



Catholic Parish of St. Canice

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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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Prodigal Love

An elderly woman I once knew often shared with me the concerns she had for her children. She had raised them in the faith. Each of them individually had the education, security and love that offered them a strong foundation on which to build their future. All too often, though, they wandered from the straight path.

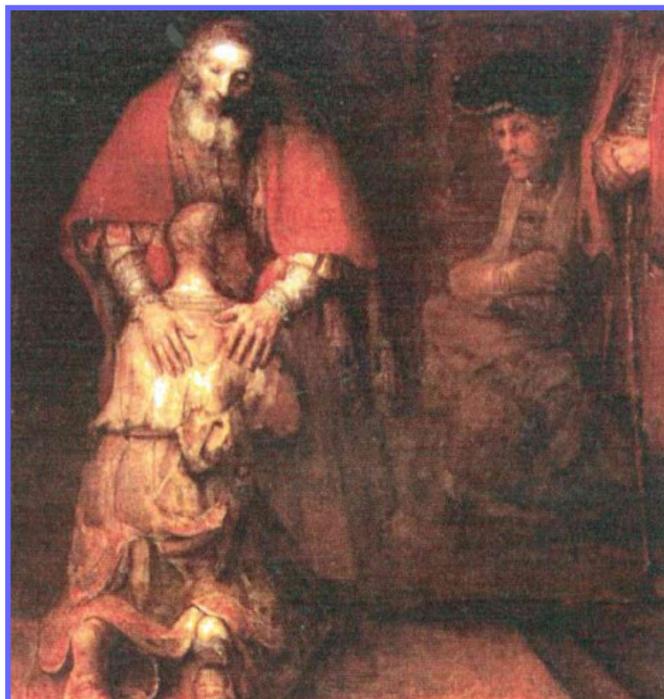
Her grey hair likely resulted from the stress of assuming too many of their burdens too often. She wasn't rich or well connected; she couldn't solve all their problems. She told me that she came to a point when she realised that her prayer was truly what she could offer them.

One by one her children found their own ways. One by one the care and love she so unstintingly gave them bore fruit. When I saw her in her final days, we were all gathered around her frail body in a last celebration of her life and love.

The Lord tells Joshua in the first reading that once the Israelites had arrived in Canaan, they were home and their shame had been rolled away. God's gift of manna lasted until they ate the first fruits of their own labour. In the Gospel, the prodigal son came home. His father, bearing the fruit of his love, welcomed him. We will be welcomed home, too.

Michael Dougherty

We gather before God our almighty Father, aware of our great need for His mercy and also of His great desire to bestow love and forgiveness upon us. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, may our prayer and our reading of the Scriptures lead us to a greater appreciation for divine love. May we always recognise that Jesus Christ "is the face of the Father's mercy." May we never cease to proclaim to the world the pardon and salvation offered through Jesus, and to live out the Gospel through humble acts of mercy.



Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Entrance Hymn:

No 302 (Gather) God and Mercy and Compassion

Opening Prayer

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.

First Reading: Joshua 5: 9-12

After the Israelites had crossed over the Jordan river, and entered the promised land, the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Response:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake God made Christ to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Christ we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them a parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father: give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So the father divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. "When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. The young man would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. "But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" "So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. "Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. The slave replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' "Then the elder son became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32 Continued: has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' "Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'

Offertory Hymn

No 214 (Gather) Yes I Shall Arise

Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

Communion

No 198 (Gather) One Bread One Body

Recessional

No 506 (Gather) The Lord is my Shepherd

Let us pray for:

Recently Deceased: Pat Bullen, David Hotton, Tony Gale, Hannah Alum, Nancy Gomes, Mario Campagnola, Elisa Pier De Siun Young, Brian Francis Michael Johns AO, Elizabeth Lynch, Terry Campbell, Rosemary Nugent, Michael McPake, Vasile Cotutiu, Kathleen Adams, Martin McNamara, Francis Montenegro.

Anniversaries: Charles John Grace, Constance Musgrave, Candelario (Eliot) Perez-Rull, Ilva Pepper, Bruno Facin, Muriel Hardwick, David Miron, Esther & Allan Higgins, Max Higgins, Mary Fear, Pamela & Pat Shaugnessy, John & Jane Kelly and John & Jean Sykes, Carlos Henrique, Thomas Eugene Hemera, Dan O'Brien.

