



## Catholic Parish of St. Canice

We acknowledge the Gadigal people, the traditional custodians on whose land this Church was built  
**7 December 2014**

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[www.jrs.org.au](http://www.jrs.org.au)

### 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

## Second Sunday of Advent

“The Lord will come to save all nations, and your hearts will exult to hear his voice”.  
*Entrance Antiphon, second Sunday of Advent*

Recently there have been painful reminders on television of the pain of the world, news of the victims of war across the world, of the plight of the millions of refugees, of famine victims, of the bereaved and homeless from the tsunami disaster, of the earthquakes in India and Pakistan, of the many hurricanes which have afflicted Central America and the southern US, of the victims of suicide bombings. The longing for healing is not just a longing for physical healing, but for healing from our lethal stupidity that still believes the answer to violence is greater violence and that our defences are only secure when we can terrify others. We are all in desperate need of healing from that obduracy which does not allow us to see beyond our own personal interests or that of our group whatever it may be, whether secular or religious, to the damage and misery our way of thinking and living inflicts on other nations and classes of people, whose lives are blighted by our blindness.

The God who is to come is the God of compassion. He was not born into the Roman imperial family, or among people of influence. His mother was unmarried, a political refugee, mother of a condemned criminal, a widow who outlived her child, a model for our time, to whom the will of God meant more than the rules of any system, sacred, or secular, values she passed on to her son who was condemned because of them.

To get in touch with the Coming of this compassionate and healing presence, we need to listen to our hearts, our sorrows and our joys. One way of doing this is to imagine we have died and someone writes our obituary. In our wildest dreams, what kind of obituary would we love to have? Then write it yourself. God meets us in our deepest longings, for they come from God and draw us to God.

Our deepest desire is usually the quietest, but also the most influential factor in our life. Would you like it to read “He/she was totally dedicated to ensuring his/her own financial security, personal well-being and social advancement, leaving behind an immense fortune, a well-preserved body, and much misery”? Or would you prefer “She/he was a great lover of life, a free spirit, gentle and effectively compassionate to all she/he encountered. She/He died penniless, mourned by the thousands to whom she/he still gives hope”?

To meet God in God’s Coming, keep asking, like the psalmist, “Show me your face”. Then we shall catch glimpses of God’s attractiveness and begin to understand St Augustine’s words, “*My heart is restless until it rests in you*”.

*Gerry W. Hughes sj is the author of God of Surprises and God in All Things.*



### Entrance Antiphon

**O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.**

### Entrance Hymn:

No 285 (Gather) O Come, O Come Emmanuel

### Opening Prayer

**Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company.**

### First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him. His trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

### Responsorial Psalm: No 49 (Gather)

**Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

### Second Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

### Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

### Offertory Hymn: No 476 (Gather) The Voice of God

### Communion Antiphon:

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

### Communion Hymn: No 284 (Gather) Prepare the Way of the Lord

### Recessional Hymn: No 498 (Gather) City of God

**Let us pray for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Sue Bloomfield, Josephine Moron, Michael Deloughery, Johann Schoditsch, Tom Claffey, Janet O'Connor, Terry Millington, Paul Lynch, Marjorie Douglas, Bill Pincuis, Fr Laurie Christie, Lawrie Kennedy, Bobby Gordon, Harry Burke, Tim McEniery, Edith Meth, Robert Barnes, Peter Ferguson, Richard Heekis, Simon Bleasel, Winston Lindsay.

**Anniversaries:** Ken East, Mario Juka, Thomas Eugene Hemera, Mary Fear, Fr. Donal Taylor *sj*, John McAuliffe, Brian Cassidy, Arthur Kavanagh, Fortunato Edmond Mallia, Vic Zaknich and Mara Separovich. Helen McCarthy, Irene Harding, Jadvyga Venclovas, Antanas Svedas, Bridget Ohlsson, Angela Viola.

