



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

Healing Mass
First Friday of each month at 11am, followed by tea and cake

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Project Compassion

Lent begins on Wednesday with the distribution of ashes and our annual Project Compassion kicks off again. Collection boxes are available.



MARISTELY'S STORY: A FLOWER IN THE FAVELAS

Maristely, 18, lives in a favela (slum) in São Paulo, Brazil with her family.

Dark and cramped, favelas are groups of irregular, self-constructed houses often built on land that no one wants to live on due to threats of floods, or landslides.

When Maristely was growing up, her family's house, like many others, was made of cardboard and had no electricity, water or connected sewerage.

Caritas Australia's partner, the Movement for the Defence of Favela Residents (MDF), is changing lives across 40 favelas in São Paulo. MDF understands the difficulties of favela life such as dense population, limited space, a lack of available jobs, constant threat of eviction and widespread poverty.

Through MDF, Maristely's family, along with thousands of others, now has access to clean water, electricity and connected sewerage. They also have a certificate of home ownership which provides greater security and means they can no longer be evicted.

Across the favelas, up to 70 percent of families experience violence in the home, and there is a dominant gang culture. This culture of violence is closely linked to a lack of self-esteem. MDF attendees participate in sessions which address their identity, favela history, and issues around drugs, gangs, violence and unemployment.

The program promotes peace so young people can attain education and employment rather than joining local gangs.



Please donate to Project Compassion today. Your solidarity means communities like Maristely's can enjoy a full life.

To see more of Maristely's story and those of others go to:
www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

Entrance Hymn:

No 501 (Gather) We Have Been Told

Opening Prayer

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice untroubled in her devotion.

First Reading: Isaiah 49: 14-15

Thus says the Lord: "Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth: break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones." But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me." "Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you."

Response: Saturday 6pm: Sunday: 8:30am; 10.30am

Rest in God alone, my soul.

Second Reading: 1Corinthians 4: 1-5

My brothers and sisters: Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they should be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgement before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 6: 24-34

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? "And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

Offertory Hymn:

No 472 (Gather) I Will Never Forget You, My People

Communion Antiphon:

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Communion Hymn:

No 28 (Gather) Do Not Be Afraid

Recessional:

No 422 (Gather) Glory Be to God in Heaven

Let us pray for:

Recently Deceased: John (Giddy Up) Campbell, Claire Givney, Fr Hassan sj, Fr Tom Lees sj, Val Campbell, Annetta Barone, Mia Soussa, Ann O'Brien, Sister Gemme Castello rsj, Dorothy Halpin, Julie Kelly, Max Redden.

Anniversaries: William (Bill) Harding, Constance Mary Musgrave, Charles John Grace, Pamela and Patrick Shaughnessy.

Recently ill: John McInerney, Brian Loughry, Alex Pemberton, Carlie Soussa, Davina Kohler, Carmel Walke, Helen, Margaret Shoditsch, Elisa Pier De Siun Young, John Myers, Jeannette McSwini, Rosemary Nugent, Scott Mitchell, Robert McCormack, Jean McInerney, Bernard McCauley.

Next Week's Readings: 9 March 2014

First Reading: Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7

Second Reading: Romans 5: 12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

Roster for Eucharistic Celebration

8-9 March 2014	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	G Losurdo	V Latkich	M Walsh
Reader	SVC Students	A Weeks	B Clulow
Ministers of the Eucharist	SVC Students	As available	R Barnes B Campbell T Hunt M Musgrave

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.

Sisterhood - National Catholic Women's Conference 2014.

Sisterhood a national Catholic Women's movement is holding their 2014 conference at Stanwell Tops, Sydney from **7 - 9 March 2014**. The aim of the conference is to empower women to return to their own parish, community and work place to make a difference. For more information ring **0420 541 772** or to register on-line and view a list of speakers. Please visit: www.sisterhood.org.au.

Fr Colin McKay Institute of Counselling offers an opportunity to develop skills in counselling, personal growth, and communication techniques studied within a Christian ethos. The course enhances personal skills across a wide variety of vocations including pastoral care, parenting, teaching, staff management, workplace negotiations and community care work by encouraging people to deal with their everyday challenges and concerns through a sense of personal empowerment. The 2-year course, established over 40 years, is held in the Library at Holy Cross College at Ryde during the school term each **Tuesday evening** from **7.30pm – 9.45pm** . Please contact **Carol Harding 0411 022 478** Mon-Fri. Your enrolment is invited now.