Recently ill: Cynthia Klippel, Sr. Marie Langtry, Margaret Walsh, Archbishop Anthony Fisher *OP*, Margaret, Ben Licuanan, Mark Fitzgerald, David Miron, Sarah Kerr McPake, Diana Reid, Judy Hughes, Kerin Star, Dorothy Harding, Bruce Field, Barbara Surbey, Pat Bracher, Giuseppina Soliman, Joseph Spiegel, Ambra Davies, Barbara Coyne,

Next Week's Readings: 13 March 2016

First Reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21
 Second Reading: Philippians 3: 8-14
 Gospel: John 8: 1-11

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations			
12-13 March 2016	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	G Losurdo		C Coggins
Readers	B McSoriley	P Kevin	M Musgrave
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	B Campbell B Clulow C Coggins T Hunt

Parish Notices

LENTEN REFLECTIONS:

Lenten Prayer and Reflections: Our Lenten prayer and reflection group has begun to meet in the church, Wednesday evenings at 7pm. All are welcome to come along.

'Between the Masses' Sunday Reflections: You are invited to come to our 'Between the Masses' Sunday Reflections on Readings as you journey throughout Lent.

PARISH NOTICES:

Margaret Walsh's requiem was held in Canberra on Friday. Her ashes will be interred in our columbarium on a Sunday soon, after the 10:30am Mass. Let us keep Margaret and her family in our prayers.

UNSW Design Studio to focus on St Canice in 2016: The Sustainable Community Group that is part of the parish renewal process has invited the UNSW Faculty of the Built Environment to explore St Canice's site as part of a design studio in the Master of Architecture special program, Architecture and Social Agency. International disaster risk-reduction expert Professor David Sanderson has been appointed the inaugural Judith Neilson Chair in Architecture at UNSW. The Chair, the first of its kind in Australia, was established in 2015 with a \$10 million endowment from philanthropist and White Rabbit Gallery founder Judith Neilson. It aims to lead research and education to support disadvantaged communities displaced by natural disasters, geo-political conflicts, socio-economic exclusion and environmental factors. The final year architecture students will be working out of the church hall over the coming year, and the intention is to involve the St Canice's community every step of the way. The work will include analysis of the site and the existing building fabric, and understanding the current needs and longer term aspirations of the different groups and communities that live and work at St Canice's. The first half of the year will focus on research and scenario planning and will end with initial master plans and site designs. In the second half of 2016, the focus will involve detailed design of redevelopment options. Our key objective is to generate a number of development options on the site to help everyone understand what's possible. We will use the schemes to help us secure funding and support for a building project that will create a sustainable parish community that serves a modern, urban church. If you have any questions about the studio please contact Sue Wittencoom on 0401 715 293 or by email: swittencoom@thesoftbuild.com. This project which will help us dream our future, will put us under no obligation and will cost the parish nothing. All are welcome to participate. Fr Chris



Sour Cream and Chives for the Potatoes on the Saturday Menu at Canice Kitchen

Jeff, a veteran of seventeen years volunteering at Canice Kitchen, is at the sink scrubbing potatoes while Joan finely snips a massive bunch of chives. It might be a 'pie and peas' menu today, but Jeff insists that the spuds are served dressed-up with chives and sour cream as a treat for the guests. Joan tells that they always come back for "more of that stuff, please".

Joan talks of early days in the Kitchen working with Canice parishioner Nola Rowe and the late Mary Welsh. Laughingly, she says, "My sister Noelene and I must soon be eligible for long service leave after coming 'from the other side' for more than twenty-five years now".

David is proud to be 'chef's assistant' while Amanda, Sean and Masha are busy buttering buns, and filling in for Allan who

usually sets-up the tables and washes-up.

Fiona, who is on the Canice Kitchen fundraising committee (yes, the Kitchen always needs funds!) is making sure that the custard and peaches are ready and there's enough fresh fruit out on trays before the doors open. Clare, Chair of the St Canice's Kitchen Committee, and 'hands-on' today, is 'stoking' the ovens to make sure the pies are nice and hot.

Noelene is 'in charge' of desserts telling me that they always need to have a selection on offer, as the guests can be very selective. "Some don't eat custard and others don't eat fruit. Just as fussy as in a restaurant", she says. "And today, we have Lamington fingers as a special treat for to go with the coffee and tea."

Elizabeth, usual 'Leader of the pack', on this Saturday roster will no doubt be relieved to see that the 'show' could go on, without her.