



Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

11th March 2018

4th Sunday in Lent - Year B

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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

Heart of the Matter

In the Gospels, the word we translate as "repentance" is *metanoia* and its basic meaning is "change of mind and heart". If we have a change of mind and heart this may lead us to fast or to pray more or to wear a horsehair shirt, but a possible effect of *metanoia* does not constitute its essential meaning. Lent is not essentially about 'giving up things' or engaging in painful occupations because we believe they are good for us or pleasing God. Lent is essentially about a change of mind and heart, about seeing reality differently, having a different attitude to everything. Lent embraces all that we encounter, a more demanding task than giving up sugar in our tea.

There is very little we can change in ourselves. The only effective change any of us can make is in the way we see things and in our attitude towards ourselves and others. Then everything begins to change for us because we are essentially related beings. Total independence is an illusion: total freedom for me alone or for my group alone is impossible. Lent is time for getting to the heart of the matter for all of us.

How can we prepare for this change? Lenten austerities can so fill our consciousness that we become a trial to ourselves, to those around us, and God becomes a trial to us. Could a better approach to Lent be to give ourselves at least a short period of quiet each day during which we reflect not on what we should give up or deny ourselves, but ask "What is it that I most desire out of life?" Try writing out the answers. We begin to see the impossibility of most of our desires, not because they are forbidden, but because they are incompatible, like the desire to be popular and always to be truthful. We can also discover the truth that destructive desires can only be effectively overcome, not by violent eradication, but by deeper desires.

Our basic desire is not something we create: it is something we slowly discover. It thrives on care and attention and draws us along with it. Charles Peguy has a poem called God's Dream. Its final stanza is:

*It is my dream you dream
My house you build-
My love you share
And this is the heart of the matter.*

Gerard W Hughes SJ



Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

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

Opening Prayer:

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

All the leading priests and the people were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of the Lord that he had consecrated in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, persistently sent his messengers to them, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place; but they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord against his people became so great that there was no remedy. Therefore the Lord brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who burned the house of God, broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious vessels. The king took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had made up for its sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years. In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in fulfilment of the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah, the Lord stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom and also declared in a written edict: "Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the Lord his God be with him! Let him go up." The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 136

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—for it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come God might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. This is not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: John 8:12

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. "And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God." The Gospel of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: No 472 (Gather) Isaiah 49

Communion Antiphon:

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

Reflection Hymn: No 505 (Gather) Will You Love Me

Recessional Hymn: No 437 (Gather) Amazing Grace

Let Us Pray For:

Recently Deceased: Fr Anthony V Smith SJ, Judy Flitcroft, Eleanor Kallil, Wendy Watson

Anniversaries: Francisco and Rosario Borja

Recently ill: Fachtna De Siun-Young, Ruby Naidu, James Toohey, Joan Pyne, Sandra Holyeak, Ray Walsh, Omar Soliman, Yvonne Nobbs, Lisa Powell, Tony Musgrave, Nola Rowe, Dulcie Kennedy, Flynn Cawood, Valentino Close, Penelope Anne Quinn, Jayne Bernstan, Ronald Soussa, Albert Jacobs, Sophie Napier, Hélène Herington, Veronica Rainbird, Joan Agbor

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations			
17/18 March	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	W. Fothergill	A. Hurst	S. Barnes
Readers	SVC Student	P. Kevin	C. Coggins
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	S. Buckingham B. Clulow M. Woodburne S. Woodburne

Next Week's Readings:

17/18 March

First Reading:
Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Reading:
Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel:
John 12:20-30



Parish Calendar

Sun, 11th March
(this weekend)

Meeting - First Reconciliation, 9.30am, Hall

Tues, 13th March

Lenten Discussion Group, 7pm -8.30pm, Church

Sun 18th March

Interment of Graham Fear's ashes, after 10.30am Mass, Church

Wed, 28th March

2nd Rite of Reconciliation, 7pm, Church

Graham Fear

Please join Graham's family and friends after the 10.30am Mass next Sunday 18th March for the interment of Graham's ashes.



St Michael's Catholic Church, Lane Cove Social Justice Group Meeting 19th March, 7.30pm Guest speaker Father Steve Sinn SJ

The social justice group is pleased to confirm that our first meeting of they year is on Monday 19th March, 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Our speaker is Fr. Steve Sinn SJ, a Jesuit priest who has spent over 30 years living with and learning from addicts.



He was the Parish Priest of St. Canice's in Kings Cross for 18 years and is presently living in Bathurst where he founded with Anna Thompson The Bridge Community, a space for people coming out of prison to find their voice and direction.

Everyone is welcome and if you are interested to attend, please email linda.carseldine@gmail.com so we can set up the hall appropriately.

Parish Notices

Good Friday 3pm Service - would you like to be involved?

Fr Gaetan will be presiding at the Good Friday 3pm Service this year. Rather than reading the Passion we will be re-enacting and reflecting on actions from various personal viewpoints such as:

- Judas, Caiphus, Peter, Pontius Pilate, the women, Centurion, the thief, Mary, Narrator.



We are therefore looking for people to be involved and who could take on various roles. It will be essential that you are able to project your voice and are not afraid of acting. We are envisaging that you would need to attend two rehearsals. If you would like more information please speak to either Fr Gaetan or Lynelle in the Parish Office.

First Reconciliation: Last weekend 6 children began their preparation for their First Reconciliation on Thursday 22nd March. At the 10.30am Mass Fr Gaetan invited these children and other children present at Mass to stand alongside him for the consecration. It was wonderful to see the next generation of 'Caniceians' being involved in the Mass. We ask that you keep the children and their families in your prayers and walk beside them in their faith journey as they undertake their preparation for First Reconciliation.



History Project: Next year we will be celebrating St Canice's 130 year anniversary. As part of our preparation for this event we would like to compile a display of historical items. To achieve this we need a team of people to sort through some photos, documents etc. If you are interested in being involved please contact Lynelle at the Parish Office.

Congratulations Sisters of Charity: On Friday, 9th March, Archbishop Anthony Fisher presented to Sr Anthea Groves, Sr Jacinta Fong and Sr Sesarina Bau, the Papal Honour of Croce pro Ecclesia et Pontifice in recognition of the valuable contribution they have made to the Church's Health ministry at St Vincent's Hospital and in other healthcare institutions. This is the highest medal that can be awarded to laity by the Pope - in recognition for services done for the Church. These three Sisters have each made extraordinary contributions to St Vincent's Hospital at a time when the hospital has faced many changes, developments and challenges. They are not the first Sisters of Charity to receive this honour. In 1982, Sr Veronica Brady (in Toowoomba) and in 2003, Mother Marion Corless were also awarded this medal. Mother Marion was for some years Principal at St Vincent's College, Potts Point - and hence, was no stranger to St Canice's. We congratulate these former parishioners.