



Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

13th August 2017

19th 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

The Word Embodied

Elijah, having been promised that he would find the Lord on the mountain, left the shelter of his cave. Sure enough, God showed up, but not in mighty gales or crashing rocks. The Lord was not even encountered in the earthquake or the fiery extravaganza. It was a tiny whispering voice that made Elijah cover his face in the presence of the Most High. Elijah was called in the quiet.

Peter and his companions, tossed about by waves and wind, saw the Lord as a ghost upon the water and were terrified. The voice over the tumult said: "Get hold of yourselves! It is I! Do not be afraid!" Peter heard the call to cross the raging waters. But daunted by the strength of the wind and his own frailty, he began to sink in fear. Even so, despite his going under, Peter was called to faith in the midst of turmoil.

Some of us imagine that God is found only in the gentle whisper, the nook of isolation, the mountain of retreat and quiet. And indeed the call is often heard there, far from the noise and distraction, not in turbulence but in serenity.

But that should not lead us to believe that the storms of life signal godforsakenness. Too easily suspecting that terrors are graceless, we ignore the strongest calls made in days of strife and struggle. Rather than think our fears indicate a loss of moorings, we should imagine them as opportunities for deeper anchor.

Fears rise as invitations to greater trust, if we only face them and move through them. Once back in the boat, the storm past, we are able to say with a faith hitherto unfelt, "Beyond doubt you are the Son of God."

Fear most often assails us, it seems to me, when we are in danger of losing something or someone we cling to. It is understandable that we would worry about the possibility of losing something, someone, some strength in ourselves so reliable and so dear. But the threat of loss is the call across troubled waters.

The sinking feeling may be nothing other than the recognition of our inability to walk the waters on our own. Going under despite our efforts, we finally turn our faces up more honestly, more in faith, to the one who carries us. Ebbing powers and promise do not signal the end. They remind us that it is only in God that we are strong. Fright does not necessarily mean cowardice; it also invites the admission that we are wondrously dependent.

Storms are omens of deliverance as well as of disaster. If we break through to freedom in the following calm, we discover a faith in God so newly grounded that we need never again fear losing the cherished creatures we love. A radical faith, the daughter of dark times, finds the sun wherein all the loves we have had are illumined in the love that is light.

If fear is the last word in our love, we will communicate only fear to those we cherish. Such fear is a futile strain, as if we could walk, by our puny skills, on water. But fear faced and released in faith allows us to love the beloved more freely and the giver of the gift more authentically.

John Kavanaugh, SJ



Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Entrance Hymn: No 420 (Gather) All the Ends of the Earth

Opening Prayer:

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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: 1 Kings 19:9. 11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit. I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God be blessed forever. Amen. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning Jesus came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. but when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." The Gospel of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: No 447 (Gather) We Walk by Faith

Communion Antiphon:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Reflection Hymn: No 449 (Gather) Be not afraid (You shall cross the barren desert)

Recessional: No 382 (Gather) Firmly I Believe and Truly



Let Us Pray For:

Recently Deceased: Gerald Townsend Curtin, Pauline Sutchcliff, Frank Taylor

Anniversaries:

Recently ill: Yvonne Nobbs, Les Lembryk, Lisa Powell, Tony Musgrave, Nola Rowe, Dulcie Kennedy, Flynn Cawood, Pam Young, Valentino Close, Wendy Watson, Penelope Anne Quinn, Jayne Bernstan, Ronald Soussa, Albert Jacobs, Sophie Napier, Hélène Herington, Jeanette Budak, Veronica Rainbird, Joan Agbor

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations			
19/20th Aug	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	W. Fothergill	A. Hurst	M. Musgrave
Readers	SVC Student	H. Campbell	T. Hunt
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	S. Buckingham B. Campbell C. Coggins T. Hunt

Next Week's Readings:
19/20th Aug 2017

First Reading:
Isaiah 56:1. 6-7

Second Reading:
Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Gospel:
Matthew 15:21-28



Parish Calendar

Weekend 12-13th August

CWF Appeal

Tuesday 15th August

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass 7am and 6pm

Railaco Leaving Collection - Thank you for your generosity

We still do not have the final figures for the Special Railaco Leaving Collection however can confirm that ***we have raised in excess of \$10000.*** This is an incredible effort.

We thank you for your continuing generosity and making such a difference to the lives of the children and their families in East Timor.

We invite you to view Michael Musgrave's most recent video from his recent trip to East Timor to learn more about how St Canice's has contributed to Railaco. This can be found on our parish website at the following link:

<http://www.stcanice.org.au/wordpress/?p=4699> Railaco Video from Michael's recent trip.

Photos from the St Ignatius Day celebration can also be viewed on the parish website at the following link: <https://goo.gl/photos/d7HbSPGRHAXSRkuy9>

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Parish Notices

Jesuit Mission Indian bazaar - can you help?

The Indian Bazaar will be held at Riverview College on Saturday 9 September 2017. St Canice's will be hosting a wine stall where we will be selling wine from Sevenhill. We are looking for people to help at the stall throughout the day. Even if you can only help for a few hours it would be greatly appreciated.

The NSW liquor laws mandate that any person working at the stall selling alcohol must have a current RSA Certificate. If you have a current RSA certificate and are able to help out, please contact Lynelle at the parish office by phone on 9358 5229 or email lynelle@stcanice.com.au for further information.

Justice and Peace Office

The Justice and Peace Office promotes awareness, understanding and action in relation to justice, peace, ecology and development as guided by Catholic Social Teaching. If you would like to read about the causes they have been supporting - visit their website:

<http://justiceandpeace.org.au/> or subscribe to their email newsletter 'Act Justly' at <http://justiceandpeace.org.au/our-newsletter-act-justly/>



Australian Catholic Youth Festival ACYF

Early Bird registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival close on Friday 18 August; payment to secure this rate must be finalised by Friday 25 August. All young people from this parish aged from Year 9 to 30 years of age are invited to contact our City Deanery Coordinator Jonathan Alvin, for further information - citydeanery@gmail.com or ph 0426267449.

The Festival will attract around 15,000 young people from all over Australia. Please support this major initiative of the Australian Bishops and encourage your young people to register. There are 30 free registrations available to State School students also available through the Deanery Coordinator.

The Archdiocese of Sydney App.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney had released a Smartphone App (for iPhones and Androids only) for parishioners in the Archdiocese, featuring parish Mass times, the latest news from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Catholic Church in Australia, information about upcoming Archdiocese events, as well as announcements from the Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney. The App is available to download for free – search for “Archdiocese of Sydney” in the Google Play and App stores.

This weekend we will be holding the August Charitable Works Fund Appeal. Donations to the CWF Appeal are 100% tax deductible.

Envelopes are available on the pews. CWF envelopes can be placed in any of our collections at Masses this (or next) weekend.



Our parish levy owing to the Chancery of the Archdiocese of Sydney for the August CWF Appeal is \$5400.