



Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

12th November 2017

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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
As requested - please contact the Parish Office

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Abiding Love



Today at the 10.30am Mass we welcome Leila, Bronson, Lucy, Niamh, Matthew, Meg and their families who are to be confirmed by Bishop Terry Brady, whom we also warmly welcome to St Canice's.

Confirmation emphasises an individual's commitment to Jesus; the Holy Spirit insiprits the candidates to become witnesses to their faith.

Who is this Spirit whose gifts we celebrate? The Holy Spirit is simply God, present and active everywhere, pervading our life. This basic but profound reality bears repeating today because so many do not experience God's nearness but think of God as quite distant.

Through the Spirit, we believe, the risen Christ is present in every moment, past and present, in and out of religious settings, pervasive as the air we breathe, as the sun or the rain that comes down on us, as the wind that blows around us, as the life that flows through our veins. This is the God we are talking about when we speak of the Spirit. May this be the Spirit who accompanies and encourages the children as they continue their journey.

Fr Chris

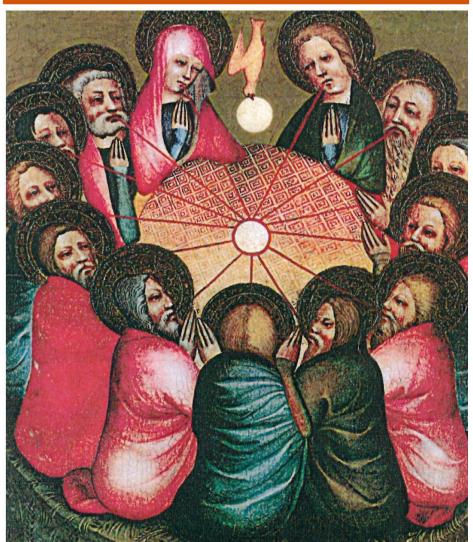
A Prayer to the Spirit

We give you thanks, Spirit of wisdom, for you speak to us in ways that often surprise us. You uncover truths that we had kept hidden from ourselves and support us in tasks we fear to undertake alone.

We give thanks for your invitations to growth and intimacy and fullness of life, and for the comfort you extend in our often uphill struggle to be faithful.

Inspire us. Encourage us. Fill us with enthusiasm for the mission of your Church. Transforming Womb of God, Conceive in us. We ask you, create life anew: Faith, the confidence to bear, Hope, continuously expectant, Love, the true beginning.

More Than Words
Janet Schaffran, Pat Kozak
Meyer-Stone Books. 1988



****Please note different hymns will be sung at the Saturday 6pm Confirmation Mass****

Entrance Antiphon:

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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

Opening Prayer:

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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: Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-8

My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words..

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

When talking about his coming in glory, Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 'But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. "Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." The Gospel of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: No 230 (Gather) Shelter Me O God

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Reflection Hymn: No 28 (Gather) Do Not Be Afraid I Am With You

Recessional: No 362 (Gather) Sing to the Mountains



Let Us Pray For:

Recently Deceased: John Fothergill, Kasam Barakat

Anniversaries: Carlos Dardis

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, Hélène Herington, Veronica Rainbird, Joan Agbor

During November we pray for: Jean & Ted Sykes, Esther & Allan Higgins, Pamela & Pat Shoughnessy, Max Higgins, Gordon & Katherine Randell, Jane Kelly, Murray Willis, John Harbsurne, Peter Hanlon, Martin Snee, John Dempsey, RAA, Eric Goucia, Selma Forsythe, Jack Baker, Dennis Keogh, Mick Scanlan, Mick & Lui.

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations			
18/19th Nov	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	W. Fothergill	A. Hurst	M. Musgrave
Readers	SVC Student	H. Campbell	S. Barnes
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	S. Buckingham B. Campbell C. Coggins T. Hunt

Next Week's Readings:

18/19 Nov

First Reading:

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel:

Matthew 25:14-30



Parish Calendar

Sun 19th November

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

Mon 20th November

Spiritual Conversation Series 7-8.30pm - Church

Sat 9th December

No Saturday 6pm Mass - Final Mass for Australian Catholic Youth Festival to be held in Domain. Everyone welcome

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)

Saturday Vigil 6pm Mass 9th December: On the 9th December there will be no Saturday 6pm mass @ St Canice's. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has cancelled all Vigil Masses in and around Sydney that day as there will be a Mass in the Domain at 6.30pm celebrating the end of the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. It is his wish that that as many people and families attend that Mass. The Archbishop will be joined by other Bishops and priests from across Australia. All are welcome.

Do you have any unused Bibles: We often have people come to the parish office and ask if we have a spare bible that they can have. If you have a spare bible at home that you no longer use we would be more than happy to receive them from you. Simply bring the bibles to Mass on Sunday and give to Fr Chris or drop them into the parish office.

Parish Notices

Welcome Fr Bart Beckers SJ: We extend a warm welcome to St Canice's to Fr Bart, a Dutch Jesuit, until recently parish priest of the Jesuit Church in Amsterdam which I imagine some of you may have visited. Fr Bart will be with us until early January when he leaves for Melbourne and Tertiationship, the final stage of Jesuit formation. Please make Bart welcome.



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

Entry by donation -

please reserve your place @

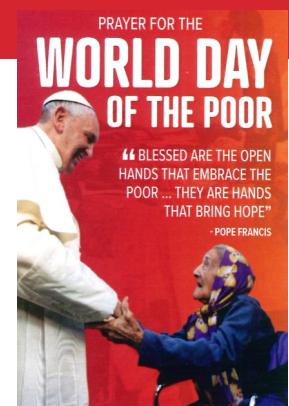
[eventbrite.com/e/st-canices-conversation-with-hugh-mackay](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-canices-conversation-with-hugh-mackay)

As 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.

World Day of the Poor - Sunday 19th November

What is the World Day of the Poor?

In his apostolic letter to close the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can "reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel." He designated this day as the "World Day of the Poor." It will be celebrated on the thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary time (two Sundays before the season of Advent each year). The inaugural World Day of the Poor is Sunday, 19 November 2017.



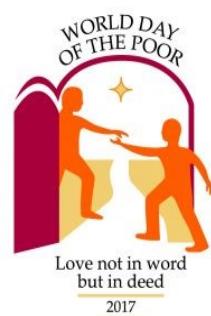
"It would be a day to help communities and each of the baptized to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel and that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (cf. Lk 16:19-21), there can be no justice or social peace. This Day will also represent a genuine form of new evangelization (cf. Mt 11:5) which can renew the face of the Church as She perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy."

Pope Francis

A special Archdiocese Mass to mark the occasion will be held here at St Canice's next Sunday at the 10.30am Mass.

Bishop Terry Brady will be officiating at the Mass.

We invite you to join us at this Mass - everyone is welcome.



In
Loving
Memory

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.

