



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

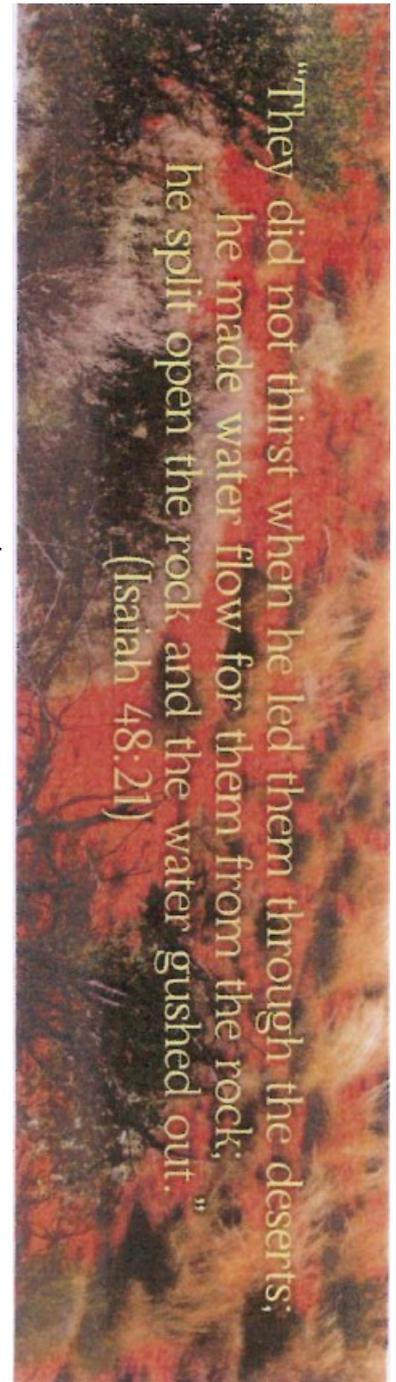
We Grow by Dying

It is a Lenten grace when we are able to hold within us, as Jesus did, the tension of the paradoxes of our lives. The greater the soul, the greater the shadow. Lent teaches us that we must befriend that shadow, even at great personal cost. Otherwise our soul disintegrates, loses connection. We carry no transforming resonance. We become inauthentic within ourselves, empty before others. Worst of all, we feel false before God.

In Lent we grow by dying. There is no other way. In this dying we recognise the false face we've grown used to, the daily lies we tell, the thoughts of deception that crowd our minds, the infidelities we do not commit only because we might get caught, the lovelessness of our lives parading as shallow compassion, our collusion with conformity, our fear of beauty and big dreams. Nowhere else, but in this awareness of our sins, can we ever be reached and saved. We die to self when we sweat blood to stay faithful, when we sacrifice the ego of our vanity for the essence of our truest being.

This is the dying that daily scrapes the self-renewing fat of pride from the ribs of our soul bringing a fearless, inner lightness and clarity. When the eye is unblocked, the Buddhists tell us, the vision is sure. This is the liberating dying that puts the truth in our eyes, the resonance in our voice, the power in our presence, the depth in our listening. Since we are now all connected up inside, our heart is no longer divided. Rinsed and cauterised, all that is unauthentic is zapped from our infected being. When the small gods go, God arrives. Heaven, in the end, is where we belong.

Daniel O'Leary



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 you 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.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." When the sons of Jesse came, Samuel looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." Jesse sent and brought David in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.

Response: Saturday 6pm: Sunday: 8:30am; 10.30am: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**
No 506 (Gather) The Lord is My Shepherd

Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then the man who was blind went and washed, and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him.

Offertory Hymn: No 407 (Gather) Praise to You, O Christ, Our Saviour

Communion Antiphon: **The Lord anointed my eyes, I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.**

Communion Hymn: No 429 (Gather) In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Recessional: *Leave in silence*

Let us pray for:

Recently Deceased: Joan Beverley O'Hagan, John McInerney, Shirley Temple-Black, 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: Wayne Laphorne, Richard Ellul, Eric Robinson, Siena Mainali, Jeremy Proctor, 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: 6 April 2014

First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 12-14
 Second Reading: Romans 8: 8-11
 Gospel: John 11: 1-45

Roster for Eucharistic Celebration

5-6 April 2014	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	W Fothergill	N Rowe	I Jarosiewicz
Reader	SCV Students	A Weeks	J Crone
Ministers of the Eucharist	SVC Students	As available	S Buckingham B Campbell T Hunt M Musgrave

Easter Encounter 17 to 19 April, 2014 – 'The Joy of the Cross'. Come and experience the life, death and resurrection of Jesus through talks (based on scripture), reflections, personal prayer, live Stations of the Cross, music and more. Cost \$100. Please contact Verbum Dei Missionaries (02) 9313 7099 or email verbumdeisydney@gmail.com if you are interested.

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.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset - your Marriage! Weekend date: **13 – 15 June** at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au or see www.wwme.org.au.

