



## Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

17th September 2017

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

### Parish Directory

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### Jesuit Mission (National Office)

[www.jesuitmission.org.au](http://www.jesuitmission.org.au)

### 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

As requested - please contact the Parish Office

### Healing Mass

11:00am - First Friday of each month - otherwise by request

**“The Lord is merciful and gracious...”**

***Feeling mercy changes everything....***

***This is the best thing we can feel: it changes the world.  
A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just.***

Pope Francis

In this fallen world the unity of human beings has been broken, everything is a “rat race”, and I try to free myself from the anguish that torments me by projecting it on another, the scapegoat of my tragic finiteness. The other person is always my enemy and I need him to be so. In Christ, however, death has been defeated, my inner hell transformed into the Church, I no longer need to have enemies, no one is separated from anyone. The criterion of the depth of one’s spiritual growth is therefore love for one’s enemies, in accordance with the paradoxical commandment of the Gospel that takes its meaning solely from the Cross - Christ’s Cross and ours - and from the Resurrection - again Christ’s and our own...

The true miracle, the most difficult achievement, is therefore the example and practice of love in the spiritual sense of that word (and here the Gospel speaks of *agape*, the Latin *caritas*). To enter into God is to let oneself be caught up in the immense movement of the love of the Trinity which reveals the other person to us as “neighbour” or (and this is better) which enables each one of us to become a neighbour of others. And to become a neighbour is to side with Christ, since he identifies himself with every human being who is suffering, or rejected, or imprisoned, or ignored.

*Oliver Clement - The Roots of Christian Mysticism*



If our picture of God is too small, our own mercy will be too mean. So we are on a long and permanent journey out of smallness towards a larger, more merciful heart.

*Fr Chris*

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**Entrance Hymn:** No 496 (Gather) Here I Am Lord

**Opening Prayer:**

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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 27:30 - 28:7**

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them. The vengeful will face the Lord's vengeance, for he keeps a strict account of their sins. Forgive your neighbour the wrong that is done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does anyone harbour anger against an other, and expect healing from the Lord? If one has no mercy toward an other like oneself, can one then seek pardon for one's own sins? If a mere mortal harbours wrath, who will make an atoning sacrifice for that one's sins? Remember the end of your life, and set enmity aside remember corruption and death, and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook faults. The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4. 9-12**

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

**Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9**

My brothers and sisters, we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34**

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, a brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' The lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. "But that same slave, as he went out, called upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. "When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. "So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart." The Gospel of the Lord.

**Offertory Hymn:** No 470 (Gather) As Gentle As Silence

**Communion Antiphon:**

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

**Reflection Hymn:** No 437 (Gather) Amazing Grace

**Recessional:** No 498 (Gather) City of God



## Let Us Pray For:

**Recently Deceased:** Patricia Bracker, Elizabeth Todd, Christopher Sexton

**Anniversaries:** Arthur Kavanagh, Bridget Ohlsson

**Recently ill:** Yvonne Nobbs, 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, H el ene Herington, Jeanette Budak, Veronica Rainbird, Joan Agbor

### Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations

23/24th Sept	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
<b>Greeters</b>	M. Topui	H. Campbell	M. Musgrave
<b>Readers</b>	S. Wittenoon	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: 23/24 Sept 2017

First Reading:

Isaiah 55:6-9

Second Reading:

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Gospel:

Matthew 20:1-16

Save the Date!

## Parish Calendar

**Fri 6th October**

### Healing Mass

Please join us for morning tea afterwards

**Sun 8th October**

**St Canice Feast Day Mass - 10.30am**

BBQ - after Mass

**Fri, Sat, Sun 8/9/10 December**

### Parish Retreat - Canisius

More details will be provided late September

### **ST CANICE'S KITCHEN VOLUNTEER THANK YOU NIGHT: THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER**

The St Canice's Kitchen Committee on behalf of Fr Chris Jenkins SJ and the St Canice's Parish community, would like to invite all past and present St Canice's Kitchen volunteers to a thank you evening on Thursday 19th October at 6pm (until about 8.30pm) in the Parish Hall. This evening is to recognise the enormous contribution all volunteers have made to what is now part of the inner city's fabric, a place where the disadvantaged are freely fed and, more importantly, a place where they know they will be treated with dignity and respect. This year, as a special treat, St Canice's resident baritone and cantor, Greg McCreanor, will lead a musical tribute to the work of the kitchen. The selection will be based on food, service, compassion and fulfilment. Please RSVP by 13th October to Lynelle on 9358 5229 or [lynelle@stcanice.com.au](mailto:lynelle@stcanice.com.au)

### **INDIAN BAZAAR**

Last Saturday our parish held a stall at the Indian Bazaar where we sold Sevenhill wine. The stall was very successful and we raised just over \$5000. All proceeds go to Jesuit Mission.

## Parish Notices

### ST CANICE FEAST DAY BBQ - SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER - SAVE THE DATE!

To celebrate the feast of St. Canice we warmly invite all our parishioners and visitors to come and celebrate together with a lunch time BBQ in the Peace Park (next to the church) after the 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 8th October**. This is a great opportunity to catch up with each other as well as meet new parishioners and visitors to our parish. Last year we invited parishioners to bring along a salad or desert and as a result we were able to share a delicious feast. We are hoping to do the same this year. If you are able to help out on the day, please complete the slip attached to this bulletin and return to Lynelle at the parish office. The slip can be placed in any of the collections at Masses, dropped into the parish office or details emailed to [lynelle@stcanice.com.au](mailto:lynelle@stcanice.com.au).

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the end of November this year. If you feel that your son or daughter is ready to receive this sacrament of continuing initiation into the community of church please contact Fr Chris or Lynelle at the parish office on 9358 5229 or [lynelle@stcanice.com.au](mailto:lynelle@stcanice.com.au). Please note that your child must be in Year 5 or above at school.

### PHILIPPINES KILLINGS TODAY

A Facebook Page has been set up to inform people and keep them updated about the reality of the terrible human rights violations in the Philippines. The Catholic Church is doing much to support the many innocent people who are greatly suffering as a consequence of the extra-judicial killings under the Duterte Administration - moral support from individuals in Australia can be provided by putting messages on the specially set up Facebook page :

### RISE UP for LIFE and for RIGHTS

### PILGRIMAGE OF THE HEART - Caroline Coggins

St Ignatius had two powerful 'conversion' experiences. The first happened on his sick bed after a cannon ball smashed his leg in battle. Inigo was a man of noble blood, he was thirty, suddenly now his life as he imagined it was shattered. As he recovered (he would always have a limp) the course of his life changed, he decided that he wanted to follow Jesus, he wanted to become just like Saints Dominic and Francis. He set off with this desire.. to go to Jerusalem...but again he was stopped in his tracks.... He had a second 'conversion' at Manresa. He came to understand that he was unable to change things about himself ... It was not what he was going to do, but the unfolding of God working with him. Slowly he began to relinquish his will to God. This was the pilgrimage, from himself as centre to being with God.

During this time Ignatius began to jot down the notes that would become the *Spiritual Exercises*

I was accepted to go to Manresa in May this year for an Ignatian immersion course. It was a pilgrimage of heart for me, a wonderful rich adventure.

Some of you are curious what I was doing, and asked if I would give a talk.

**SO at 11.30 (after the 10.30 mass) on the 1<sup>st</sup> October (bring your cup of tea to the hall) Sunday, I will show you some photos and share some of the pilgrimage with you. We will meet downstairs in the hall.**

*Caroline*

