

Catholic Parish of St. Canice

12 May 2013

The Ascension of the Lord

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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

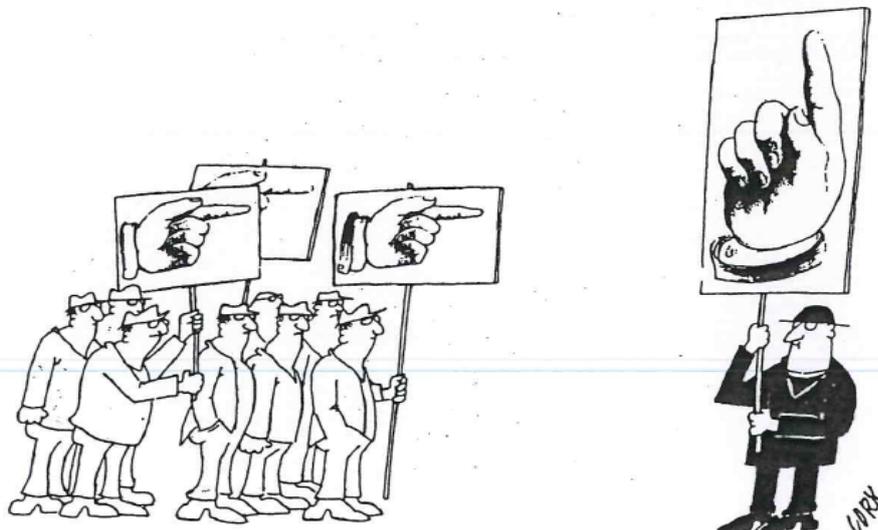
Pointing the Way

While a solid minority of the earth's people identify as Christian, it needs to be emphasised that everyone is invited to discover the vision of human development implicit in Jesus' portrait of the Kingdom. While some are to act as yeast, all are to be included in the loaf that rises.

This perspective, requiring Christian communities to live in and for the world, has been obscured from time to time, with Christians providing ample grounds for misunderstanding. Some efforts to spread the Good News of the Kingdom have been misconceived, or misconstrued, as imperialist ventures.

Only when Christian wisdom is presented in a Way that is invitational and respectful of difference is this danger minimised. Efforts to promote the Kingdom as a gift to everyone inevitably go amiss when service ceases to be the keynote and others' welfare the bottom line.

Adrian Lyons sj, Imagine Believing



Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Entrance Hymn No 395 (Gather) All Creatures of Our God and King

Opening Prayer

Gladden up with holy joys, almighty God, and make up rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope.

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This", he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Response 8:30am **God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm: 6:00pm & 10:30am No 39 (Gather) All Peoples, Clap Your Hands

Second Reading: Hebrews 9: 24-28; 10: 19-23

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53.

Jesus said to the disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. "And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Offertory Hymn No 429 (Gather) In the Lord

Communion Antiphon **Behold, I am with you always, even the end of the age, alleluia.**

Communion Hymn No 463 (Gather) Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Recessional No 391 (Gather) Alleluia Sing to Jesus

Let us pray for:

Recently Deceased: Sister Monica Musgrave *rsm*, Judith Egan, Ronald Dominguez, David Lawson, Dianne Robertson, Sean Sullivan, Birnie Davidson, Father Adrian Lyons *sj*, Renaye Redmond, Eileen Cleary, Eileen Musgrave, Beechie Holthouse, Kevin Ritchie, Marie-Claire Morgan, Peter Dunstan, Sarah Lynch, Genevieve Estelle Beard (née McCarthy).

Anniversaries: G.P. Holroyd Hardwick, Philo Mina D'Cruz, Anneliese Zivotsky and Leo Zivotsky, Mary and Elizabeth O'Neill, Alex Haire, Constance Musgrave, Wyn Martin, Jacquelyn Campbell, Janet Hurst, Tristan and Stephen Antico, Hazel Cuthbert, Muriel Hardwick, Nick Waterlow, John Joseph Newcombe.

Recently ill: John Giblin, Paul Youll, Ben Amarasekara (5year old with leukaemia), Robert Yates, Gerhard Haas, Julie Kelly, Rosemary Nugent, Ciaran Rafferty (Ireland), Dorothy Ryan, Valentino Close, Ross MacDonald, Peggy and George, Bill Lannin, Jean McInerney, Bernard McCauley, Frank Starr, Peter Hemera, Pam Goodman, Ross MacDonald, Carol Head, Anne Hocking, Susie Warrick, Jenny Monckton, Ray McNernie, Nathan Garth, Jeffery Sharp, Ann Marie Streda.

Next Week's Readings: 19 May 2013

First Reading: Genesis 11: 1-9
 Second Reading: Romans 19:3-8, 16-20
 Gospel: Ezeckiel 37. 1-14

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations

18-19 May 2013	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	W Fothergill	A Hurst	S Barnes
Readers	SVC Student	M Topui	J Crone
Ministers of the Eucharist	SVC students	As available	R Barnes C Coggins K Walsh M Walsh

MAY 2013 Kasturbai Rats cleaning roster				Contact: Robert.Barnes@ellison.com.au		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 ROBERT BARNES	3 ROBERT BARNES	4
5	6 HELEN McCARTHY	7 Vito Mollica	8 Michael Tarranto	9	10 GARY WEIR	11 James Johnson
12 JAMES JOHNSTON	13 Vito Mollica	14 Toby Friend	15	16 R & C McGuinness	17 Gary Weir	18 judith morrissey
19 Baron Alder	20 Helen McCarthy	21	22 PETER GEORGE	23	24	25
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Pascal Herington: You may like to peruse Pascal's schedule of up-coming musical appearances in 2013 on the Parish website: www.stcanice.org.au. These dates are well worth noting and even more worthwhile attending..!

