



## Catholic Parish of St. Canice

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

**28 July 2013**

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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

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Marriage and Family Sunday

*'Eat Together, Pray Together, Mass Together'*

The family is the place where life is welcomed and the human person first learns to give and to receive love. The family is “a communion of persons”. Eating, praying and worshipping together are things that are deeply a part of our humanity and found in family life across all cultures. Sharing a meal with those we love, praying together, and going to Mass together are special times in our lives.

Indeed, the Eucharist is the most intimate and beautiful form of communion, where Jesus Christ feeds us with his own body, given up for us.



In many of today's households, often both mothers and fathers need to work outside the home and children have busy schedules with school, homework, sports, and extracurricular activities. Finding time for the traditional family dinner, for family prayer and to attend Sunday Mass together can be challenging. But as Christians, we have committed to live our lives, publicly and privately, in a way that witnesses to our faith in Jesus Christ. If we mean what we say and we say what we mean, we will hopefully draw others to know, love and believe in Him too.

The simply and ordinary traditions of a Catholic family life are something precious and profound. When we eat, pray and go to Mass together as a family, we are professing, celebrating, living and praying our faith in Jesus Christ.

### Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

### Entrance Hymn

No 530 (Gather) Gather Your People, O Lord

### Opening Prayer

**O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.**

### First Reading: Genesis 18: 20-21, 23-32

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre and said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy it if I find forty-five there." And the Lord said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again Abraham spoke to the Lord, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then Abraham said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." The Lord answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." Abraham said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." The Lord answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then Abraham said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." The Lord answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

### Response 8:30am

**Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

### Response to the Psalm: 6:00pm & 10:30pm

No 84 (Gather) Lord, I Thank You

### Second Reading: Colossians 2: 12-14

When you were buried with Christ in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!**

### Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'" And Jesus said to the disciples, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And your friend answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' 'I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you; Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 'Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 'If you then, who are vile, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Offertory Hymn: No 482 (Gather) Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

### Communion Antiphon:

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**

## Communion Reflection:

No 431 (Gather) O Lord Hear My Prayer

## Recessional:

No 404 (Gather) Christ Be Our Light

## Let us pray for:

**Recently Deceased:** Frank Starr, Peter Geddes, Bill Lannin, Norman Spencer, Tony Keighery.

**Anniversaries:** Vittorio Reverberi, Catherine Alexander, Keith Fear, Kevin Patrick Egan, Michael Brennan and Sr Mary Brennan, Bob Grant.

**Recently ill:** Margaret Walsh, John Musgrave, Rosemary Nugent, Scott Mitchell, Robert McCormack, Jean McInerney, Bernard McCauley.

## **Next Week's Readings: 4 August 2013**

First Reading: Wisdom 18: 6-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2. 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48

## **Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations**

3-4 Aug 2013	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
<b>Greeters</b>	W Fothergill	N Rowe	P Benson
<b>Reader</b>	SVC Students	A Hurst	C Coggins
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	SVC Students	As Available	R Barnes B Clulow K Walsh M Walsh

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. Entrance through the car park.

**The Friends of the Veech Library** are proud to present Father Gerald O'Collins SJ discussing his autobiography "*A Midlife Journey*". The volume covers the events that swept the world during the sixties and seventies with Father O'Collins' personal insights into those turbulent times both inside and out of the Catholic Church. The event is free and will be held at the Catholic Institute of Sydney on **Tuesday August 13, 2013 at 10:30am**. All welcome.

**The Bible** - a mini-series called *The Bible* premiered Tuesday 16 July 2013 on Channel 9 at 9pm. This was the first in a 10 part series over the next few weeks. This mini-series may be of interest to you!

