

Catholic Parish of St. Canice

5 May 2013

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Mass Times
Sunday- 8:30am & 10:30am
Tuesday to Friday- 7:00am
Saturday- 9.00am Vigil- 6:00pm
Public Holidays- 9:00am

Reconciliation
Before Vigil & Sunday masses or on request

Anointing

Healing Mass
11:00am - First Friday of each month
otherwise by request

A Culture of Peace

Last month marked the 50th anniversary of the release by Pope John XXIII of the encyclical *Pacem in Terris*, (*Peace on Earth*), his last will and testament to humankind. It was written to a world in the grip of the Cold War, different to our time in many ways but the letter still speaks powerfully in the Spirit of today's Gospel:

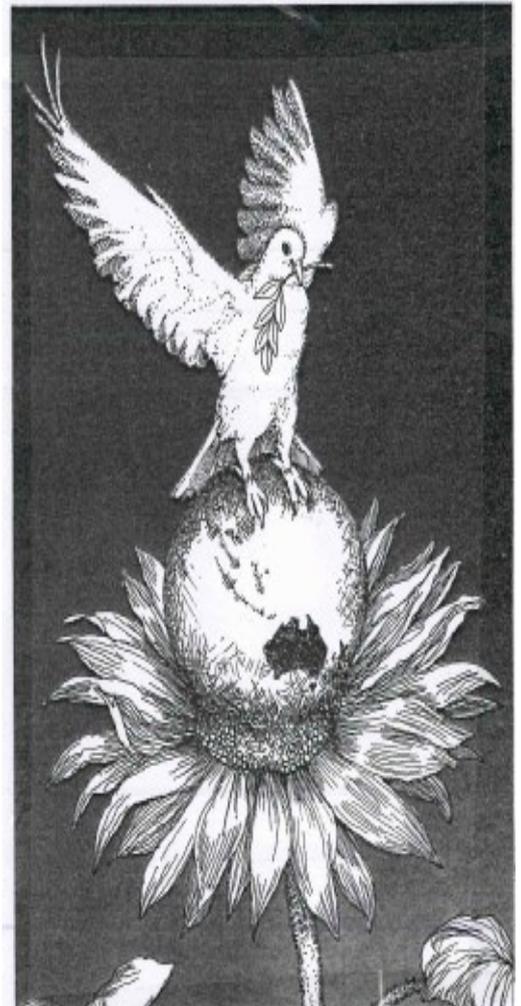
'May Christ enflame the desires of all people to break through the barriers which divide them, to strengthen the bonds of mutual love, to learn to understand one another and to pardon those who have done them wrong. Through this power and inspiration, may all people welcome each other into their hearts as brothers and sisters, and may the peace they long for ever flower and ever reign among them.'

Building a "culture of peace" means more than the absence of war or violence. Peace is a set of values, attitudes and ways of behaving which promotes mutual understanding and peaceful settlement of conflict; violence in word or action is not the only response to violence.

The Gospel is a call to pause and shift our focus - and our language. If we can create a place of peace by looking deeply into our own heart, perhaps we can transform and remove the terror and violence embedded there.

If we can create one day of peace by refraining in our own families and community, from the language of fear, blame, refusal and bullying, perhaps we can recover the language of dialogue and forgiveness.

The culture of peace we Christian peacemakers are called to foster is based on trust and respect for the other. For our efforts we are to be called 'children of God' - (Matt 5:9) - a noble title! *Father Chris SJ*



Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Entrance Hymn

No 420 (Gather) All the Ends of the Earth

Opening Prayer

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion, these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do.

First Reading: Acts 15: 1-2. 22-29

Certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. Then the Apostles and the elders, with the consent of the whole church, decided to choose men from among their members and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers, with the following letter: "The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the believers of Gentile origin in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that certain persons who have gone out from us, though with no instructions from us, have said things to disturb you and have unsettled your minds, we have decided unanimously to choose representatives and send them to you, along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. "For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell."

Response 8:30am O God, let all the nations praise you!

