



## Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

19 March 2017

3rd Sunday of Lent Year A

### Parish Directory

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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

## A Lenten Encounter

In Samaria he stops at a well because he is tired and thirsty from his journeying. There is a woman drawing water. She is dressed in the height of Renaissance fashion with a modish turban on her head and pointed slippers on her feet. The bodice of her gown is cut low, and she has one knee raised to display a slender ankle. The impression the artist gives is that Jesus did not have to be clairvoyant to see her for what she was. She is as transparent as the glass she is painted on, but she does not seem to mind being seen through. She could be the Wife of Bath the way she does her frisky little jig there with the rope in her hands to raise the bucket.

The two disciples who are lurking in the background are clearly dismayed at her unseemly behaviour - one of them plucks at his beard and the other averts his frowning gaze - but Jesus wastes no time on moral exhortation. Since their paths may never cross again, he must speak to her of what matters most while he still has the chance. "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again," he tells her, "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst." Then his sense of the inexorable passage of time rises in him again, and "The hour is coming," he says, "when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father." Then "The hour is coming and now is when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth." The hour is so nearly at hand that in a sense it is at hand already: the hour of the Kingdom's coming when this insouciant lady and everyone else must make their fateful decisions for it or against it.

*Frederick Buechner*



*Christ and the Samaritan Woman at the Well. Painted and gilded glass. German early 15th century*

*Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available at the church door.*

**Entrance Antiphon:**

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**Entrance Hymn:** No 307 (Gather) Tree of Life

**Opening Prayer:**

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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: Exodus 17:3-7**

In the wilderness the people thirsted for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?" The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2. 5-8**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel: John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-42**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his children and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming" (who is called the Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world. The Gospel of the Lord.

**Offertory Hymn:** No 506 (Gather) The Lord is my Shepherd (Boniwell)

**Communion Antiphon:**

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

**Communion Hymn:** No 280 (Gather) My Soul in Stillness Waits (For You, O Lord)

**Recessional:** No 438 (Gather) A New Heart for a New World



**Let Us Pray For:**

**Recently Deceased:** George Green, Bruce Conolly

**Anniversaries:** Viccie Mabbutt,

**Recently ill:** Pam Young, 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.

**Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations**

25-26th March 2017	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
<b>Greeters</b>	M. Topui	H. Campbell	S. Barnes
<b>Readers</b>	SVC Student	A. Hurst	M. Woodburne
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	As available	As available	B. Anderson S. Buckingham T. Hunt 1 other as available

**Next Week's Readings:**  
**25-26th March 2017**

First Reading:

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7, 10-13

Second Reading:

Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel:

John 9:1-41



**Parish Calendar**

**Sunday 19th March**  
**This weekend**

Lenten Reflection 'Between the Masses' - 9.30am Parish Hall

**Thursday 23rd March, 7pm**

Lenten Discussion Group, Church

**Wednesday 22nd March, 7pm**

Common Home Project Open Meetings: Kitchen and Outreach

**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?

**Friday 7th April, 11am**

Healing Mass - Join us for morning tea afterwards

**Parish 2020 Project - Have you completed the survey yet?**

Parish 2020, the new pastoral project launched last year, is a journey of renewal in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

**You are invited to complete an online survey by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2V7XL9X>.**

For those unfamiliar with echnology, **a paper version of the same survey is available at the back of the church.** 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.



## Parish Notices

### First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be held this year on Sunday June 18 at the 10.30am Mass. If you would like your child to receive their First Holy Communion we ask that you contact Lynelle at the parish office on 9358 5229 or [lynelle@stcanice.com.au](mailto:lynelle@stcanice.com.au). The child must be baptised and be in year 3 or above at school.



### 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, please contact Lynelle or Fr Chris at the parish office for more information.

### Community Meeting - Common Home Project - Wednesday 22nd March - Parish Hall

Join us this coming Wednesday night to see the UNSW Studio exhibition on display in the hall from 6pm. You will also be able to see one of the many teams that work in the parish throughout the week as the organic kitchen crew will be serving dinner from 7pm. From 7.30 – 8.30pm we will be inviting people to join a group reflection and conversation on outreach at St Canices.

The kitchen is the heart of St Canice's outreach. It draws hundreds of volunteers from all over Sydney to provide a meal and welcome to hundreds of people who also come from all over Sydney.

How do the settings we have in the parish support the different kinds of people we welcome:

People who need company?

People who need a base to manage sleeping on the streets?

People who need a healthy meal?

People who need someone to listen?

How could people living in community at St Canice's play a greater role in the parish outreach?

## News from the our Kitchen.....



**St Canice's Kitchen**  
...for I was hungry...

### Kings Cross Market Stall

Last weekend the Kitchen Committee held a stall at Kings Cross Markets with the aim being to promote an awareness of the Kitchen within our local community. Committee members chatted to people about the service we provide to the homeless and those marginalised within our community. They also spoke about the importance of our volunteers in creating this sense of community. In our discussions with local residents, it was interesting to note that most long-term residents knew of the Kitchen and were strong supporters, while newer residents hadn't heard about the kitchen, but once they did were very enthusiastic. Overall the day was a success with many people showing a genuine interest in our kitchen. \$1500 was raised in donations and merchandise sales. We are planning on holding a market stall every quarter and will let you know when the next one is booked in.

