



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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Quality of Mercy

On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, we stand on the brink of Holy Week, the time set apart for us to reflect seriously on the ultimate example of God's compassionate love for us. The readings remind us that we cannot stand self-righteously and condemn the lives of others, when God is calling them tenderly to conversion. We cannot cling to the past, which may be so comfortable and even socially acceptable, when God is doing something new.

We live in a world that desperately needs something new. This wondrous newness of God will be born out of conversion, not coercion; it will spring from repentance, not reprisal. It will take shape in the councils of the world, in the boardrooms of the workplace, at the tables of families. We are called to "sin no more".

Fr Chris

*The quality of mercy is not strain'd:
It droppeth like the gentle dew from heaven
upon the place beneath.
It is twice blest:
it blesseth the one who gives and the one who takes.
'Tis mightiest in the mighty;
it becomes the throned monarch better than the crown.
It is an attribute of God himself.
And earthly power doth then show likest God's
when mercy seasons justice.
Therefore, though justice be thy plea, consider this-
that in the course of justice none of us should see salvation.*

*We do pray for mercy,
and the same prayer doth teach us all
to render the deeds of mercy.*

William Shakespeare *The Merchant of Venice*

*"Neither do I condemn you."
The adulteress heard Jesus' kind words
of mercy.
They were like a river in the wasteland.
We see that you grant pardon
to this woman, to her accusers, and to
us,
and to all of humankind.
Let us become what we receive.
Forgiven, may we forgive.
Uncondemned,
let us throw down our stones.*



Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Entrance Hymn:

No 541 (Gather) God of Day and God of Darkness

Opening Prayer

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over the death.

First Reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Response:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 3: 8-14

I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: John 8: 1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before the people, they said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. In the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They said this to test Jesus, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When the scribes and the Pharisees kept on questioning him, Jesus straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And once again Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground. When the scribes and the Pharisees heard what Jesus had said, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

Offertory Hymn

No 303 (Gather) Grant To Us, O Lord

Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

Communion

No 81 (Gather) How Rich are the Depths of God

Recessional

No 438 (Gather) Create a New Heart, Holy Lord

Let us pray for:

Recently Deceased: Olivia Inglis, Jim Daly, Margaret Walsh, Richard Hodgins, Tina Matthews, 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: William (Bill) Harding, 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: John D. Campbell, Galen Robertson, Cynthia Klippel, Sr. Marie Langtry, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, 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: 20 March 2016

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel: Luke 22: 14—23:56

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations			
19-20 March 2016	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	W Fothergill	A Hurst	M Musgrave
Readers	SVC Student	M Topui	C Coggins
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	S Buckingham T Hunt 2 others as available

CANICE CONNECTIONS



UNSW Architecture students working in the parish to help us dream a better future.

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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS: Sr Pauline Fogarty, a Brown Sister and member of our parish for many years, is celebrating her Golden Jubilee of religious life. This Sunday she will renew her vows at the 10:30am Mass. We thank her for her service and wish her many more happy years in the Lord's vineyard. Fr Chris

VIDEOS ON THE PARISH WEB PAGE: In the 'News and Events' column on the parish webpage this week you will see two videos. http://www.stcanice.org.au/wordpress/?page_id=1188 One is '**A Tribute**' to our much loved parishioner the late Margaret Walsh, with music from the Sydney Antiphony ensemble of singers who performed in St Canice's on 4th March. The other is '**A Salute**' to the more than 300 volunteers, who serve lunches 7 days a week to homeless guests in Canice Kitchen. We trust this video helps connect St Canice parishioners to the good work of the volunteers in an interesting way . . . and may encourage a deeper involvement, and evince some reflective pride. In the final minute, you can view the special message to the St Canice parishioners. This Video and Canice Connecting is all about "Enriching Community".

'ASHES TO EASTER' - LENTEN CONCERT in ROSE BAY: Palm Sunday, 20th March, 2.00-3.15pm: St. Mary Magdalene Church, 835 New South Head Road. Peter Kearney's concert weaves songs, stories and reflections on Lenten/Easter themes. Peter's compositions include 'Fill My House' and 'The Beatitudes'. \$10 / \$8 concession at door. Registration essential. SMS Peter **0425 328 185**. Specify venue 'Rose Bay' and number of people in your group. Note: The event needs a minimum attendance of 15 to proceed.

TWO INVITATIONS FOR REFLECTION MORNINGS AT THE GRAIL CENTRE: Two mornings of quiet reflection and conversation at the Grail Centre, 22 McHatten St, North Sydney: Saturday 19 March 10am to 12 noon, on Etty Hillesum, Jewish/Christian Dutch woman mystic; Tuesday 22 March 10am to 12 noon, on nature as the first revelation of God, in response to Pope Francis' *Laudato Si*. Contact Tricia Gemmell (pgemmell@tpg.com.au) or ruthcrowe@ozemail.com.au or the Grail Centre (**9955 3053**) For information about The Grail, visit www.grailaustralia.org.au

A new Sunday group for Canice Kitchen from SJB Architects

The leader of the SJB group, and also the new coordinator for all our Sunday groups, Stefanie, says "Working in Surry Hills, we see many homeless in the streets. It's easy to become desensitised. All of us feel that we need to do something about it".

Emily chimes in with "We'd prefer to be interacting with the issue rather than simply observing it".

And the new team got busy finishing the sandwiches and adding grated cheese to the large containers of pasta bake, bolognaise and carbonara, that each of them had made at home and brought ready for the oven.



Awareness. Engagement. Growth. Enriching Community