Lenten Retreat for Young Adults - Catholic Youth Services invites all young people between the ages of 18 and 35 to a silent retreat to be held at the newly constructed Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale from **21-23 March**. Conducted by the popular and engaging Fr David Callaghan from the Missionaries of God's Love, this will be an opportunity to step back from your busy life and reflect on what brings true peace and joy. There are limited places so for more information or to book, email events@catholicyouthservices.org.9764 4357. And don't forget to connect with *Catholic Youth Services* at www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices.

Have you or someone you know been hurt by abortion? Rachel's Vineyard Ministries offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555. There are healing retreats regularly in the Sydney area that offer women and men a spiritual way through grief and loss. Brochures in the church or see the website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

Parish Notices

Ash Wednesday: Lent begins this **Wednesday the 5th of March**. Masses will be at 7am and 6pm.



We invite you and your friends to come to the 125th Anniversary of the Opening of St Canice's with a special 1030 am Mass on 4th May 2014.

Quasiquintennial. On **6 May** the parish marks its 125 anniversary and this will be formally celebrated on **Sunday 4 May 2014** with a special Mass at 10:30am, followed by a social gathering. Please make a note of this important date. More detail will be provided closer to the event.

Disabled Parking: The parish has been in discussion with the City of Sydney regarding the possibility of having some of the nearby parking on Roslyn Street changed to disabled parking. It seems the best way to support an application is for as many parishioners as possible who have disabled parking permits to support our application. If you have a disabled parking permit and are willing to be part of a joint application please contact the office with your permit number and contact details. You can call the office on 9358 5229 or send the information via email to admin@stcanice.com.au

Lent options:

Sundays during Lent: 9.40am - 10.20am: Meditations on the Sunday readings in the Hall Annex. Coffee and biscuits provided.
Wednesdays 7pm Lenten program. This group is definitely going ahead again this year. The format is well proven and satisfies interests. The discussion is often lively and enjoyable. Please contact Bronwyn: Tel (02) 9326 1515.

Rooftop Garden Status Briefing: As you may have heard, the fund raising for the new garden on top of the kitchen and JRS building has been very successful and planning is underway. Rob Caslick will be providing an informal briefing to interested parishioners on **Sunday 9 March, from 9:40am to 10:20am** on the roof.

Retreat for Fathers: Saturday 15 March 2014: 8.45am-3pm. All fathers are warmly invited to attend a day of spiritual reflection on their roles as husbands and fathers. The retreat will be led by Bishop Terry Brady and will feature guest speaker Mr Robert Falzon (menALIVE). The day begins with Mass, includes a BBQ lunch, and confession and spiritual guidance will be available. **Location: Marymount Mercy Centre, 36 David Rd, Castle Hill: Cost: \$10.** All RSVPs and enquires: Tel: 9390 5290 OR email: LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org.

St Mary's Cathedral College Open Day: St Marys Cathedral College, St Mary's Road, Sydney would like to invite parents who are considering enrolment of their son(s) for 2015 to visit the College **Friday 21 March 2014: 9am-12.30pm**. A tour of the College will be available. No booking required.

“ The pieties, rituals and assumptions of much of what passed for Catholicism in an earlier era are not equal to the challenge that being Catholic entails today. For faith to flourish, Catholics need to explore even more deeply their hearts and minds to discover a God who can be believed in amid the ruins of the institution. ”

Wake up or wither?

REFLECTING ON THE CRISIS IN THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

You are invited to a talk by **Fr Michael Kelly SJ**, the plain speaking Jesuit, on the challenges facing the Catholic Church in Australia.

When | 7:30pm, Thursday 13th March | **Where** | St Canice Church, 28 Roslyn St, Elizabeth Bay

What | Opportunities for questions and discussion can be had with refreshments afterwards.

For the diary | Palm Sunday 13 April at 12pm: renown scripture scholar, **Fr Brendan Byrne SJ**, on the scriptures of Holy Week. Please bring a plate.

For more information on both speakers | stcanice.org.au