You are invited to a morning of quiet reflection at the **Grail Centre, 22 McHatton St, North Sydney**, on **Tuesday 8 April** from **10am to 12 noon**. We will be reflecting on some writings of Julian of Norwich, which is one in a series of reflections on the writings of women mystics. There will be time for silent meditation and the opportunity to share thoughts in a group. We ask for a small donation to cover costs. All welcome, men and women. For more information or to register your interest, please contact ruthcrowe@ozemail.com.au, or Tricia Gemmell (pgemmell@tpg.com.au) or ring the Grail Centre (9955 3053).

Have you or someone you know been hurt by abortion? Rachel's Vineyard Ministries offers a confidential voicemail telephone 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 are available in the church or see the website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au.

One day retreat: 5 April 2014 : Mt Carmel Retreat Centre: The Prodigal Son. Fr Paul Maunder OCD. A presentation of sin, shame and divine mercy in the Gospel of Luke. **Mt Carmel Retreat Centre**, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville:

Parish Notices



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.

Lenten options: Sundays mornings during Lent: 9.40am - 10.20am: Meditations on the Sunday readings in the Hall Annex. Every Sunday during Lent. Coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Wednesdays 7pm Lenten program. **Every Wednesday evening during Lent in the Church.** Excellent reading and reflection material will be available. Please contact Bronwyn: Telephone: (02) 9326 1515.

St Canice's Rooftop Garden. In a few months we will commence the building of our rooftop garden. This is a parish initiative that has support of the City of Sydney and the Royal Botanic Gardens. The garden aims to create a space of meaningful activities for asylum seekers and the less fortunate amongst our community. We are all excited about its potential. If you would like to become a volunteer or learn more about the project please register your interest here: email refugeegarden@gmail.com.

Spirituality in the Pub: Wednesday 2nd April 2014, 7:30pm - 9pm at the Paddington RSL Club 220-232 Oxford St, Paddington, opposite the Paddington Town Hall. *Topic: "Educating for freedom"*. Speakers: Miriam Meaney, Assistant Principal, Holy Innocents' Primary School, Croydon & Luke Winters, who is involved with the School of St Jude in Tanzania. Donation entry. Info Marea: Tel: 0414 873 910. **Please note new venue!!**

Father Ted Tyler: Pilgrimage to the saints and martyrs of England, Wales and Scotland. A wonderful two-week pilgrimage to England, Wales and Scotland is available for the end of this coming September (2014). It will be led by Father Ted Tyler (freityler@live.com), Parish Priest of Upper Blue Mountains. The theme of it will be the heroic martyrs and saints before, during and since the Reformation. For instance, we shall visit Tyburn and the sites of the martyrdoms of Saint Thomas More, St John Fisher, as well as Canterbury with St Thomas a Becket, York with St Margaret Clitherow (the "pearl of York"), Blessed John Henry Newman at Oxford and Birmingham, the Lancaster martyrs, the home of Father John Lingard (historian and author of "Hail Queen of Heaven"), and other places famed for their place in English Catholic history such as Downside Abbey and Arundel church and castle. It will be a great and inspiring holiday. If you would like to learn more, email Father Ted at freityler@live.com

Afternoon for couples hoping to conceive: Married couples (Catholic or otherwise) who are hoping for children, struggling to conceive, or who wish to better understand what the Church offers and promotes in regards fertility awareness and assistance are invited to an afternoon of information and discussion. It is also an important opportunity for fellowship with other couples facing similar difficulties. WHEN: Saturday 12 April 2:00pm-5:00pm. WHERE: Catholic Adult Education Centre, 3 Keating Street Lidcombe. Please direct RSVPs and inquiries to LMEvents@sydneycatholic.org or phone (02) 9390 5290.

Catholicism 101 - Young Adults are invited to the next *Catholicism 101* in the evening of **Tuesday 1 April**; a new monthly casual catechesis held at St Mary's Cathedral following the weekly Holy Hour for young adults. Each month Catholicism 101 looks at a foundational aspect of the faith. The theme of the next talk is 'Heaven, Hell and God's Love' given by the dynamic and popular youth speaker Fr Richard Healey from the Diocese of Wollongong. Please visit www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices

Discover Weekend for Young Women. Inviting Young Women aged 18-35 to **DISCOVER** Retreat - a self-knowledge weekend on identity, personality, dignity, womanhood, personal ideal, vocation and mission. From **2-4 May 2014** at Mount Schoenstatt Retreat Centre. Registration essential. For further information or to register contact Sr M Julie Bracar juliebracar@gmail.com.

For the diary: Palm Sunday - 13 April - 12 noon in the Hall Annex. Renown scripture scholar, **Fr Brendan Byrne sj**, will speak on 'The Passion of Jesus between Palm Sunday and Good Friday'. (Please bring a plate).

Brendan Byrne sj has taught New Testament for over three decades at Jesuit Theological College, Parkville, Victoria, where he is also Rector of the formation community. While the chief focus of his academic research has been upon the Letters of Paul, especially Romans, he has published works for wider audiences on the four Gospels, including *The Hospitality of God* (on Luke), and more recently, *Life of Abounding* (on the Gospel of John).

He is a *Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities* and to date the only Australian biblical scholar to have served on the Pontifical Biblical Commission (*Rome*). Besides academic teaching and writing, he regularly gives workshops to clergy, teachers and parish communities across Australia.

