



Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

12 February 2017

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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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

'Choices'

One day an expert in time management was speaking to a group of business students. To drive home a point he used an illustration the students would never forget. As he stood in front of the group of high-powered overachievers, he said, 'Okay, time for a quiz' and he pulled out a three litre wide-mouthed mason jar and set it on the table in front of him.

He also produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar. When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside he asked, 'Is this jar full?' Everyone in the class said, 'Yes'.

The time management expert replied, 'Really?' He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. He dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the spaces between the big rocks. He then asked the group once more, 'Is this jar full?' By this time the class was on to him. 'Probably not', one of the students answered.

'Good', the expert replied. He reached under the table and brought up a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in the jar and it went into all of the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once again he asked the question, 'Is this jar full?'

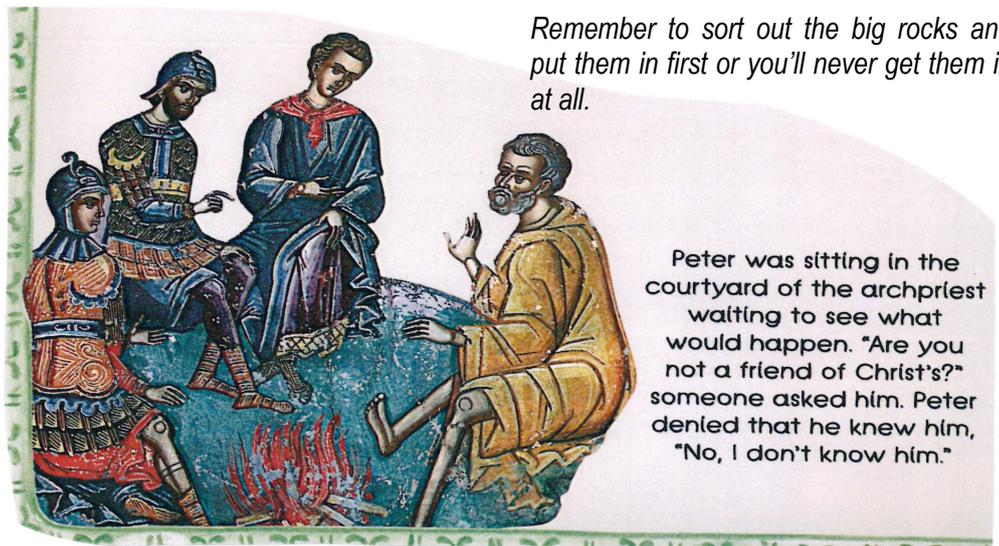
'No', the class responded. Once again he said, "Good". Then grabbed a jug of water and began to pour it in until the jar was full to the brim. Then he looked at the class and asked, 'What is the point of this illustration?'

One eager student raised his hand and said, 'Because this lesson is about time management the point is, no matter how full your schedule, if you try really hard you can always fit some more things into it'.

'No', said the speaker, "that's not the point. The point this illustration teaches us is that if you don't put the big rocks in first you'll never get them in at all'.

'What are the "big rocks" in your life?' asked the speaker. 'A project you want to accomplish? Time with your loved ones? Your faith, your education, your finances? A cause, teaching or helping others?'

Remember to sort out the big rocks and put them in first or you'll never get them in at all.



Peter was sitting in the courtyard of the archpriest waiting to see what would happen. "Are you not a friend of Christ's?" someone asked him. Peter denied that he knew him, "No, I don't know him."

Entrance Antiphon:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Entrance Hymn: No 423 (Gather) Lord of Creation, to You Be All Praise

Opening Prayer:

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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: Sirach 15:15-20

If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. The Lord has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever we choose will be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

My brothers and sisters, among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. As it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!!

Gospel: Matthew 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

On the mountain, Jesus gathered his disciples around him and he taught them, saying: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God. Let your word be 'Yes,' if 'Yes' or 'No,' if 'No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one." The Gospel of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: No 461 (Gather) God is Love

Communion Antiphon:

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Communion Hymn: No 437 (Gather) Amazing Grace

Recessional: No 481 (Gather) As a Fire Is Meant for Burning



Let Us Pray For:

Recently Deceased: Maire Riach

Anniversaries: Charles Grace

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

Next Week's Readings: 18/19th February 2017

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations			
18-19th Feb 2017	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	W. Fothergill	A. Hurst	M. Musgrave
Readers	SVC Student	H. Campbell	S. Barnes
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	S. Buckingham B. Campbell C. Coggins T. Hunt



Parish Calendar

<u>Sat/Sun 11th/12th February</u> <u>This weekend</u>	<u>Saturday 7pm - 8pm & Sunday 9.30-10.30am</u> 2016 UNSW Design Studio - viewing sessions
<u>Sat/Sun 18/19th February</u>	<u>Saturday 7pm - 8pm & Sunday 9.30-10.30am</u> 2016 UNSW Design Studio - viewing sessions
<u>Wednesday 22nd February, 6-7pm</u>	2016 UNSW Design Studio - viewing sessions
<u>Sunday 26th February</u>	Information Sessions regarding our Parish Pastoral Council Reform. Time to be advised..
<u>Wednesday 8th March, 7pm</u>	Common Home Project Open Meetings: Housing
<u>Wednesday 22nd March, 7pm</u>	Common Home Project Open Meetings: Kitchen and Outreach
<u>Friday 17th March to Sunday 19th March</u>	Parish Retreat open to all parishioners and those who are interested in becoming a member of the Parish Pastoral Council
<u>Sunday 2nd April, 11.30am</u>	Common Home Project Open Meetings: Our vision for the modern church at St Canice's - which future do we now want to work towards?

Parish Notices

Women's Spirituality Retreat Fri 17 Feb, 3pm - Sun 19 Feb, 3pm

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. **Cost \$324 including accommodation and meals.**

Parish Weekend Retreat 17-18th March

Do you wonder what God wants of you and what you more deeply want for yourself...

Would you like to be more involved in the Parish, particularly the Parish Pastoral Council?

St Ignatius believed that God is always moving in us, and that we too, are always responding, sometimes towards and at other times away. We are not conscious of how God is directing unless we pay attention. Discernment is the art of listening more closely. This weekend is for anyone who would like to spend some time discerning where they feel their life is going and how best to respond.

Maybe you are interested in the Council but maybe you would just like to have some time away, quietening and paying attention to the 'movements' of your life with God. **When:** Friday 3pm to Saturday 3pm OR come for two nights and leave on Sunday 3 pm. **Venue:** Peter Canisius House, Pymble. **Further Information:** Please contact Lynelle at the Parish Office or Caroline Coggins 0407575557.

What does the future hold for the modern church? Public Exhibition: St Canice's Church Hall, February+March

The work of the 2016 UNSW Design Studio is now on display in the church hall through February and March. Please feel free to come and see the work whenever you are at St Canice's— the hall is open Monday to Saturday when the kitchen is open from 10am- 1pm.

Special viewings are being held around Masses in February and all are welcome: **See the Parish Calendar on Page 3 of bulletin for the dates.**

There are many wonderful ideas in these schemes. How should we distil them into one vision for to the redevelopment of St Canice's in the future? In March we will be holding two open meetings on Wednesday nights to focus on the key issues at the heart of this challenge - housing and the kitchen outreach. And then on Sunday 2 April we will meet to agree the way forward after 10.30 mass.

