Georgia, Ukraine and the Baltic countries. This process continues to our own day, with the language of the Hill tribes in Laos and Thailand being written only recently.

Even after languages were written down, few people were able to read and write. Literacy took on added importance in the sixteenth century when the Reformers emphasised the importance of the Bible, and

the invention of the printing press allowed written material to be distributed widely and inexpensively (relatively) throughout Europe. Churches established schools in which children could learn to read and write. As societies became more complex both religious and state sponsored schools spread rapidly, and the ability to read and write became important for finding work and also for communication in society.

Today the vast majority of people can read and write. Yet many cannot. Some come from remote communities in which communication is largely oral. Others, particularly elderly people, have come late to Australia from societies in which few people were literate, or where their native language was written in a different script. Some immigrants, too, began working in factories immediately on arrival and so had no time to learn to read or write. If people cannot read or write in English they often feel inferior and ashamed, and try to conceal their inability. Their lives can be plagued by anxiety that their inability will be discovered, or that they will miss important information from government and other sources.

For this reason International Literacy Day is important. It offers a space in which to remember people who are illiterate, and to support the work of those who reach out to them to by helping them learn to read and write.  p.2



23RD ORDINARY SUNDAY – – 5 SEPTEMBER 2021 (FATHERS DAY)

Online, click the reading heading or reference for the Sunday text.

Entrance Procession

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son...

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7 *Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak*

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 146. 6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 (R.1)

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!



It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free. R.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind and lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous and watches over the strangers. R.

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. R.

Second Reading James 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37 *He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak*

General Intercessions

Reader: Lord, hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Memorial Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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from p.1: Literacy opens doors to society that would otherwise be closed. It opens up the joys of reading and understanding books and magazines. It allows people to participate in the public conversation about society and to become citizens. It also helps people who are shut out of society by their illiteracy to apply for jobs and to gain confidence through connecting with society in other ways. If they are Christian, too, they may be enabled to understand and to respond to God's word through liturgy and reflection.

In the programs of the Jesuit Community College at Jesuit Social Services encouraging literacy has been of central importance, especially for isolated migrant women for whom opportunities to work and to connect with society can increase as they become more confident in reading and writing English.

Andrew Hamilton SJ

Child protection week

is from Monday 6 Sept. to next Sunday, celebrated by the Church in Australia as Safeguarding Sunday.



St Ignatius feast/Railaco: update

The appeal for Railaco, East Timor, usually held on St Ignatius Feast Day, will take place later in the year.

Our RCIA program

During COVID people have thought more about religion. Someone you know may be wondering about becoming a Catholic. It's a good time for enquirers! You may not be aware you know one...

Remembering those who have gone before us...

Recently Deceased: Br John May SJ, Anthony Villani, COVID-19 victims (>155 Jesuits).

Anniversaries: Patricia Brennan, Margaret Osborne, Michael Foley, Jan Pinkerton, Sonja Kellow, John McNiven, Gordon Sharpe, Arthur Cavanagh.

Let us pray for...

Recently ill: Rinku Suzana, NOSSEF students and Principal, Jane Raper, William Fothergill, Gek Jeavons, 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 Feeney, 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. **Neophyte:** Amanda Or Alegata.

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.



Parish Calendar

Sun 5 23RD ORDINARY SUNDAY: Mass only on Zoom @ 6pm Sat.
(Video is copied to Facebook later: **not** on Zoom)

Wed 8 NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thu 9 St Peter Claver SJ, priest, missionary

Sat 11 6pm Vigil on Zoom is the only weekend mass.

Sun 12 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Safeguarding Sunday)

QR Code or name/phone at church

Tue 7 No Mass 7am

Wed 8 No Mass 9am

Thu 9 No Mass 9am

Fri 10 No Mass noon

Sat 11 No Mass 9am

Season of Creation

Now celebrated around the world from 1st September to the feast of St Francis of Assisi (4 Oct), this season was begun by the excellent



Australian Lutheran theologian, Norm Habel. Though not a liturgical season, it has the same sense as, say, the month of May being Mary's month. It has the good fortune, too, of being in Spring for the South.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are **available**.

Would you like to join our Planned Giving Program?

Contact Lynelle via email to see how you can join our Planned Giving Program.

