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Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

7 November 2021

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

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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

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

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Baptism, Child Sacraments & RCIA

Contact Parish Office Tel: 9358 5229

November 9: International Week of Science and Peace

10: World Science Day for Peace and Development 11: Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is held each year on November 11. It occurs in the middle of a less well-known celebration: the International Week of Science and Peace. In its early years Remembrance Day remembered specifically the soldiers who died in the 1914 Great War amid the poppies on Flanders fields. Now it extends to soldiers killed in all wars. But it is also a day to remember more generally the suffering and death caused by war and so to commit to making peace. That commitment also underlies the decision to associate together science and peace in the one week. Scientists have been involved in the making and conduct of war. They must also be involved in the making and encouraging of peace.



Distance from war, whether measured by space or by time, can lead to fascination with the destructive power of weapons, with military strategy and with battle as a place of honour. Service as a soldier can be romanticised and its sufferings whitewashed. Like so many young men in 1914 Rupert Brooke began his military service with a vision of young soldiers dying nobly for their nation in battle. He was then a romantic poet. His later writing, however, was harsh and unillusioned:

What passing-bells for these who die as cattle? —

*Only the monstrous anger of the guns. Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle
Can patter out their hasty orisons.*

He had come to realise that in this war soldiers were not noble actors but cattle led to the slaughter. Scientists had helped to turn war into a machine that devoured people, contributing to the killing power of guns, explosives and poison gas and to the speed with which the fresh soldiers who would replace the dead and maimed and the munitions that would and kill and maim others in their turn could be delivered to the battle front. In war things and not persons ruled.

That is the background against which we observe Remembrance Day. Its poppies are blood red, recalling the rivers of blood that is shed in war. Yet each red poppy also stands for a person who was killed in war. For a moment we pause to remember soldier on both sides of war who died, each person who grieved them and whose life was changed because of their death, and each non-combatant who was killed or died of illness and hunger caused by war. We remember, too, people who survived the war, but within whom some quality of human life and hope had died - those who returned physically impaired, mentally ill or ethically desensitised, those who spent the rest of their lives in institutions, and those who later took their own lives. On Remembrance Day we do not celebrate armies and victories but recognise the humanity of those who died in them and mourn with



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

Entrance Procession

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son...

First Reading

1 Kings 17:10-16 *The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah*

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

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed

General Intercessions

Lord, hear us. R. Lord hear our prayer

Memorial Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.



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from p.1: those compelled to fight in them.

In a more critical way we grieve for the lack of responsibility and humanity of those who failed to avert wars, declared them, gave their lives to invent and produce more and more effective and brutal ways to destroy people, including the scientists who developed the nuclear bomb and continue to devise weapons of mass destruction. We remember them not to condemn them but to recognise the tragedy of those caught up in making war and of those who benefited from it.

The agreement that came into force on Armistice Day 2018 sowed the seeds for another even more destructive war. This Remembrance Day we pray for a peace that is built on respect for persons in every nation, and particularly for the most vulnerable. We hope that the young people whom we accompany at Jesuit Social Services will never have to fight or suffer in the kind of wars that affected the lives of many of their ancestors. *Andrew Hamilton SJ*

COP-26

The Pope has had plenty to say on this. See his BBC Thought for the Day, and also Frank Brennan's homily today online which takes it up.

World Bishops Synod '21-'23

Launched worldwide recently by the Pope in Rome recently, it first seeks what experience Church members have of 'synodality'. cf. p5 online.

Ignatian Youth Festival

All Things New Ignatian Gathering 2022

<<https://www.facebook.com/allthings-new2022>> on Facebook, @allthings-new2022 is for **young adults** aged 18-30, at Newman College in Melbourne from 2pm 17th to 2pm 21st January 2022. See p7.



Remembering those who have gone before us...

Recently Deceased: Peter Smol, Duncan Campbell, COVID-19 victims (>160 Jesuits).

Anniversaries: Bill Dominguez, Emile Morais.

Let us pray for...

Recently ill: Fr Ludwik Ryba SJ (Melb.), 'John from Oklahoma', Bede Nichols, Andy Speir, Anne Nevill, Rinku Suzana, William Fothergill, Gek Jeavons, 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, Covid-19 victims. **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 7	32 ND ORDINARY SUNDAY: Mass ALSO on Zoom @ 6pm Sat. (Video is copied to Facebook later: not on Zoom). COP26
Tue 9	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
Wed 10	St Leo the Great, pope
Thu 11	St Martin of Tours, bishop, patron st for the end of lockdown!
Fri 12	St Josaphat, bishop & martyr
Sat 13	St Stanislaus Kostka SJ. 6pm Vigil on Zoom.
Sun 14	33 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

QR Code or name&phone

Tue 9	Mass 7am
Wed 10	Mass 9am
Thu 11	Mass 9am
Fri 12	Mass noon
Sat 13	Mass 9am

Dear Parishioners

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St Canice's.