Responsorial Psalm: 6:00pm & 10:30am

No 60 (Gather) Let All the Peoples Praise You O Lord

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14. 22-23

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb. I saw no temple in the city; for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14: 23-29.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. "You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Offertory Hymn No 505 (Gather) Will You Love Me

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Communion Hymn No 490 (Gather) Make Me Channel of Your Peace

Recessional No 204 (Gather) I am the Bread of Life

Let us pray for:

Recently Deceased: Ronald Dominguez, David Lawson, Dianne Robertson, Sean Sullivan, Birnie Davidson, Father Adrian Lyons *sj*, Renaye Redmond, Eileen Cleary, Eileen Musgrave, Beechie Holthouse, Kevin Ritchie, Marie-Claire Morgan, Peter Dunstan, Sarah Lynch, Genevieve Estelle Beard (née McCarthy).

Anniversaries: Philo Mina D'Cruz, Anneliese Zivotsky and Leo Zivotsky, Mary and Elizabeth O'Neill, Alex Haire, Constance Musgrave, Wyn Martin, Jacquelyn Campbell, Janet Hurst, Tristan and Stephen Antico, Hazel Cuthbert, Muriel Hardwick, Nick Waterlow, John Joseph Newcombe.

Recently ill: Sister Monica Musgrave *rsm*, John Giblin, Paul Youll, Ben Amarasekara (5year old with leukaemia), Robert Yates, Gerhard Haas, Julie Kelly, Rosemary Nugent, Ciaran Rafferty (Ireland), Dorothy Ryan, Valentino Close, Ross MacDonald, Peggy and George, Bill Lannin, Jean McInerney, Bernard McCauley, Frank Starr, Peter Hemera, Pam Goodman, Ross MacDonald, Carol Head, Judith Egan, Anne Hocking, Susie Warrick, Jenny Monckton, Ray McNernie, Nathan Garth, Jeffery Sharp, Ann Marie Streda.

Next Week's Readings: 12 May 2013

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

Second Reading: Hebrews 9: 24-28; 10: 19-23

Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations

11-12 May 2013	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	G Losurdo	V Latkich	C Coggins
Readers	P Campbell-Hardwick	H Campbell	M Byron
Ministers of the Eucharist	SVC students	As available	B Campbell T Hunt M Musgrave M Woodburne

MAY 2013 Kasturbai Rats cleaning roster				Contact: Robert.Barnes@ellison.com.au		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 ROBERT BARNES	3 ROBERT BARNES	4
5	6 HELEN McCARTHY	7 Vito Mollica	8 Michael Tarranto	9	10 GARY WEIR	11 James Johnson
12 JAMES JOHNSTON	13 Vito Mollica	14 Toby Friend	15	16 R & C McGuinness	17 Gary Weir	18 Judith morrissey
19 Baron Alder	20 Helen McCarthy	21	22 PETER GEORGE	23	24	25
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New Appointment: Michael Parker, a parishioner and member of the Pastoral Council, has been appointed to the role of Business Manager for the parish. This is on a part-time basis and responsibilities include taking on much of the day-to-day administration of the parish, working with the ministry groups established through the 2012 renewal process as well as facilitating the development of a longer-term parish plan. We thank Michael for coming on board, he is most welcome, his skills and talents will greatly add to the smooth running of the parish, and taking us forward into the renewal programmes we have planned.

Parish BBQ: A BBQ lunch is being planned for Sunday, 2 June 2013. This is largely a social occasion to welcome or resist the arrival of winter and will be catered for by the parish. However, we will also use the occasion to provide a brief update on the renewal groups. Please make a note in your diary and we will gauge numbers closer to the time.

Parish Notices

Many Thanks. An era came to an end in our parish last week as we farewelled Mary Woodburne from the parish office. For nearly 20 years Mary has faithfully come in each week to pay the bills and settle all the accounts of the parish, the kitchen and the Jesuit community. She has taken on banks, Telstra, energy companies and Church agencies and has mastered the computer and answered the phone, all with intelligence and a smile. For some weeks now she has been leading Bron Clulow through the system so she can take over. Many thanks, Mary! We wish you a long and happy retirement. *Fr Chris*

The **4th and 5th May 2013** will be the **First Charitable Works Fund Appeal for 2013**. Envelopes will be available. Your donation supports the work of the following charitable agencies and social service in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney: Catholic Care, Catholic Community Services, Chaplaincies Prisons, Hospitals & Universities, Ephpheta Centre, Ministry for the hearing impaired, Confraternity of Christine Doctrine, religious education in State School, Seminarians and Aboriginal Catholic Ministry.