The Archdiocese's Charitable Works Fund appeal has begun.

Donate via our QR code OR please ensure this parish is named with your donation.

More 'lockdown' music

St Ignatius asks us to find God in all things, and sometimes it's something non-religious that can get back into God's sphere. A lot of people have found 'the Marsh Family' (inc. 4 children + dog) of England uplifting in these times with their clever parodies of well known songs. Their *Hallelujah* is a tad more religious than the original, and their *Total Eclipse of the Heart & Uptown Girl* are 3 of many wonders. On You-tube: <<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMmgu60G09zrL9JsrFZYgqA>>

Donations / Payments / CWF

Now you can make a payment e.g. CWF, Planned Giving or donation by this QR code. If you don't require a tax deductible receipt please select General Church Donation: this

contributes towards the running costs of the parish e.g. liturgy costs, musicians, church repairs, upkeep of grounds etc.

To claim a tax deduction please select the Planned Giving option: these donations go directly to Canice's Kitchen.



Parish Notices

Next Week's Readings:

12 September – 24th Ordinary Sunday Yr B

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

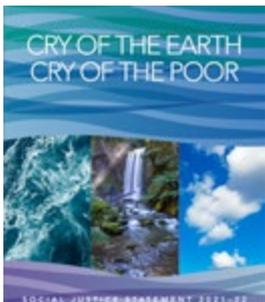
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Afghan refugee appeal

Archbishop Fisher asks us to donate to the archdiocesan appeal online for those fleeing, at www.ourfaithourworks.org

Cry of the earth, Cry of the poor

Please take on board this important plea!



In the Statement, the Australian Bishops invite the whole Catholic community to join them in taking up Pope Francis' invitation to a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability, guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals!

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

Some updates

Work on Blaiket has started so that David's Place can move in early October before the portable is removed from the carpark.

The Kitchen's Kindness Calls are very much appreciated by those in lockdown—some lovely stories. A generous donor, impressed by how we care for the vulnerable, has funded the need for a social worker to join the Kitchen crew. Fran, our parish volunteer is currently handling the coffee shop and providing a female presence.

Euthanasia and NSW

https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/protect_life_nsw
Our Archbishop strongly recommends signing the petition by HOPE against euthanasia in NSW.

'Live' masses

We usually stream 6pm mass on Zoom (click or see our front page, left); videos **only** on Facebook after facebook.com/StCanicesElizabethBay/videos.

Columban Calendars

If you would like the parish to order a *Columban Art Calendar 2022* for you, please email or otherwise notify the Parish Office. RRP \$10. Please notify us by Monday 27 September.

In Ordinary Time we are called to live out the conversion and mission discerned during Lent & Easter.

St Canice: a Call to Action

In Australia, Jesuits are asking **us** to take the Pope's action plan for our Mother Earth further. A parish **leadership group** will plan, initiate action, and report to the Province, This is a multi-year project. If you are interested to learn more and possibly join the group, please email or ring me. Paul Fyfe SJ, PP parishpriest@stcanice.com.au



Plenty of online lockdown reading here!
Try clicking the links or stories.

Confirmation preparation

The date for the sacrament of Confirmation is 5 Nov. or 7 Dec. Children must be in Yr 5 or above, and have done 1st Reconciliation and Communion. Download **enrolment forms** at <https://www.stcanice.org.au/confirmation-communion-and-reconciliation/>.

Br Ian: Ignatian discernment

Available at <https://fb.watch/5v3TgpNdSS/>

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
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.

To Fathers

'Best wishes, best wishes to you on your day!

I ask for you the grace to be ever closer to your children,
allow them to grow,
but be close, close!

They need you, your presence, your closeness, your love.

May you be for them as St Joseph was:
guardians of their growth in age, wisdom and grace.

May you guard them on their journey:
be educators and walk with them.

And by this closeness you will be true educators.

Thank you for all you do for your children: thank you

May St Joseph bless you and accompany you.

Some of us have lost our dad,
he has passed away, the Lord has called him;
many in this square do not have their dad still with them.

We can pray for all the fathers of the world,
for the fathers living and deceased, as well as our own,
and we can do it together,
each one remembering his or her own father
whether he be living or dead.

And let us pray to the great Father of us all, the Father.'

Pope Francis, Fathers Day, 2014