**Letter from our Sister Parish in Railaco:** Sister Rita writes telling us of the plans for an expanded Jesuit presence in the Secondary School in Railaco. It's amazing to think that it was the vision of some St Canice's parishioners nearly ten years ago to develop this school in the mountains outside Dili, and ongoing contribution that made it possible to build. Please read the letter on our Parish webpage in News and Events: [www.stcanice.org.au](http://www.stcanice.org.au)



## Parish Notices

**Feast Day of St Ignatius** founder of the Jesuits, falls on **31 July** and will be celebrated at the 10:30 Mass on **Sunday 4 August 2013**. Our parish community provides opportunities for us to become involved with a much wider community - the needy, asylum seekers, homeless and aborigines. We have the opportunity here at St Canice's to become truly involved in 'The Ignatian Way' of living our Faith. In a recent homily, Pope Francis reminds us *"To encounter God, it's necessary, to kiss the wounds of Jesus through those who are hungry, poor, sick and incarcerated."* To understand the life of St Ignatius better, please read the story on the front page of the Parish website. After this special Liturgy, we invite you to stay for a short while and enjoy a special Morning Tea and chat to fellow parishioners.



**Spirituality in the Pub** - **Wednesday 7 August 2013 - 7.30-9pm** at the Paddington Arms Hotel, 384 Oxford Street Paddington. **Topic:** Language: Does it Matter?: **Speakers:** Shelley Bartley, Teacher of English at Kincoppal – Rose Bay and Joseph Wakim, journalist, mentor and composer. Donation entry. Info—Marea 0413 873 910.

This year we will celebrate **St Canice's Feast Day Sunday, 13 October 2013**. More information later.

**Diary note: Concert at St Canice's.** All parishioners are warmly invited to come to an afternoon of music in the church on Sunday August 18, from 4-5pm. Parishioner Andie Wittenoom Louw, and her fellow Loreto Kirribilli Year 12 colleague Frances Kwan, are preparing for their HSC Music Performance Examination in October. They each have a program of music that they will be sharing with family and friends on the day that covers solo cello, cello duets with violin and cello, and solo piano pieces. Composers range from Bach and Elgar to Rogers and Hammerstein. The concert is free, with donations on the day to JRS

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter.** A relationship enrichment weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! **6 – 8 September** at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings: Tel. 02 4283 3435 or [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au). Information: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au).

**The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal** will be held next weekend. Your support of this appeal is important in raising the vital funds necessary to keep the programs of the 6 agencies which benefit from the appeal running. The CWF has been helping our Sydney community for over 60 years, helping thousands of lives every year. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

**Servers Sought.** The Parish Pastoral Council is seeking a wider group involved as altar servers at our weekday and weekend Masses, both women and men. Volunteers should discuss their availability with Father Chris. Appropriate training will be arranged.

**Planned Giving.** Tax Receipts have been sent out this week to those participating in the planned giving by Envelopes, Credit Card Payments or Direct Deposits to our account. If you haven't received your Tax Receipt or if there are any problems (hopefully not) then please contact Elizabeth at the Parish Office 9358 5229. We need the person with **ENVELOPE NO 44** to contact us as we have lost your details in the system and therefore are not able to send your Tax Receipt, we apologise for the inconvenience, please contact the office, thank you.

**Retreat for Women at Retreat Mulgoa, 23-25 August 2013.** A retreat to assist single women 18-35 to enter into a deeper relationship with Christ and grow to a fuller understanding of the unique purpose of life. Includes catechesis on Vocations and Discernment, Prayer, Scripture, Dating & Marriage and Religious Life, with guest speakers Sr Mary Rachel OP, Fr Greg Morgan, Dr Robert Tilley, Karen Doyle and Sr Hilda Scott OSB. Also includes the chance for private spiritual guidance. Cost: \$190. For further info contact [elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org) or on 9390 5937. See program at [vocationcentre.org.au/important-dates](http://vocationcentre.org.au/important-dates).

**Asylum Seekers - Where to from here?** Prof Gillian Triggs, President of the Australian Human Rights Commission will be presenting a talk **Tuesday, 27 August 2013 at 7.00pm**. It is supported by the Good Sams Foundation, and held at the Trixie Forest Hall, St Scholastica's College, 2 Avenue Road, Glebe Point. Donation at the door. Tea/Coffee available.