



## Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

29th October 2017

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

### Parish Directory

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[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

## 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

In Wittenberg on 31 October 1517, Martin Luther posted ninety-five theses concerning abuses he saw in the church. The consequences of that action were no doubt unforeseen by him at the time, yet their effect has shaped the religious and cultural history of the west ever since. The date and the event have become symbolic of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. The anniversary of the Reformation in 2017 cannot go unnoticed. While it most directly touches Lutherans and Catholics, it is not without significance for other Christian communions, and indeed for western society. Five hundred years on, even though both the situation of the church and the world situation are very different from the time of Martin Luther, the effects of the Reformation endure.

By the grace of God there has been a fresh impetus towards unity during the last half century. The Second Vatican Council not only opened the way for Catholic participation in ecumenical dialogue, but also provided a pathway for renewal. Lutherans in Australia, as elsewhere in the world, responded positively to this opening for dialogue. Catholics and Lutherans have now been engaged internationally in theological dialogue for 50 years. The anniversary of the Reformation is an appropriate time to acknowledge the steps that have been taken to heal the wounds of the past five hundred years. The most important step was the signing of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification by the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran World Federation in 1999.

Unity is the gift of God and the will of Christ for his Church (*Cf. Jn 17:21; 1 Cor 12:13*). Both the Lutheran Church of Australia and the Catholic Church acknowledge the unity we already share, and together we confess the one faith. We encourage all members of the Catholic Church and the Lutheran Church to hear from God a call to be continuously transformed by our encounter with each other and to be living witnesses to the power of the Gospel. (*Cf. Ac 1:8; Rom 1:16*)

### Rev John Henderson

*Bishop - Lutheran Church of Australia*

### Archbishop Christopher Prowse

*Chairman, Bishops Commission for Ecumenism and Inter-religious Relations - Australian Catholic Bishops Conference*

31 October 2017



Pope Francis embraces Rev Martin Junge, General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face..

**Entrance Hymn:** No 533 (Gather) Gather Your People

**Opening Prayer:**

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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 22:20-26**

The Lord said to Moses: "Thus shall you say to the Israelites, these are the ordinances that you shall set before them. "You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. You shall not abuse any widow or orphan. If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry; my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children orphans. "If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you, you shall not deal with them as a creditor; you shall not exact interest from them. If you take your neighbour's cloak in pawn, you shall restore it before the sun goes down; for it may be your neighbour's only clothing to use as cover; in what else shall that person sleep? And if your neighbour cries out to me, I will listen, for I am compassionate." The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51**

I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10**

You know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming. The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus said to him "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. "And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." The Gospel of the Lord.

**Offertory Hymn:** No 319 (Gather) Ubi Caritas

**Communion Antiphon:**

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

**Reflection Hymn:** No 318 (Gather) A New Commandment

**Recessional:** No 463 (Gather) Love Divine All Love Excelling



## Let Us Pray For:

**Recently Deceased:** Christopher Sexton, Kasam Barakat, Fr Ken McNamara SJ, Philip Hercus, Fr Paul Coleman SJ, Pam Young, Anne Mary Brennan, Michael De Maaune, Joseph Loagby, Gerald Curtin

**Anniversaries:** Carlos Dardis, Thomas Eugene Hemera, Muriel (Bobbie) Ryan, John Lane

**Recently ill:** Joan Pyne, Sandra Holyeak, Ray Walsh, Omar Soliman, Yvonne Nobbs, Lisa Powell, Tony Musgrave, Nola Rowe, Dulcie Kennedy, Flynn Cawood, Valentino Close, Wendy Watson, Penelope Anne Quinn, Jayne Bernstan, Ronald Soussa, Albert Jacobs, Sophie Napier, H el ene Herington, Veronica Rainbird, Joan Agbor

### Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations

4/5th Nov	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
<b>Greeters</b>	W. Fothergill		S. Barnes
<b>Readers</b>	SVC Student	P. Kevin	T. Hunt
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	As available	As available	B. Anderson B. Clulow M. Musgrave 1 other as available