**Recently ill:** Jane Bernstam, Jack Wilson, Richy Howard, Tim McCarthy, John Giblin, Dennis O'Brien, Jack Wilson, Rosa Maria, Cath Raper, Dorothy Harding, Elizabeth Lynch, Jill Rolfe, Zoe Dudley, Lee Tillam, Paul Taylor, Desmond Whelan, Geraldine Kavanagh-Ohlsson, Cythnia Daniel, Tony Musgrave, Wayne Laphorne, Richard Ellul, Eric Robinson, Siena Mainali, Brian Loughry, Alex Pemberton, Carlie Soussa, Davina Kohler, Colin Walke, Helen, Margaret Shoditsch, Elisa Pier De Siun Young, John Myers, Jeannette McSwini, Rosemary Nugent, Robert McCormack, Jean McInerney, Bernard McCauley.

**Next Week's Readings: 14 December 2014**

First Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11  
 Second Reading: 1Thessalonians 46-50, 53-54  
 Gospel: Isaiah 1:6-8, 19-28

**Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations**

13-14 Dec 2014	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
<b>Greeters</b>	G Losurdo	A Hurst	C Coggins
<b>Readers</b>	B McSorily	M Topui	M Walsh
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	As available	As available	S Buckingham B Clulow M Woodburne S Woodburne

*Advent Reflections*

9.40 am

Sundays  
in Advent



You are invited to join in our Advent Reflections of the Scripture Readings each Sunday morning leading up to Christmas - in the Annexe of the Church Hall

## Parish Notices

**St Canice's St Vincent de Paul Conference News:** If you are interested in being involved in this valuable work, please contact Mick McIntyre on 0414853650 for more details. [Vinnies Christmas cards](#) are available at the church shop after Mass. Please watch out for our future bulletin notices regarding [collections of goods after Masses](#) for Christmas hampers to be distributed throughout the Kings Cross area over Christmas because this year we are approaching this collection differently, and more comprehensively, than in recent times. More of that in the weeks to come. *Stay tuned!*

The Gorman House BBQ will be on **Sunday 7 December 2014** at St. Vincent's Hospital at **11.45am**. If interested please contact Michael McIntyre on 0414 853 650.

### Parish Calendar - 2014

#### Advent meditations

From Sunday 30 November:

9.40am -10.20am.

Contact : [carolinecoggins@exemail.com.au](mailto:carolinecoggins@exemail.com.au)

#### Second Rite of Reconciliation

Tuesday 23 December 2014 - 7pm

Today we celebrate a special birthday of two significant members of our St Canice community.

**Sr Noelene White sgs** has lived and worked in the parish for nearly 30 years as a pastoral carer and Kings Cross identity - she is known and loved by many of our homeless and shut-ins.

**Jeff Wells** has been a musical presence at the 6pm Saturday Mass for over 20 years, leading the choir and choosing the hymns that add so much to our liturgies.

**We thank them both for their generous witness and their example of faithfulness.** *Fr Chris*

The [Australian Bishops](#) have asked that a **Day of Solidarity** with Christians in the Middle East be held this Sunday December 7, calling on Catholics across the country to throw their spiritual and material support behind their suffering brothers and sisters in the region.

Accordingly, there will be a leaving collection after Masses today to provide financial assistance to Catholic communities across the Middle East who are suffering persecution and dispossession. *Fr Chris*.

#### Introducing St Canice's Rooftop Garden Founder - Rob Caslick

I set up the Inside Out Organic Soup Kitchen (IOOSK) at St Canice's four and a half years ago. The idea was to serve wholesome organic food to those who need it most on a Wednesday night. We believe that food is more than food. That food grown with respect and served with love is a great way to show worth to a person who doesn't believe they are worthy.

Our humble harvest of four zucchinis last week was a big moment for us. We're producing food, and that little part about 'food grown with respect' became a little brighter. I hope our garden inspires others to grow your own and pay greater respect to what's on your plate.

Yes, it was my dream to build the garden on the roof, but it would still be a dream without the amazing support we have had from all of our sponsors and supporters. In particular the team at PEPO BOTANIC DESIGN who have been working with me over the last 2 years to make this happen.

This week we had our first Volunteer Induction Briefing and launched the first issue of the Garden Guide Book. We now have a core group of 30 people who are ready to look after the garden and bring our programs to life. Next year is going to be big. We are in the process of setting up a Horticultural Therapy program with the St Vincent's hospital mental health team and our programs with the people seeking asylum will commence.

I look forward to sharing the journey with you.

Email me at [robcaslick@gmail.com](mailto:robcaslick@gmail.com) if you'd like to know more.

