



Catholic Parish of St. Canice

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

23 March 2014

Third Sunday of Lent

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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

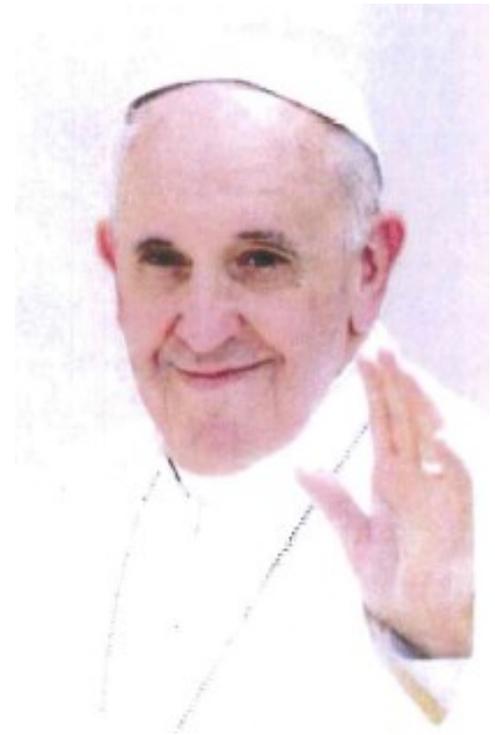
Healing Mass
First Friday of each month at 11am, followed by tea and cake

Almsgiving & Emptiness

In Pope Francis' message for this Lent, he reminds us of God's logic which is "the logic of love, the logic of incarnation and the cross. God did not let our salvation drop down from heaven, like someone who gives alms from their abundance." It would have been easy for God to give from his riches. Instead he "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" (Philippians 2:7) so that he could come to us in poverty and weakness. The mystery of God's generosity means that his poverty and weakness becomes our greatest treasure.

To imitate God's generosity, our Lenten prayer and fasting should leave us a little empty; so that we understand our own poverty and dependence on God. Then our almsgiving will come from our solidarity with others' destitution not a sense of superiority.

Pope Francis goes on "*Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.*" There is the challenge from our Holy Father, who leads us so well by his example!



Some tips for almsgiving:

- Place the Project Compassion box or envelopes in a prominent place at home
- Devise a family plan for extra giving to Project Compassion (i.e. for complaints, unkindness, etc.)
- Clear your wardrobe and give to those in need
- Give time to those in need; make time for the poor, the lonely & those without hope
- Be ready to share the joy of your faith with those around you
- Volunteer your time and energy for a worthwhile project on a regular basis

Fr Chris

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Entrance Hymn:

No 413 (Gather) Sing of the Lord's Goodness

Opening Prayer

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy.

First Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7

In the wilderness the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Response: Saturday 6pm: Sunday: 8:30am; 10.30am:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. No 55 (Gather)

Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 4: 5-15, 19-26, 39, 40-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink". (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink', you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his children and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

Offertory Hymn: No 202 (Gather) Our Supper Invitation

Communion Antiphon:

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Communion Hymn: No 491 (Gather) We Have No Other Boast—*Christopher Willcock sj*

Recessional: *Leave in silence*

Let us pray for:

Recently Deceased: Joan Beverly D'Hagan, John McInerney, Shirley Temple-Black, John (Giddy Up) Campbell, Claire Givney, Fr Hassan sj, Fr Tom Lees sj, Val Campbell, Annetta Barone, Mia Soussa, Ann O'Brien, Sister Gemme Castello rsj, Dorothy Halpin, Julie Kelly, Max Redden.

Anniversaries: William (Bill) Harding, Constance Mary Musgrave, Charles John Grace, Pamela and Patrick Shaughnessy.

Recently ill: Wayne Laphorne, Richard Ellul, Eric Robinson, Siena Mainali, Jeremy Proctor, Brian Loughry, Alex Pemberton, Carlie Soussa, Davina Kohler, 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: 30 March 2014

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Gospel: John 9: 1-41

Roster for Eucharistic Celebration

29-30 March 2014	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	M Topui	V Latkich	S Barnes
Reader	M Byron	H Campbell	M Musgrave
Ministers of the Eucharist	SVC Students	As available	R Barnes B Campbell B Clulow C Coggins

Easter Encounter 17 to 19 April, 2014 – ‘The Joy of the Cross’. Come and experience the life, death and resurrection of Jesus through talks (based on scripture), reflections, personal prayer, live Stations of the Cross, music and more. Cost \$100. Please contact Verbum Dei Missionaries (02) 9313 7099 or email verbumdeisydney@gmail.com if you are interested.

