



Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

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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

Holy Family - Year B

Cherishing Family Life

Our families have an essential place in our lives not only during the formative years of childhood but also in adulthood for continuing nurture. We look to family for physical, emotional and spiritual support. We have high expectations of marriage and family life.

However, it is also true that family life is under great strain today - families are harassed by concrete problems like debt, lack of childcare, the high cost of housing, unemployment or long hours of work, and the perpetual juggling act known as the work-life balance. These pressures are often confusing and contradictory, pulling in all directions, sometimes good and bad simultaneously. Then there's the reality of dealing with teenagers who live in the virtual world of computers and smart-phones!

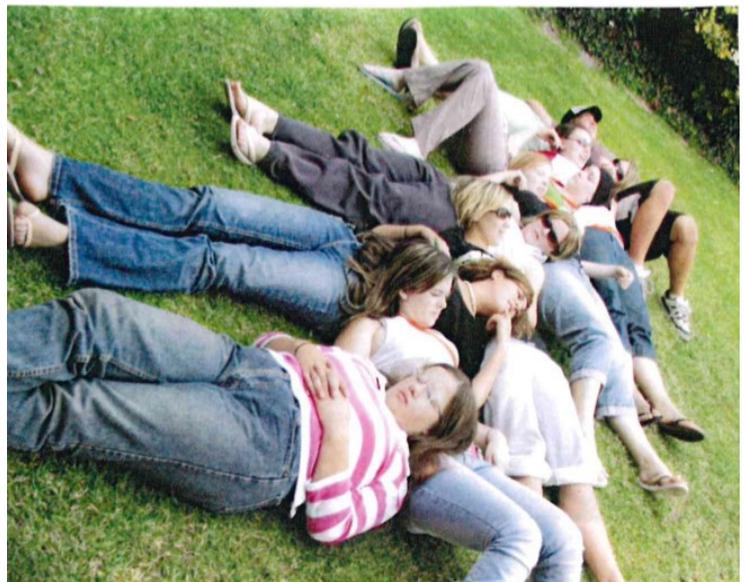
Many women feel financially pressured to return to work soon after birth of a child, and are faced with managing a home as well as pursuing a career - it is still the woman who bears the brunt of homemaking. Some marriages (Catholic marriages are not immune) buckle under the strain.

Our role as Church is to ease the institution of the family into the future by acknowledging the present realities of family life, not pining for the return of a golden past; we must encourage strategies that mitigate pain and maximise healthy loving relationships which give life, recognising that the family is still the centre of most people's hopes of happiness.

Cherishing family life as a structure or fabric out of which we live, rather than simply one element within life, is integral to its success. Our Catholic understanding of the sacrament of marriage expresses this truth in a profound way: God lives in human love, however it is expressed.

"God of all people, families come in many shapes and sizes. We ask you to bless all families in all their variations, and to strengthen each of their members to the committed to a fruitful family life marked by understanding, compassion and forgiveness."

Fr Chris



Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Entrance Hymn:

No 286 (Gather) Angels We Have Heard on High

Opening Prayer

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising and virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.

First Reading: Genesis 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great'. But Abram said, O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eleizer of Damascus?' And Abram said, You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir?' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 104:1-6. 8-9

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, 'It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.' He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Hebrews 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:22. 25-27. 34-35. 39-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." When Mary and Joseph had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him. The Gospel of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: No 297 (Gather) Once in Royal David's City

Communion Antiphon:

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Communion Hymn: No 288 (Gather) While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks at Night

Recessional Hymn: No 287 (Gather) O Come All Ye Faithful

Let Us Pray For:

Recently Deceased: Graham Fear, Anne Streda, Rene (Yai) Hatsatouris

Anniversaries: Angela Viola, Alfredo Viola, Paul O'Grady

Recently ill: Ruby Naidu, Jeanette Reid, James Toohey, 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

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations			
6/7 Jan	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	W. Fothergill	J. Freckman	M. Musgrave
Readers	B. McSoriley	M. Topui	S. Barnes
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	B. Anderson C. Coggins T. Hunt 1 other as available

Next Week's Readings:

6/7 Jan

First Reading:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading:

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

Gospel:

Matthew 2:1-12

Masses this week

New Years Day

Mass: 9am

Monday 1 January

Tuesday, 2 January

Mass:7am

Wed - Fri, 3 - 5 January

NO MASSES

Saturday, 6 January

Mass: 6pm only, NO 9AM MASS

**St Vincent's College Potts Point
160th Anniversary**

St Vincent's College Potts Point will be celebrating their 160th Anniversary in 2018. A calendar of events will be published on the website www.stvincents.nsw.edu.au. The College, Ex-Students' Union and the Foundation are working together to document their rich history and conduct the Vinnies' Census of Alumnae and Community. All former students, staff and families are invited and encouraged to participate and spread the word. www.vinniescensus.nsw.edu.au

**Funeral Notice
Graham Fear**

The Funeral for Graham Fear will be held at St Canice's on **Wednesday 3rd January @ 1pm**



If you are unable to attend the funeral there will be a Service of Committal of Graham's ashes in the Columbarium towards the end of January. (Date to be confirmed)

Parish Notices

Pope Francis

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love,
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion
and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence,
rejection and division:
may all who have been
hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may we become once more
mindful of the sacredness and
inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.



New Year's Resolutions

10 things that Pope Francis called upon Vatican employees to do:

1. "Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."
2. "Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love."
3. "Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."
4. "Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."
5. "Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others."
6. "Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord."
7. "Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people."
8. "Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation."
9. "Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."
10. "Making sure your Christmas is about Jesus and not about shopping."