



## Catholic Parish of St. Canice

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

**1 December 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

## First Sunday of Advent

### Equal Dignity

On this First Sunday of Advent we are urged to 'stay awake'. One of the continuing dark realities of our world which we need to stay awake to is slavery. Yes, slavery! It still exists in many forms, as recent headlines from London remind us. It exists too in Australia. Its victims are largely women and children in bonded labour, dysfunctional families and the sex industry.

Last Monday was the 'International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women'. I was reminded of a 'Letter to Women' written in 1995 by Pope John Paul II - it calls us to deep reflection.

*".... we are heirs to a history which has conditioned us to a remarkable extent. In every time and place this conditioning has been an obstacle to the progress of women. Women's dignity has often been unacknowledged and their prerogatives misrepresented: they have often been relegated to the margins of society and even reduced to servitude. This has prevented women from truly being themselves, and it has resulted in a spiritual impoverishment of humanity. Certainly it is no easy task to assign blame for this, considering the many kinds of cultural conditioning which down the centuries have shaped ways of thinking and acting. And if objective blame, especially in particular historical contexts, has belonged to not just a few members of the Church, for this I am truly sorry. May this regret be transformed, on the part of the whole Church, into a renewed commitment of fidelity to the Gospel vision."*



*When it comes to setting women free from every kind of exploitation and domination, the Gospel contains an ever relevant message which goes back to the attitude of Jesus Christ himself. Transcending the established norms of his own culture, Jesus treated women with openness, respect, acceptance and tenderness. In this way he honoured the dignity which women have always possessed according to God's plan and in his love. As we look to Christ, it is natural to ask ourselves how much of his message has been heard and acted upon."*

John Paul II, Letter to Women, 1995, n 3.

### Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted: let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Entrance Hymn: No 285 (Gather) O Come, O Come Emmanuel

### Opening Prayer

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

### First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

### Response 8:30am, 6pm and 10.30am:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

### Second Reading: Romans 13: 11-14

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

### Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44

Jesus spoke to his disciples: As the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. "Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

### Offertory Hymn:

No 325 (Gather) Stay with me

### Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

### Communion Hymn:

No 487 (Gather) The Servant Song

### Recessional:

No 414 (Gather) Sing a New Song Unto the Lord

**Let us pray for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Julie Kelly, Max Redden, Fr Emmett Costello sj, Eliseo Cancio, Carmen Dougall, Maureen Ramsey, Christopher dos Remedios, Jon-jon Galang Vergara.

**Anniversaries:** Helen Munro (Smith), Thomas Eugene Hemera, Mary Fear (Graham's sister), Father Donal Taylor sj, Arthur Joseph Kavanagh, Fortunato Edmond Mallia, Helen McCarthy, Kathleen Marie Quinn, Martin F X Quinn.

**Recently ill:** Claire Givney, Davina Kohler, Dorothy Loughry, Carmel Walke, Helen, Margaret Shoditsch, Elisa Pier De Siun Young, John Myers, Jeannette McSwini, Rosemary Nugent, Scott Mitchell, Robert McCormack, Jean McInerney, Bernard McCauley.

**Next Week's Readings: 8 December 2013**

First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1 - 10

Second Reading: Romans: 15: 4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

**Roster for Eucharistic Celebration**

7-8 Dec 2013	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
<b>Greeters</b>	W Fothergill	V Latkich	M Walsh
<b>Reader</b>	A Ritchie	H Campbell	B Clulow
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	As available	As available	R Barnes T Hunt M Musgrave M Woodburne

**Invitation to Visit our website:** For more information about St Canice's please visit our website [www.stcanice.org.au](http://www.stcanice.org.au). Therein, you can access details about our heritage, the people of our parish and the key events that are taking place.

The **Meditation Group** will continue meeting in the Parish House every Monday evening from 6pm - 7pm. All are welcome. Parking will be available in the car park at the back of the church.

**Canice's Kitchen News:** **Aberdeen Asset Management** are providing two volunteers every six weeks to work in Canice's Kitchen. Another corporate company, **Standard Chartered Bank** are providing seven groups of five volunteers to work in Canice's Kitchen between March and October 2014: a total of 35 visits. We wish to thank them and all other volunteers who faithfully come to support the work we do in Canice's Kitchen in supplying a free lunch in a friendly environment.

**We are looking for assistance** in cleaning the Church. If you are able to assist we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Parish Office or email [elizabeth@stcanice.com.au](mailto:elizabeth@stcanice.com.au). Thank you.