A reminder that **The Meditation Group** meet in the Annex of the Hall on Monday evenings, 6pm—7pm at St Canice's each week. You are very welcome.

Parish Notices

Being Adult in our Faith: The Role of Certainty and Doubt. Explore this key topic with Sr. Patty Fawkner sgs at St Canice's on Pentecost **Sunday, 19 May, 2013**. Talk will commence at 12pm, after light refreshments in the Annexe. If parishioners could bring a plate sandwiches/cake to share - that would be fantastic! Patty is a Sister of the Good Samaritan, already known to many at St. Canice's from her period as Director of Uniya Social Justice Centre, 2002 -2005. Contact person: Margaret Walsh.

New Appointment: Michael Parker, a parishioner and member of the Pastoral Council, has been appointed to the role of Business Manager for the parish. This is on a part-time basis and responsibilities include taking on much of the day-to-day administration of the parish, working with the ministry groups established through the 2012 renewal process as well as facilitating the development of a longer-term parish plan. We thank Michael for coming on board, he is most welcome, his skills and talents will greatly add to the smooth running of the parish, and taking us forward into the renewal programmes we have planned.

Servers Sought: The Parish Pastoral Council is seeking a wider group involved as altar servers at our weekday and weekend Masses, both women and men. Volunteers should discuss their availability with Father Chris; appropriate training will be arranged.

Inclusive language: The Parish Pastoral Council has reaffirmed its commitment to the use of gender inclusive language in all Parish activities, ceremonies and publications. Council has discussed suggestions from parishioners for some alternate prayer forms; some of these will be passed on to the Liturgy Group for consideration. But there is no enthusiasm for changes to traditional prayers such as the Our Father or Hail Mary.

First Holy Communion: On **Sunday 2 June, 2013**, St Canice's Church will be offering the sacrament of Holy Communion to children from within our local community. Prior to receiving this important sacrament, your child will be required to participate in some preparation training during May. Our parish warmly welcomes you and your family to be part of this special occasion. If you are interested in your child receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion, please contact Helen McPake, helenmcpake@yahoo.com.au, who is more than happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Parish BBQ: A BBQ lunch is being planned for **Sunday, 2 June 2013**. This is largely a social occasion to welcome or resist the arrival of winter and will be catered for by the parish. However, we will also use the occasion to provide a brief update on the renewal groups. Please make a note in your diary and we will gauge numbers closer to the time.

East Timor Fundraiser Cocktail Party. The feeding program and medical clinic work are now part of the lives of the community in Railaco that relies on the support of St Canice's for funding. Our annual fundraiser is to be held on Friday 21 June 2013, with Guest Speaker Steve Sinn SJ and a concert specially prepared by Christine and Pascal. Details are as follows: Date: Friday 21 June 2013. Venue: Ron Dyer Centre, St Mary's, 264 Miller Street North Sydney (ample parking is available - enter via Ridge Street). Time: 6pm-9pm. Theme: Cocktail Party-fine wines and canapés. Tickets: \$35 per head payable to Jesuit Mission or at door. RSVP Parish office (9358 5229) or suecrabbe@contactcentres.com.au "

The Holy Family Parish at Emerton (a Jesuit parish in Mount Druitt) is having its annual Fundraising Dinner on the **18th May 2013**. We are invited to join in their celebration which will take place at the Community Hall (attached to the Holy Family Primary School) from 7pm till 12am. Tickets are on sale now at the Parish office (Emerton): \$50.00 for Parishioners and \$75.00 for Visitors. A night of great company, food and entertainment, we may consider organising a table from the Parish? If you are interested please speak to Fr. Chris or ring parish office and speak to Michael Parker. It's a great place to visit and see some of the amazing things that are taking place in this parish.

During 2013 the Sisters of Charity will be hosting the following events: Conversations, **21 May and 23 July** at St Vincent's College Potts Point; Reflection Day (23 November outside Sydney); Street Retreat/Immersion (4-7 July 2013, Kings Cross). St Vincent's College, Rockwall Crescent, Potts Point. Hope to see you at SVC to hear Sr Dorothy Bayliss rsc, Sr Anne Crowley rsc and Elizabeth Grey as they share their experiences of working with and for women in an international context. For more information or to RSVP please email: taylor@stvincents.nsw.edu.au or dfm@stvincents.nsw.edu.au.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place in the Polding Centre by hosting an ecumenical prayer service in the Chapel on Level 6, **Wednesday 15th May, 2pm**. Fr Gerard Kelly from the Catholic Institute of Sydney will preside. All are welcome. This year's theme is: *What does God require of us?* Micah 6:6-8.