



Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

3rd September 2017

22nd 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

Let the Scriptures Speak

This Sunday's Gospel continues the dialogue between Jesus and Simon, the Rock on which Jesus will build his Church. What happens is, quite literally, scandalous. Jesus follows his granting of primacy to the freshly named Peter with the first prediction of his passion (and resurrection). In response Peter rebukes Jesus and says, "God forbid. Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." Whereupon Jesus turns to Peter with strong words: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." The word behind "obstacle" is skandalon, literally "stumbling block." The foundation stone has become a stumbling stone. "Satan" (adversary) is already such a shocking term that we scarcely notice skandalon.

"Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship."

Matthew (and Mark, though not Luke or John) dares to present Peter opposing Jesus in this matter of a suffering Messiah, apparently because he knows that Peter eventually learns and accepts the whole truth, and even loses his own life (in Rome) witnessing to Jesus as crucified and risen. This foundation-stone-become-stumbling-stone stands as a cautionary tale for all of us who are called to serve with authority in the Church, a reality that surely extends to parents with respect to their children and teachers with respect to students. The good news is that, by the grace of God, rehabilitation is not only possible but likely, if we pray.

We know, from the Acts of the Apostles and from tradition, that Simon was indeed enabled by the grace of God to become the rock the Church needed. Like Jeremiah in today's First Reading, and like another initially recalcitrant instrument (Paul), Peter was soon impelled to generous service by a fire in the belly.

Paul himself, in the Second Reading (from Romans), supplies a stunning image for Christian service that deserves our attention. "Offer your bodies," he writes, "as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship." As Jesus drew from Temple tradition to speak of building on a rock, Paul too draws from the realm of the Temple. Israel's practice had been to offer up the bodies of dead animals in Temple worship. Now Paul—in the spirit of Isaiah, Micah, and Psalm 51—says that the best offering to God is not a dead animal body but your own living one, not in suicidal immolation but in the very living out of your life. The rest of Romans (Rm 12:3ff) spells that out as building up the body of the Church by using one's gifts in mutual service, hospitality, prayer, and love of enemies.

Dennis Hamm, SJ

Prayer for *Father's Day*

God our Father,
We give you thanks and praise
for fathers young and old.
We pray for young fathers,
newly embracing their vocation;
May they find courage and perseverance
to balance work, family and faith
in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for Fathers around the world
whose children are lost or suffering;
May they know that the God of compassion
walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not fathers
but still mentor and guide us
with fatherly love and advice.
We remember fathers, grandfathers,
and great grandfathers
who are no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Entrance Hymn: No 421 (Gather) Praise to the Lord the Almighty, King of Creation

Opening Prayer:

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Jeremiah cried out to the Lord: "O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. "If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,' then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot." The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-6. 8-9 (No 42 Gather)

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-what is good and acceptable and perfect. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Ephesians 1:17. 18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus sternly warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done." The Gospel of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: No 330 (Gather) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Reflection Hymn: No 477 (Gather) Blest Are They

Recessional: No 438 (Gather) Create a Clean Heart Holy Lord



Let Us Pray For:

Recently Deceased: Christopher Sexton, Gerald Townsend Curtin, Pauline Sutchcliff

Anniversaries: Vlatko (Vic) Zaknich, Mara Separovich

Recently ill: Pat Bracker, 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

9/10 Sept	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	G. Losurdo	J. Freckman	C. Coggins
Readers	B. McSoriley	J. Higgins	M. Musgrave
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	B. Campbell B. Clulow C. Coggins T. Hunt

Next Week's Readings:

9/10 Sept 2017

First Reading:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Second Reading:

Romans 13:8-10

Gospel:

Matthew 18:15-20



Parish Calendar

Saturday, 9th September

Indian Bazaar, St Ignatius College Riverview

Fri, Sat, Sun 8/9/10 December

Parish Retreat - Canisius

More details will be provided late September

We extend a warm welcome to Fr Richard Leonard SJ who will be officiating at all Masses this weekend.

Come and See Retreat with Caroline Coggins

"Go down, down, down to the place in you where fire and silence dwell -

The place of power" Sr Anne Powell

This weekend offers the time to move away from the busyness of normal life. To rest awhile into the mystery of our life with God. We will use poetry and scripture to aide and salve, to slow so that we can still ourselves to feel God working in us.

Date: 3pm Friday 13 October to 3pm Sunday 15 October 2017

Location: Peter Canisius House, 102 Mona Vale Road, Pymble NSW 2073

Cost: \$324 including accommodation and meals

Ph: 9488 4524

Email: bookings@pch.org.au

Parish Notices

A note of thanks from Tom Renshaw SJ.....

I have very much enjoyed the last six weeks living and ministering here at St Canice's. Thank you to everyone who has assisted me in so many different ways – Osai who welcomed me on the night I arrived and let me into the presbytery, to Lynelle, Elizabeth and the volunteers in the office who have ensured I have been in the right place at the right time, and to Graham and his wonderful team of acolytes, as well as our readers, musicians, collectors and greeters - you have helped make it a joy to lead you in the Eucharist.

I had fond memories of working in the parish as a novice 17 years ago and it has been a wonderful blessing and grace for me to come back at this time. I have been moved by the strong sense of community present and the way you continue to be so generously inclusive and welcoming to all. For me, the St Canice's Community embraces wholeheartedly its motto "All are welcome to come inside. God listens, without judging". As you prepare to welcome back Fr Chris, thank you for the many ways you have welcomed and cared for me. My faith in Christ has been strengthened by your example and the privilege of being able to be with you. I look forward to our paths continuing to cross in the years ahead and in the meantime you will remain very much in my prayers.

With much gratitude and wishing you continued blessings in abundance.

Tom Renshaw SJ

Jesuit Mission Indian Bazaar 2017



The Indian Bazaar is our annual fundraiser to support Jesuit Mission's work helping the poorest communities in more than 10 countries to access clean drinking water, food, healthcare, education and livelihood opportunities.

DETAILS:

Saturday 9 September 2017

9am - 5pm

at St Ignatius' College Riverview
Tambourine Bay Road, Lane Cove, Sydney

Activities will include:

Stalls - Rides - Kids' Zone - Farm produce - Food - Raffle - Entertainment - Wine auction - Book signing

Questions? Or can you help?

Contact engagement@jesuitmission.org.au

Weekday Masses - 5th September - 9th September

Fr Chris will be returning from leave on Monday 4th September. Normal weekday Masses ie 7am Tuesday - Friday and 9am Saturday will be held this week.