Your donations for our works of our Children's Feeding Program at the Railaco Mission are gratefully received and are tax deductible. Donations Online: [www.jesuitmission.org.au/site/5/donations](http://www.jesuitmission.org.au/site/5/donations). Please choose 'St Canice Lorosae', the last option in the drop-down menu.



## Parish Notices

**Preparing for Christmas**.....by talking to one another, and listening harder to what the Sunday liturgies are telling us during Advent. On the four Sundays of December, in the Annexe, **from 9.30am until 10.25am**, we will discuss the Mass readings, asking the question today, **1 December, "Are these readings really about Christmas?"** Please join us.

**Next Friday** being the **first Friday** of the month the **Healing Mass will be at 11.00am**, followed by morning tea in the parish house. Look forward to seeing you there. All welcome.

**The Vatican** has invited Catholics throughout the world to share the experiences and challenges of modern family life. It has called for submissions to help the Church develop its pastoral response to the needs of the family ahead of the Extraordinary Synod on the family to be held in October 2014. The Australian bishops are making the questions available online in the hope of reaching as many Catholics as possible; I urge you to take advantage of this unique opportunity to let your voice be heard in Rome. It may only be a whisper but many whispers together make a chorus. Visit [www.sydneycatholic.org](http://www.sydneycatholic.org) to complete the survey online or return by post to Family Synod 2014, Life, Marriage, Family Centre Level 11 Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney 2000. *Fr Chris.*

**Link to Pope Francis'** apostolic exhortation: *Evangelii Gaudium*: [www.vatican.va/holyfather/apost\\_exhortations](http://www.vatican.va/holyfather/apost_exhortations)

**Jesuit Refugee Service:** One of our refugees, Simon, who lived in Blaiket whilst the Jesuit Refugee Service helped him through the process of obtaining Australian Citizenship, is now working in the area and is looking for shared accommodation. At the moment he lives out at in the western suburbs and it takes a couple of hours to get here. Simon is well known in the parish and worked as a volunteer cleaning the Church whilst he lived here, we would have no hesitation in recommending him. Please contact Elizabeth in the parish office on (02) 9358 5229 if you can assist. Thank you.

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas activities:** Greetings to all Vinnies members, supporters and friends. As in the past, the St Canice's Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul is distributing Christmas hampers to a number of local people, with the difference this year that we are wrapping them and writing out Christmas cards for the recipients. This will take place on the front porch of the Church after the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 15th of December. We would greatly welcome your help in this process. If you wish for any more information about this or any of our other activities, please ring Mick on 0414853650.

**World Day Of Migrants And Refugees 2014.** **19 January 2014** is World Day Of Migrants And Refugees. The theme is: "Migrants and Refugees: Towards a Better World". Attached is a message from the Holy Father Pope Francis and the text can also be found on the Pontifical Council website [www.pcmigrants.org](http://www.pcmigrants.org) .

**St Vincent's Private Hospital, Darlinghurst: Volunteers Required.** Volunteers are required for several departments for 3 hours per week, Monday to Friday. Interested persons please call Slavica on 8382 6449 or email [skochovska@stvincents.com.au](mailto:skochovska@stvincents.com.au) for information regarding volunteering.

**Adult Education Sessions: Sister Elizabeth Crilley rsj:** Mary MacKiillop Place, Mont Street North Sydney:  
Topic: *Introduction to Guided Meditation*: Dates: 2 and 9 December 2013: 11am-1pm. Telephone: (02) 9929 7344.  
Individual sessions: \$10. You are very welcome.

### **Video from our sung Mass on Feast of Christ the King: 24 November 2013.**

On the Feast of Christ the King, our gifted St Canice musicians, cantor Pascal Herington and organist, Christine Moriarty, brought sacred works of Haydn, Mozart, Schubert and Bach to our 10.30am Mass. Our thanks go to both of them acknowledging that they both made time available in their hectic schedules to create this musical experience for all of us. When we join sacred music to the liturgical rite, it becomes an integral part of our solemn liturgy "for the glory of God and the sanctification of the faithful".

After the Mass, one parishioner tearfully summed-up the experience recalling his late wife always saying, "you'll know you're in heaven when you hear the music!"

The following link opens with an introduction that leads into the 6 minute video of excerpts of the beautiful sacred music. The audio files are there too for those who may be interested in a particular piece:

<http://www.stcanice.org.au/wordpress/?p=1948>