### Next Week's Readings:

#### 4/5 Nov

#### First Reading:

Malachi 1:14 - 2:2. 8-10

#### Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

#### Gospel:

Matthew 23:1-12

## Parish Calendar



**Sun 29th October**

**Confirmation Preparation Lesson 2 - 9.30am**  
Parish Hall

**Sun 5th November**

**Confirmation Preparation Lesson 3 - 9.30am**  
Parish Hall

**Fri 10th November**

**Operasphere, an evening of Opera - 7.30pm**  
Church

**Sat 11th November**

**Confirmation Mass - 6pm**

**Sun 19th November**

**First World Day of Poor Mass - 10.30am - Church**  
Officiated by Bishop Terry Brady

**Mon 20th November**

**Spiritual Conversation Series 7-8.30pm - Church**

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

**Parish Retreat - Canisius**  
More details will be provided over the next few weeks

**Thurs 14th December**

**St Canice's Conversation - Beyond Belief: 6pm, Parish Hall**  
A discussion with Fr Chris Jenkins and Hugh Mackay (Author of the book Beyond Belief)

**November Masses:** During the month of November we remember all who have died. We pray for all the deceased you particularly wish to be remembered in our Parish Masses for the month. At the entrance to the church there is a Book of Remembrance. We invite you to write the names of those you would like to be remembered.

*In Loving Memory*

## Parish Notices

**“That's Amore”:** Join us on Friday 10th November, 7.30pm, at St Canice's Church. For a Tribute to “Love” and many, different styles, and songs, from diverse tastes in Music, including Neapolitan Songs, Opera, Operetta & Musicals. **Performing Artists:** **Sopranos:** Grace Ciano – Paola Monroy, **Tenors:** Hongxin Jiang – Chamberlain Zhang, **Baritone:** John de Voy **Piano:** Zsuzsanna Giczy. **Tickets available** from Wynyard Chiropractic 02 9235 2464 or through our Online ticketing link page to this event: Eventbrite: Operasphere/That's Amore. **For more information** visit [operasphere.com.au](http://operasphere.com.au) or email [operasphere5@gmail.com](mailto:operasphere5@gmail.com) or see brochure available at the back of the church.

### St Canice's Conversations

... listening, thinking, talking ...

with **Hugh Mackay** about belief

**Thursday 14th December, 6pm arrival for 6.30pm start**  
**St Canice Church Hall**

**A**s a prelude to Christmas, you are invited to an interesting local community conversation on belief and belonging.

In *Beyond Belief*, one of Australia's most insightful and influential social commentators, Hugh Mackay, argues that while our attachment to a traditional idea of God may be waning, our desire for a life of meaning remains as strong as ever. Hugh will outline the central themes of the book. This will be followed by a period of discussion between Fr Chris Jenkins SJ and Hugh, and then the conversation will open up to questions and contributions.

### *Parish Advent Retreat*

*We wait at advent, of course, but how are we waiting?*

What a tender time it is when we wait, there can be many things in our hearts, anticipation, anxiety even, will they come? A new mother has many new and powerful feelings: will I be a good mother; will the child be born healthy; will I be able to support this child; what happens if...?

Advent is like this, we too are preparing for a birth.

This is often rushed over these days, so many other things to do, but deep in our hearts lives the desire, to know and welcome this presence.

We need time to prepare, to order our hearts, to make the space inside as we do for any relationship.

At the heart of St Ignatius' (founder of the Society of Jesus) was discernment. He made a choice, to deepen his life and orientate his life to become a pilgrim. It was his discerning that allowed him to be shaped, but more, he came to understand how God was shaping him to serve.

We may feel the need to listen to God, to wait on God, but equally necessary is to place ourselves in a position to hear, to open our hearts and ready that nursery for the child that will be born and the ensuing and life changing relationship.

In the busiest time amongst family and friends do you, perhaps, also feel the need for silence, to make the time to notice how God might be preparing you for your spiritual birth?

**The retreat will be held from Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December starting at 9am, to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December closing at 3pm. The retreat will be held at Peter Canisius Retreat house at Pymble.**

Bookings can be made directly through Peter Canisius House ph 9488 4524. We ask that you also confirm you attendance with Lynelle at the Parish Office on 9358 5229 or [lynelle@stcanice.com.au](mailto:lynelle@stcanice.com.au).

More information regarding cost etc will be available over the coming weeks.