What a beautiful parish celebration we had last Sunday, 31st Oct for Fr Gaetan's farewell. Over 50 parishioners attended the morning tea and it was so uplifting to see our parish come alive again after lockdown. We wish Gaetan well on his new journey.

Today we welcome Fr Dave Ryan to St Canice's as Assistant Priest. Dave is known to many in the parish as many of you will know his mother, Margaret. Welcome Dave, we are delighted that you are now part of the St Canice community. A morning tea to welcome Dave will be held later in the month.

As some of you may know, Helen Campbell will be stepping back from her role as Sacramental Coordinator. Helen has held the role for many years and has carried out her duties with gentleness and care for the children and families she has supported through the sacramental program. I am sure you will join with me in wishing Helen well in her future endeavours.

Today we will share with you our parish survey results and our draft parish pastoral plan for 2022.

I hope you find the survey interesting as it has undoubtedly helped the PPC form our parish pastoral plan for 2022. A Google form will be sent out today with the

pastoral plan for parishioner feedback. The PPC are very keen to hear parishioner ideas and suggestions.

The final version of the plan will be shared with the parish community at the Joyful Sunday on December 12th.

Have a great week ahead
Regards, *Brian Anderson*, Chairperson
St Canice Parish Pastoral Council.

Can you help our income?

Email Lynelle to see how you can join our Planned Giving Program.

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:

14 November – 33rd Ordinary Sunday Yr B

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14,18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Welcome, Fr David Ryan SJ!

On Monday, **David Ryan SJ** (son of Margaret) arrived to begin his ministry as assistant parish priest. He brought with him, Fr Hans Hendriks SJ, formerly of Hazaribagh Indian mission who is in Sydney for a few weeks.

Remembering our deceased

You are invited to add names of deceased friends and relatives in the book, available in the Church. Mass will be offered for them during November.

Call out! (Trainee) catechist(s)!

Our wonderful catechist, Helen Campbell is nearing the end of her sterling service to the parish. We would love to form a small team with one or more persons. This would prepare children (and parents) for Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation. Another gap that might be filled is a lesson at the local primary school, currently done with Kindy.

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...

JRS needs computers/laptops

See flyer on page 6

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>

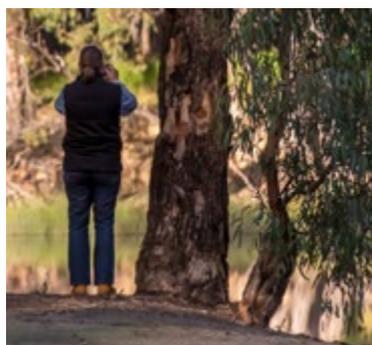
Pope's Intention Video—<thepopevideo.org/>

Catholic Weekly <www.catholicweekly.com.au>: for the printed copy, \$2 to the StVdP box please.

Confirmation preparation begins this Sunday.

The Church is open to ALL for Mass. Masks are mandatory. Those who cannot attend with un-vaxxed people should contact me! Mass may be held just for vaccinated people; but at a different time to normal masses. P Fyfe SJ, PP

Update: Laudato si' & a Call to Action



*The Pope: "It is my hope that this Encyclical Letter, which is now added to **the body of the Church's social teaching**, can help us to acknowledge the appeal, immensity and urgency of the challenge we face." LS15*

So far about 10 are involved. The Pope's 'Call to Action' is a multi-year project re the parish, ecology and the environment. If you are interested to learn more and possibly join the group, please email or ring the PP <parishpriest@stcanice.com.au>

Comment on euthanasia bill

Making a comment to the Legislative Council Inquiry is as easy as completing an online questionnaire <<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XRQN-HFZ>> for NSW residents by 22 Nov. You can give ≤300 words on your reasons, then another 300 for comments. My comments are on page 8. PF

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

'Live' masses

We are continuing to zoom 6pm mass (click, or see our front page, left); videos **only** on Facebook later <facebook.com/StCanicesElizabethBay/videos>.

Br Ian: Ignatian discernment

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

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.

Recently in every diocese around the world,
was the launch of the preparation
for the Synod of Bishops,
taking place in Rome in 2023.

The Pope has asked every diocese to contribute
by asking **all the baptised** what their experience is
of the Church working together as it is supposed to.
The Pope uses the term 'synodality' as a catch-all notion
for that process of discerning together.
And the first step is to pray!

'Adsumus' prayer for the beginning of a Church Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE



COMPUTERS FOR REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM

DURING THIS EXTENDED LOCKDOWN WE ARE SUPPORTING REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM IN FINDING MEANINGFUL WORK.

