



Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

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Transfiguration of the Lord - 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

No place to pitch a tent

Throughout the latter part of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus begins to warn his disciples that he is going up to Jerusalem, and there he must suffer many things, be killed, and rise again (see Mt 16:13-28; 17:22-23; 20:17-19). But as Jesus moves towards his death, the journey to Jerusalem and death is strangely interrupted by an unexpected moment of glory.

He takes three disciples to the top of a mountain (Mt 17:1). Since the experience of Sinai, mountains are places where God makes himself known. Before their eyes he is transfigured. The description of the transfigured form of Jesus comes from the language which Jewish thinkers were using to speak of the appearance of the Messiah at the end of time (v.2). The final appearance of the Messiah in glory is partially experienced on the mountain. In the middle of a journey towards suffering, Jesus appears before three of his disciples as the glorious Messiah.

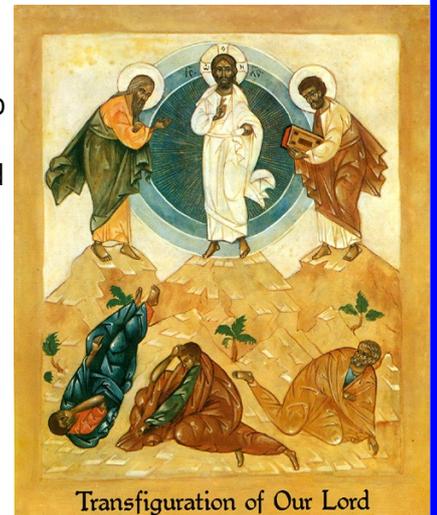
But the disciples witness not only the transfigured Jesus. 'Suddenly' Moses and Elijah are there, in conversation with him (v.3). The Law, the Prophets and Jesus are one. The disciples find themselves at the crossroads of God's salvation history. The Law established a covenant with a chosen people. The prophets performed the task of continually reminding the people of the covenant and of chastising them in their unfaithfulness. Both the Law and the prophets looked forward to God's final intervention into the human story. The disciples are witnesses to that intervention.

The disciples have a problem, however. They would like to stop God's history. Peter suggests that tents be set up so that this moment of truth can be held, a static vision for all to behold (v.4). He is happy to settle for that particular truth-filled moment. This cannot be. While he is still making this suggestion a voice from the clouds affirms that Jesus is the Son of God. This means that the way in which he responds to God makes him special. He enjoys God's favour, but if the disciples are to fully understand all that is happening in and through Jesus they must listen to his voice (v.5)

The excitement of being with Moses, Elijah and the glorious Messiah turns into fear. The glory disappears. A person who is not 'only Jesus' touches them, encourages them, and together they descend the mountain. On the way down the mountain he hints that the glory which they have briefly experienced will only be his through the experience of suffering and death: 'risen from the dead'.

The Church proclaims the story of the transfiguration to teach us that there is no place for the disciple of Jesus to pitch a tent, to dwell on the moments of success and truth which occasionally come our way. We too are privileged to stand within God's salvation history: between the givenness of the Law, the prophets and the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. At times we are touched by hints of the glory which lies ahead, but to settle for 'the seeds of the promise' while still on the journey would be to miss the promise itself. We must follow a suffering Jesus along a way of the Cross to come to the glory.

Fr Francis J Moloney



Transfiguration of Our Lord

Entrance Antiphon:

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

Entrance Hymn: 371 (Gather) Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Opening Prayer:

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become coheirs with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne. His clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool. His throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched visions in the night, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." The Gospel of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: No 404 (Gather) Christ Be Our Light

Communion Antiphon:

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Reflection Hymn: No 395 (Gather) All Creatures of our God and King

Recessional: No 547 (Gather) Hail Queen of Heaven, the Ocean Star



Let Us Pray For:

Recently Deceased: Frank Taylor, William Hodgekiss

Anniversaries:

Recently ill: 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

12/13th Aug	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	G. Losurdo	J. Freckman	C. Coggins
Readers	A. Ritchie	M. Topui	S. Barnes
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	S. Buckingham B. Campbell B. Clulow T. Hunt

Next Week's Readings:

12/13 Aug 2017

First Reading:

1 Kings 19:9. 11-13

Second Reading:

Romans 9:1-5

Gospel:

Matthew 14:22-33

Save the Date!

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

Thank you....

Last weekend we celebrated as a parish community the Feast Day of St Ignatius. The church setting was stunning thanks to the efforts of Gerhard Haas who supplied and designed the beautiful flower arrangements and our sacristan Graham Fear who dressed the altar and sanctuary areas with significant symbols ie flags, altar cloths etc. As usual the church looked impeccably clean thanks to Helen McCarthy who cleans the church every Thursday.

The 10.30am Mass was made very special by the beautiful music shared by Greg McCreanor, Claudine Michael, Ian Cox and Elijah Slavinskis. We celebrated in true St Canice's style with a lovely morning tea after Mass which was made even more special by the fact that so many people brought along cakes/biscuits and other treats to share. The St Vincent's College girls as always were on hand to participate in the liturgy, cook special treats and serve food to parishioners and visitors to the parish. The preparation and serving of food would not have been possible without Michelle Peters, Fran Jauncey, Peta Jauncey and Bronwyn Clulow who worked tirelessly behind the scenes all morning. Osai Topui as always was at the ready to serve morning tea with a smile and help out in numerous ways behind the scenes.

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Next weekend we will be holding the August Charitable Works Fund Appeal.

Our parish levy for the August CWF Appeal is \$5400.

Please note donations to the CWF Appeal are 100% tax deductible.

CANICE CONNECTIONS



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It was a pleasure to have young people from Jesuit Schools in Sydney join us at each of the weekend Masses. At all Masses we listened to the students reflect and share their experience of their recent visit to Railaco East Timor. We thank the students, their parents, and teachers from St Ignatius College Riverview, St Aloysius College Milsons Point and Loyola Senior High School Mt Druiitt for sharing their experience with us.

Last, but certainly not least, we thank Michael Musgrave who organised every aspect of the liturgy and whose passion and tireless efforts in creating an awareness and fundraising for the needs of Railaco have enabled our small parish to make a huge difference to the lives of so many children and families in East Timor.