

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Signs of Hope

We mark today's World Day of Migrants and Refugees in the shadow of the looming federal election with both sides attempting to outbid each other in the harshness of their response to the growing arrival of asylum seekers.

Mons. Gerard Hanna has issued the following on behalf of the Australian bishops:

As a matter of urgency, I write in what may truly be a defining time in our national identity.

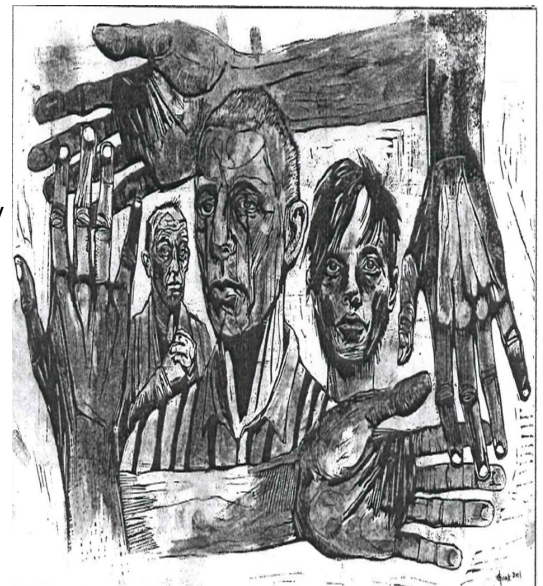
As our government begins enforcing a new offshore detention policy we are compelled, I believe, to reflect seriously on how these policies reflect on us – Catholic Australian people – and if in fact we wish our representatives to act in this way on our behalf.

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? 1 John 3:17

The new resettlement arrangements with Papua New Guinea are based on the premise that it is wrong for people fleeing from persecution to seek asylum in Australia. This is fundamentally untrue. The policy also asks the people of Papua New Guinea to not only show a level of generosity far beyond their economic means, but also to welcome these refugees in a way that we ourselves are not willing to do. This action is demeaning to everyone involved.

We have the duty as members of one human family to help those who arrive on our shores seeking asylum and strive with all our resources to assist them no matter how inconvenient this may prove to be.

Pope Francis recently said: "The 'other' is no longer a brother or sister to be loved, but simply someone who disturbs my life and my comfort. In this globalized world, we have fallen into globalized indifference. We have become used to the suffering of others; it doesn't concern me; it's none of my business." Hope is a major force of motivation driving refugees to endure and continue their journey. In faith they look to us as people who can fulfil their legitimate hopes. In this Year of Faith, we note that people who are migrants/refugees place their faith and hope in us; pray that we will be inspired to fully live our Christian commitment and open our hearts and allow the love of God to abide in us. *Fr Chris*



Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord and answer me: save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Entrance Hymn

No 421 (Gather) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Opening Prayer

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.

First Reading: Isaiah 66: 18-21

Thus says the Lord: "For I know their works and their thoughts, and I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. "From them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Put, and Lud—which draw the bow—to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations. "They shall bring all your kindred from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem", says the Lord, "just as the Israelites bring a grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord." "And I will also take some of them as priests and as Levites", says the Lord.

Response 8:30am and 10.30am

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News

Response to the Psalm: 6:00pm

Go out to all the world; and tell the Good News

Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 5-7. 11-13

And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children — "My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts." Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. "When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us', then in reply he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'" But the Lord will say, 'I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!' "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. "Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Offertory Hymn:

No 199 (Gather) Bread of Life

Communion Antiphon:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord! you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Communion Reflection:

No 456 (Gather) Seek Ye First

Recessional:

No 398 (Gather) Sing a New Song, Sing a New Song (*R Connolly*)

Let us pray for:

Recently Deceased: Marie Brown, Edna Farrell, John Musgrave (Uncle of Michael and brother-in-law of Dennis O'Brien), Dr. Raymond Seidler, Frank Starr, Peter Geddes.

Anniversaries: Brigid Mary Ohlsson, Lillian Holgate, George Osborne, Margaret Osborne, Vittorio Reverberi, Catherine Alexander, Keith Fear, Kevin Patrick Egan, Michael Brennan and Sr Mary Brennan, Bob Grant.

Recently ill: John Myers, Jeannette McSwini, Julie Kelly, Christine Greco, Sister Margaret Rowe, Tony Ruhan sj, Margaret Walsh, Rosemary Nugent, Scott Mitchell, Robert McCormack, Jean McInerney, Bernard McCauley.

Next Week's Readings: 01 September 2013

First Reading: Sirach 3: 17-20, 28-29

Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Roster for Eucharistic Celebration

31 Aug - 1 Sept 2013	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	G Losurdo	N Rowe	I Jarosiewicz
Reader	SVC Students	A Weekes	G Brennan
Ministers of the Eucharist	SVC Students	As Available	C Coggins B Clulow K Walsh M Walsh

Invitation to Visit our website: For more information about St Canice's please visit our website www.stcanice.org.au. Therein, you can access details about our heritage, the people of our parish and the key events that are taking place.

Jesuit Mission - Indian Bazaar: Mark your diaries for the annual Riverview Bazaar on **Saturday Sept. 14th 2013**. A great family day of fun to meet old friends for some food and refreshments, browse through the gifts stalls, as well as a huge carnival for the kids to enjoy! Doors open at 9am. Look out for the **Sevenhill Ignatius Wine Stall**, manned by parishioners from St. Canice's, where you can purchase the famous Adelaide wines made by the Jesuits at special prices. All proceeds from the day go to Jesuit Mission, so a very worthy cause. Come early as we sold out last year! We look forward to seeing you there. If you would like to help out on the stall please email: Eimer.Boyle@dupont.com

The **Meditation Group** will commence meeting in the Parish House this Monday evening from **6pm - 7pm**, and each Monday for the foreseeable future. As usual, parking will be available in the car park. All welcome!