Invitation to visit our website: For more information about St Canice's please visit our website 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.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! Weekend date: **13 – 15 June** at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW
Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au or see www.wwme.org.au

CorE Nights – If you are a youth leader or a young person aged 18-35 who wants to get involved in youth ministry, you are invited to the next CorE night on **Monday 7 April** hosted by Catholic Youth Services at Homebush. CorE is a new event which offers opportunities for fellowship, food, prayer, formation, discussion and resource sharing. The next CorE night guest speaker is popular speaker Fr Richard Healy on the topic of “Technology transforming hearts: What technology can teach us about creating and sustaining a successful youth ministry”. For more information or to register contact : tomasz@catholicyouthservices.org.

Have you or someone you know been hurt by abortion? Rachel's Vineyard Ministries offers a confidential voicemail telephone number: 0400 092 555. There are healing retreats regularly in the Sydney area that offer women and men a spiritual way through grief and loss. Brochures are available in the church or see the website: ww.rachelsvineyard.org.au

April 5 day retreat - Mt Carmel Retreat Centre: The Prodigal Son. Fr Paul Maunder OCD.

A presentation of sin, shame and divine mercy in the Gospel of Luke. **Mt Carmel Retreat Centre**, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville: **April 5, 9 – 4pm**. Cost: \$20 (donation).

Parish Notices



We invite you and your friends to come to the 125th Anniversary of the Opening of St Canice's with a special 1030 am Mass on 4th May 2014.

Quasiquicentennial: On 6 May 2014 the Parish marks its **125th anniversary** and this will be formally celebrated **Sunday 04 May 2014** with a special Mass at 10:30am, followed by a **social gathering**. Please make a note of this important date. Further details will be provided closer to the event.

Disabled Parking: The parish has been in discussion with the City of Sydney regarding the possibility of having some of the nearby parking on Roslyn Street changed to disabled parking. It seems the best way to support an application is for as many parishioners as possible who have disabled parking permits to support our application. If you have a disabled parking permit and are willing to be part of a joint application please contact the office with your permit number and contact details. You can call the office on (02) 9358 5229 or send the information via email: admin@stcanice.com.au. We wish to write to the City of Sydney soon, so if you wish to add your support to this cause please provide details this coming week. Thank you.

Lenten options:

Sundays mornings during Lent: 9.40am - 10.20am: Meditations on the Sunday readings in the Hall Annex. Every Sunday during Lent. Coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Wednesdays 7pm Lenten program. The program commenced Wednesday **12 March 2014 and will be ongoing every Wednesday evening during Lent in the church.** Excellent reading and reflection material will be available. Please contact Bronwyn: Telephone: (02) 9326 1515.

Mass of thanksgiving for Cardinal George Pell at St Mary's Cathedral, Thursday March 27 at 7.30 pm.

All parishioners are invited.

Seminary Open Day - 6 April: Men seeking an insight into seminary life & formation to the Priesthood are invited to attend this Open Day at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, 50-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush. 9.00am Morning Prayer, 10.00am Mass, 11.30am brunch, followed by talks, guided tour & time to chat with priests & seminarians. There's no cost, but RSVP is essential for brunch. Every enquirer's details are kept confidential. Enquiries/RSVP: 9390 5970 or vocations@sydneycatholic.org.

World Youth Day Celebration in Sydney - This Palm Sunday, **13 April 2014 from 12-4pm**, join the young people of Sydney as we celebrate together WYD 2014. The afternoon starts with lunch and live music at St Benedict's Parish/Notre Dame Uni (104 Broadway) followed by a reflection on this year's WYD theme, '*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven*' given by Sydney's Apostolic Administrator Bishop Peter Comensoli. We will then process with a replica WYD cross from St Benedict's to St Mary's Cathedral (bring your walking shoes). We will conclude at the Cathedral with prayer and afternoon tea. This event is for all young people aged between 16 and 35. Visit www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices.com for more info.

City Silence – *Catholic Youth Services* invites all young adults aged 18-35 to City Silence, Sydney's newest Catholic event held every **Tuesday evening (6.30-7.30pm) at St Mary's Cathedral Sydney**. *City Silence* is a weekly Holy Hour led by a different priest each week, and animated by different musicians; it includes times of silence, reflection, scripture, and song; confessions are also available. Immediately following City Silence all are invited for dinner at a local restaurant. For more information visit: www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices.

For the diary: Palm Sunday - 13 April - 12 noon in the Hall annex.

Renown scripture scholar, **Fr Brendan Byrne sj**, will speak on 'The Passion of Jesus between Palm Sunday and Good Friday'. (Please bring a plate).

Brendan Byrne sj has taught New Testament for over three decades at Jesuit Theological College, Parkville, Victoria, where he is also Rector of the formation community. While the chief focus of his academic research has been upon the Letters of Paul, especially Romans, he has published works for wider audiences on the four Gospels, including *The Hospitality of God* (on Luke), and, more recently, *Life of Abounding* (on the Gospel of John).

He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities and to date the only Australian biblical scholar to have served on the Pontifical Biblical Commission (Rome). Besides academic teaching and writing, he regularly gives workshops to clergy, teachers and parish communities across Australia.