Being Adult in our Faith: The Role of Certainty and Doubt. Explore this key topic with Sr. Patty Fawkner sgs at St Canice's on Pentecost **Sunday, 19 May, 2013**. Talk will commence at 12pm, after light refreshments in the Annexe. If parishioners could bring a plate sandwiches/cake to share that would be fantastic. Patty is a Sister of the Good Samaritan, already known to many at St. Canice's from her period as Director of Uniya Social Justice Centre, 2002 -2005. Contact person: Margaret Walsh.

First Holy Communion: On **Sunday 2 June, 2013**, St Canice's Church will be offering the sacrament of Holy Communion to children from within our local community. Prior to receiving this important sacrament, your child will be required to participate in some preparation training during May. Our parish warmly welcomes you and your family to be part of this special occasion. If you are interested in your child receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion, please contact Helen McPake, helenmcpake@yahoo.com.au, who is more than happy to answer any questions that you may have.

A reminder that **The Meditation Group** meet in the Annex of the Hall on Monday evenings, 6pm—7pm at St Canice's each week. You are very welcome.

The Holy Family Parish at Emerton (a Jesuit parish in Mount Druitt) is having its annual Fundraising Dinner on the **18th May 2013**. We are invited to join in their celebration which will take place at the Community Hall (attached to the Holy Family Primary School) from 7pm till 12am. Tickets are on sale now at the Parish office (Emerton): \$50.00 for Parishioners and \$75.00 for Visitors. A night of great company, food and entertainment, we may consider organising a table from the Parish? If you are interested please speak to Fr. Chris or ring parish office and speak to Michael Parker. It's a great place to visit and see some of the amazing things that are taking place in this parish.

Planned Giving: Financial Snapshot of Parish and Planned-Giving Appeal. The community we have here at St Canice is very generous. We are a very active parish and have a long history of hands-on compassion. Every time we have been challenged to respond to a new set of circumstances we have responded without flinching. As the recent months of renewal activity have been taking place there has also been a renewed focus on the financial affairs of the parish, principally to assess how able we might be to take on more activity and to become more disciplined about budgets, expenditure, future costs, etc. Our planned and weekly contributions are declining while operating costs are trending upwards. There has not been a request for parishioners to increase their planned-giving for several years, so we ask that you consider increasing your regular contribution, ideally through our planned giving program. Forms are available on the table at the back of the church to facilitate direct debit payments. Thank you for your generosity. Please see the parish website-News Section- for the complete address by Mr Tony Hunt: www.stcanice.org.au.

During 2013 the Sisters of Charity will be hosting the following events: Conversations, **21 May and 23 July** at St Vincent's College Potts Point; Reflection Day (23 November outside Sydney); Street Retreat/Immersion (4-7 July 2013, Kings Cross). St Vincent's College, Rockwall Crescent, Potts Point. Hope to see you at SVC to hear Sr Dorothy Bayliss rsc, Sr Anne Crowley rsc and Elizabeth Grey as they share their experiences of working with and for women in an international context. For more information or to RSVP please email: taylor@stvincents.nsw.edu.au or dfm@stvincents.nsw.edu.au.

'Challenges in Spirituality - the ripple effect of mental health'. Come to a Reflection Day **Saturday May 11th** entitled - "Challenges in spirituality - the ripple effect of mental health". A dynamic day of interaction, encounter and reflection. The day will contain 3 guest speakers from the Philippines. Located at St Patrick's Church Hill within the Crypt between 10am to 3 pm. BYO lunch. Coffee and tea provided. For more information go to www.maristlityaustralia.com or call 0417 682 822.