



Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

26 February 2017

8th 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

Project Compassion

Today is Project Compassion Sunday, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Each year Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

The annual Lenten-time appeal aims to raise both funds and awareness about important global issues, and Caritas Australia's role in empowering our neighbours across the world to build a brighter future.

Our theme this year is 'Love your neighbour.' The call of Jesus 'to love your neighbour as yourself' shakes us out of our preoccupation with ourselves. Christ asks us to acknowledge in our lives that we are all members of the one human family. Each of us equally worthy of respect and compassion.

Love of neighbour can transform lives. When mutual respect is fostered, communities become stronger and more resilient. This can only lead to a better world, 'our common home'.

"To love God and neighbour is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely. And you are, dear brothers and sisters, the face of Jesus"

Pope Francis

Project Compassion boxes and donations envelopes are at the church doors. Please take them home and return them at the end of Lent.



Faces of
Project Compassion

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Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

Entrance Hymn: No 417 (Gather) Glory and Praise to our God

Opening Prayer:

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. 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 49:14-15

Thus says the Lord: "Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth: break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones." But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me." "Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you." The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Rest in God alone, my soul.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

My brothers and sisters: Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!!

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

Jesus taught his disciples, saying. "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? "And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." The Gospel of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: No 472 (Gather) Isaiah 49 - I Will Never Forget You

Communion Antiphon:

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Communion Hymn: No 506 (Gather) The Lord Is My Shepherd (B.Boniwell)

Recessional: No 452 (Gather) On Eagle's Wings (You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord)



Let Us Pray For:

Recently Deceased: Bruce Conolly

Anniversaries: William Harding, Wyn Martin, Jacqueline Campbell, Constance Mary Musgrave, Maria Svedas, Charles Grace.

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

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations

5-6th March 2017	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	W. Fothergill	N. Rowe	
Readers	SVC Student	P. Kevin	B. Campbell
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	S. Buckingham C. Coggins M. Woodburne S. Woodburne

Next Week's Readings:
5-6th March 2017

First Reading:
Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

Second Reading:
Romans:5:12-19

Gospel:
Matthew 4:1-11



Parish Calendar

Sunday 26th February
This weekend

Information Sessions regarding our Parish Pastoral Council Reform. 12noon (after 10.30am Mass)

Wednesday 1st March

Ash Wednesday Mass - 7am and 7pm

Thursday 2nd March, 7pm, Church

Lenten Discussion Group Every Thursday during Lent

Friday 3rd March, 11am

Healing Mass - join us for morning tea afterwards

Wednesday 8th March, 7pm

Common Home Project Open Meetings: Housing

Wednesday 22nd March, 7pm

Common Home Project Open Meetings: Kitchen and Outreach

Friday 17th March to Sunday 19th March

Parish Retreat open to all parishioners and those who are interested in becoming a member of the Parish Pastoral Council

Sunday 2nd April, 11.30am

Common Home Project Open Meetings: Our vision for the modern church at St Canice's - which future do we now want to work towards?



Mass and Distribution of Ashes
Wednesday 1st March
7am and 7pm

Parish Notices

Are you interested in joining our Parish Pastoral Council?

Over the next month, we will be starting the process of renewing our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The purpose of the PPC is to promote and develop the Parish and provide opportunities for parishioners to engage in Mission within our community. We are looking for people to join the PPC who can bring a variety of gifts to the role - spiritual, professional or personal.

If you think you may be interested, we invite you to join us **this Sunday 26th February at 12noon (after the 10.30am Mass)** in the hall annexe where we will provide more information.

Parish 2020 Project - The Archdiocese of Sydney would like your feedback.

Parish 2020, the new pastoral project launched last year, is a journey of renewal in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. It is about all of us working together to explore and discern God's will for our Archdiocese. The Archbishop wishes to hear the views and opinions of as many people as possible across the Archdiocese on ways of renewing and strengthening our Parishes and communities for our future. ***You are invited to complete an online survey by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2V7XL9X>.*** For those unfamiliar with technology, ***a paper version of the same survey has been included with today's bulletin.***

We ask that you take a few minutes to complete the survey. The paper version of the survey can be returned to the parish office and we will forward them to the Polding Centre on your behalf. The deadline for survey responses is 23rd March 2017.

Lenten Discussion Group

A "Reflection for Lent" group will meet in the Church at 7pm on all the Thursdays of Lent preceding Holy Week. The first will be on March 2nd and the last will be on April 6th. All are welcome for discussion and prayers based on the great SCRIPTURES of Lent.

Lenten Program

We invite you to come to our 'Between the Masses' Sunday Reflections on the Readings commencing on Sunday 5th March as we journey through Lent. Meeting will take place in the hall at 9.30am.

Message from Archbishop Anthony

Dear friends in Christ,

On Wednesday we will receive the mark of ashes on our foreheads, a sign of penance and humility as we begin the season of Lent. We do so with a heightened awareness of the pain and suffering of all victims of sexual abuse, especially those who were abused by clergy and others representing the Church. May our Lenten penance this year be an act of intercession in solidarity with all who suffer, praying that they may find healing and a renewed trust in God and in other people.

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.