



## Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

22 January 2017

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

### Parish Directory

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[www.jesuitmission.org.au](http://www.jesuitmission.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

## *A Vatican II Challenge*

‘The laity have the right, as do all Christians, to receive in abundance from their spiritual shepherds the spiritual goods of the Church, especially the assistance of the word of God and of the sacraments. They should openly reveal to them their needs and desires with that freedom and confidence which is fitting for children of God and brothers (and sisters) in Christ. They are, by reason of the knowledge, competence or outstanding ability which they may enjoy, permitted and sometimes even obliged to express their opinion on those things which concern the good of the Church. When occasions arise, let this be done through the organs erected by the Church for this purpose. Let it always be done in truth, in courage and in prudence, with reverence and charity toward those who by reason of their sacred office represent the person of Christ.

Let the spiritual shepherds recognize and promote the dignity as well as the responsibility of the laity in the Church. Let them willingly employ their prudent advice. Let them confidently assign duties to them in the service of the Church, allowing them freedom and room for action. Further, let them encourage lay people so that they may undertake tasks on their own initiative. Attentively in Christ, let them consider with fatherly love the projects, suggestions and desires proposed by the laity. However, let the shepherds respectfully acknowledge that just freedom which belongs to everyone in this earthly city.’

*Lumen Gentium 37 Vatican II*

**Only those with an integral spiritual attitude will  
have the wisdom not to hoard things but give them  
away to others who need them.**



### **Entrance Antiphon:**

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

**Entrance Hymn:** No 534 (Gather) All the Earth, Proclaim the Lord

### **Opening Prayer:**

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### **First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3**

The Lord spoke to me and said: "There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. "For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian." The word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13.17**

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, I belong to Paul, or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. The word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!!

### **Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people. The Gospel of the Lord.

**Offertory Hymn:** No 319 (Gather) Ubi Caritas

### **Communion Antiphon:**

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

**Communion Hymn:** No 437 (Gather) Amazing Grace

**Recessional:** No 404 (Gather) Christ be Our Light



**Let Us Pray For:**

**Recently Deceased:** Rene Jalando-on, Giacobe Nguyen Bac Nha

**Anniversaries:**

**Recently ill:** Bruce Conolly, Penelope Anne Quinn, Jayne Bernstan, Ronald Soussa, Albert Jacobs, Danny Lembryk, Sophie Napier, Helena Herington, Jeanette Budak, Veronica Rainbird, Joan Agbor, Fr. Dan Madigan S.J.

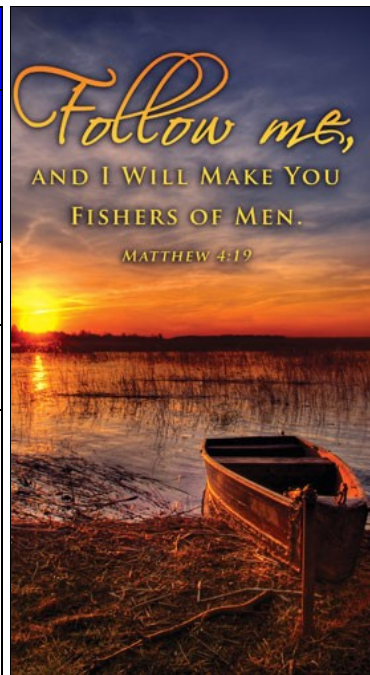
**Next Week's Readings: 28/29th January 2017**

First Reading: Zephaniah 2<sup>nd</sup>3; 3:12-13

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations			
28-29th January 2017	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
<b>Greeters</b>	M. Topui		
<b>Readers</b>	A Ritchie	A. Weeks	T. Hunt
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	As available	As Available	B. Clulow M. Musgrave M. Woodburne S. Woodburne



**Parish Calendar**

**Friday 3rd February**

**Healing Mass, 11am**

Join us for morning tea in the Presbytery afterwards

**Sunday 5th February**

**Catechist Sunday**

**Sunday 26th February**

**Information Sessions** regarding our Parish Pastoral Council Reform. Keep an eye out in early February for further information.

## Parish Notices

### 'Praying like a Woman'

#### Women's Spirituality Retreat

*Fri 17 Feb, 3pm - Sun 19 Feb, 3pm*

*Canisius Centre of Ignatian Spirituality , 102 Mona Vale Rd, Pymble*

A couple of years ago I bought a book when I was away in Wales. 'Praying like a Women' (by Nicola Slee) seemed interesting but although I had carried it all the way home I put it on the shelf unopened. Its time was not yet ripe, I needed to be moved to open the cover.

I was still cautious of being a woman who prays, perhaps concerned that my praying might not be 'right,' it might be seen as 'too much'. I imagined my prayer would be identified as a hapless, emotional woman's. My own experience seemed so other and all consuming for me and I didn't want it socialized or tamed.

There was already scarring in this department, I am a human being, a woman who prays but I had short-changed myself, my story, my nature and therefore my relationship with God. My story is how God has worked with me and in me. There is not a better story for me.

Listening to other women I hear a similar imprint. I started to understand that women are alive as embodied beings, and their stories are full of energy and feeling. But what is the tradition, who are the women in our biblical history, their stories so slim that only by using my imagination can I see them to be like me. There are many sorts of women, not only nuns, mothers and prostitutes, but single, celibate, gay, leaders and carers. All of us have a story, and all of us have to find a way into that story. But often, I hear, that story is rejected as somehow 'not good enough'. Their story is too troubled, too doubting, not 'shiny' or 'holy' enough.

We cannot go forward alone, we need each other as women, like Mary needed Elizabeth to share her unbelievable blessing. Our common home needs us all, none of us is to be air brushed out.

Over this weekend we will work with some wonderful poems, images and biblical passages to free us into our story and our own tender relationship with our God.

A weekend to come away and enjoy the silence and rest, with quietness for prayer, and perhaps your own stories with God, shared or silent and in the company of other women.

All are welcome

*Caroline Coggins*

**This retreat is led by Caroline Coggins and will provide a time to come away, to reflect, with plenty of space to quiet, to come home to yourself and God. Each day, there will be a reflection time together, and spiritual accompaniment if desired.**

**For bookings or further information contact Canisius Centre of Ignatian Spirituality on 9488 4539 or emailing [canisius@cis.jesuit.org.au](mailto:canisius@cis.jesuit.org.au)**

**[Cost \\$324 including accommodation and meals.](#)**