Courage 2013 Conference: "Courage" & "Encourage" (the Church's ministry for people with same-sex attraction who desire to lead chaste lives in accordance with the Church's teachings) will have their Annual Conference on **Saturday 31 August** from 9am to 5pm at St Dominic's Church Hall, Corner of The Crescent & Hornsey Road, Homebush West (parking available on grounds: enter in Hornsey Rd). Mass in St Dominic's Church at 12.30pm celebrated by Bishop Peter Comensoli. Speakers Fr Richard Umbers, Fr Peter Joseph, James Parker & Anna Krohn. Lunch provided at 1.30pm. Cost \$50/\$25 concession.

Parish Notices

This year we will celebrate **St Canice's Feast Day Sunday, 13 October 2013**. More information later.

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.

Spirituality in the Pub: Wednesday 4 September 2013 7.30pm-9pm at the Paddington Arms Hotel, 384 Oxford St Paddington, opposite the Uniting Church. **Topic: When I'm Sixty-Four.. Does it Matter?** Speakers: Deidre Grusovin, 25 years in Parliament and former Minister, and Monsignor Tony Doherty, the self styled '*white haired Monsignor*'. Donation entry. For further information: Marea: 0414 873 910.

Remembering Marriages at St Mary's Cathedral. Those married at St Mary's Cathedral are invited to return with their families for a special **Mass of Thanksgiving, Blessing and Renewal of Vows on Sunday 13 October at 10.30am**, followed by a lovely morning tea on the Crypt veranda. Certificates will be presented for 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversaries. Those with ancestors married at St Mary's are also invited to join in this wonderful celebration. To register your interest, RSVP the Event Coordinator via email valentina.markovina@sydneycatholic.org or phone Helen on (02) 9220 0414.

The Truth Justice and Healing Council has been established by Catholic Church leaders to coordinate the church's engagement with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sex Abuse. The Church fully supports the work of the Royal Commission and encourages people who have been abused to tell their stories. For more information visit the Council's website: www.tjhcouncil.org.au or call 02 6234 0902. For more information on the Royal Commission visit: as follows: www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au.

RCIA Thanksgiving Mass. The annual Sydney Archdiocesan RCIA Thanksgiving Mass and Presentation for all those who serve in the RCIA ministry or assist with bringing people into the Church will be held on **Tuesday, 27 August 6.30pm** at St Joachim's Parish, Lidcombe. It is a great opportunity to celebrate the dedicated work carried out in our parishes and this year it will be the last time we have our new Archbishop Julian Porteous with us before he gets ready to move to Hobart. Come along to share in this thanksgiving and celebration! Please contact Catherine Hilder at the Catechumenate Office on 9390 5951 or email to rcia@sydneycatholic.org. RSVPs close 22 August. All welcome!

Asylum Seekers - Where To From Here? Prof Gillian Triggs, President of the Australian Human Rights Commission will be presenting a talk on **Tuesday, 27 August 2013 at 7.00pm**. The talk supported by the Good Sams Foundation will be held at Trixie Forest Hall, St Scholastica's College, 2 Avenue Road, Glebe Point. Admission – Donation at the door. Tea/Coffee available at conclusion of the evening.

Grace & Silence Retreat Day. We would like to invite young women aged 17-30 yrs who are discerning their vocation to marriage, single or consecrated life to the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa for a Grace & Silence Retreat Day on **Saturday, 31 August; 9.30am-4.30pm; 230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa**. Grace & Silence commences with a short impulse followed by Eucharistic Adoration; silent prayer and reflection and concludes with a group rosary and afternoon tea. Cost : \$20 which includes lunch. For further information and registration contact: Sr M Julie 0408 738 334 or juliebrcar@gmail.com.

Two Carmelite Retreats: (i) Day Retreat: **Saturday 14 September 2013**. "Abiding Faith in a Secular Age" We will explore how an abiding faith can help us flourish in our secular age. Fr. Greg Burke, OCD. Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Tea/ Coffee provided, Bring your own lunch). Retreat Contribution: \$20.
(ii) Weekend Retreat: **20-22 September 2013** (Friday PM – Sunday after lunch). "Turning to God". Conversion is at the heart of the Gospel. We will explore the Christian journey as an invitation to turn to the Father of Jesus. Fr. Aloysius Rego, OCD. **Location: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St. Andrews Road, Varroville NSW 2566.** For booking, please call 8795-3400 or email : retreats@carmelite.com / visit our website: www.carmelite.com.

Memorial Mass for the Unborn: Cardinal Pell will celebrate this annual Mass **Friday 13 September 2013 at 7.30pm** at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the lives lost to abortion and in solidarity with the women and men who grieve this loss. During the Mass 82 candles will be brought forward to represent the 82 lives lost each day to abortion in NSW. All are invited to attend. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre: Tel: 9390 5290 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org.

'Lazarus At Our Gate' - Social Justice Sunday Statement. We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on **29 September 2013**. This year's statement, 'Lazarus At Our Gate - A critical moment in the fight against world poverty'. The Statement urges all Australians to focus on our obligation to help the world's poorest and to work to combat poverty wherever it is found. Although progress has been made over the past decade in the fight against extreme poverty, one billion people still live on less than \$1.25 per day, and 20 percent of the world's poor live in countries near Australia. For further details about the Social Justice Statement visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.