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF COMPUTERS TO SUPPORT THOSE AT HOME WITH NO ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY, LIMITING THEIR ABILITY TO ACCESS WORK AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, AND TRUSTED RESOURCES OF INFORMATION, CONNECT WITH SERVICES ONLINE AND KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LOVED ONES BOTH IN AUSTRALIA AND ABROAD, AND SO MUCH MORE.

AS WELL AS AIMING TO BRIDGE THIS DIGITAL DIVIDE, THE JRS AUSTRALIA EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM PROVIDES TRAINING, WORK READINESS SUPPORT, AND ACCESS TO TRAINING AND WORK EXPERIENCE FOR REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM.



How you can help



We are able to accept:

- Laptops up to 5 years old
- Macbooks up to 7 years old



We kindly ask you to wipe your machine and remove any passwords so we can provide it to the people we are working with even faster. Please make sure to include the charging cable and any other required accessories as necessary for the device.



Collection

Please post devices to:
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Kings Cross NSW 1340



Contact

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To learn more about our employment work visit:
<https://aus.jrs.net/en/employment-assistance/>



ALL THINGS *new*



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IGNATIAN GATHERING FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-30)

Newman College, Melbourne
17-21 January, 2022,
organised by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

Check out our FB page
<https://www.facebook.com/allthingsnew2022>
or scan the QR Code for more info!

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Some Thoughts on Voluntary Assisted Dying *Paul Fyfe SJ, PP*

The goodwill of many people putting forward this legislation is clear: they have compassion for those experiencing pain and suffering in the process of dying, and for their carers and relatives. This should not be forgotten. Indeed, some have been deeply scarred by the experience. For almost everyone, dying is not easy. But neither is it simple nor can it be made simple.

An elderly good Catholic and highly regarded former matron of a country hospital, when similar legislation was put forward, told me she was neutral about it. I detailed to her how many people needed to be involved in such a dying process—then, something like 9—and she immediately changed her mind. Decisions to die are not simply personal, just as a decision to be un-vaccinated is not.

Yet, we have to accept, at least for a few people, that good palliative care cannot prevent their suffering towards the end of their life. So, is that not a very good reason for such legislation?

Unfortunately, nothing is simple, especially legislating for exceptions. And there are some very profound issues about taking life that are easily glossed over or under-estimated. My dealing with them well would take much space so I can only sketch a few. If we desire to lessen the pain of *many* when dying the first step would be to make good palliative care widely available. So why isn't this happening, if pain and suffering is the major issue?

What is our attitude to death? As a priest who is trained as and has worked as a hospital chaplain, and who deals with many families with dying relatives or planning funerals, I notice that many city Australia

do not deal well with death; one tendency is to hide their children from it. They are shocked when I say that we had mum's body at home for 5 days and children wrote messages on the lining.

Over the years I have observed that seemingly powerful reasons given for VAD are the distress that the living experience, more so than that of the dying.

Some patients want to die because family and medical staff seem to want that—talk to oncologists who have close relationships with their patients!

Some next-of-kin don't want the responsibility of deciding to turn off life support.

It is not surprising that they can misinterpret some aspects of dying that disturb *them* more than they do the patient.

And the greed of, or massive neglect in some families ought not to be discounted.

For those of us who have worked for years in the prevention of suicide, whether of the dramatic kind or that resulting from e.g. body-hating disorders, we know how difficult success can be, especially when death is close for them. VAD sends a distinct signal to people in those despairing moments, that we would prefer them dead and free from suffering.

So, do not misjudge people's goodwill, but do not easily assume that VAD will be a better solution overall.

Separately, for us as people of faith who believe life is God's gift, we have a responsibility to not just live that out, but work for a society that lessens suffering and treasures those in their later years. One implication: save money not only to give your children what *they* need but for the ability to provide what grandparents and parents might need of your time and care!



What happened at the Plenary Council's first Assembly? (the 2nd is July next year)

Facebook site: <<https://www.facebook.com/PlenaryCouncil>>

Why not catch up on the Plenary Council which finished last Sunday.

Various perspectives:

An 'expert', Frank Brennan SJ's homily for 10/10/21, recalling the feast John Henry Newman.

<<https://soundcloud.com/frank-brennan-6/newmans-feast-day-2021>> – and then his homily for

last Sunday.

PLENARY TRACKER EPISODES

View the daily recordings of Plenary Tracker.

<<https://concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-page-72>>

PLENARY PODCAST

Join prominent Australian broadcaster and Catholic Geraldine Doogue for her new podcast, Plenary Matters. <<https://plenary-matters.zencast.website/episodes/preview-plenary-matters>>

PLENARY INSIGHT BLOG: JOHN WARHURST

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<<https://concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-page-62>>

FRANCIS SULLIVAN BLOG

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