



## Catholic Parish of St. Canice

We acknowledge the Gadigal people, the traditional custodians on whose land this  
20 July 2014

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Feeling the Mystical Love of Christ

Have you experienced personally the mystical love of Christ?

I squirmed when asked this question in early 2012. The truth was, though my God *is* personal, I hadn't felt the intensity of love that St Ignatius and others speak of. Like most Australians, I'm not so comfortable talking about Jesus' personal love for me! So the question made me pause. But I remembered the question.

18 months later, I joined an Advent retreat in daily life praying St Ignatius' First Spiritual Exercises (ed. Michael Hansen SJ). These were Ignatius' first exercises for people coming to prayer. For me they were an extraordinary, intimate, unexpected and gentle unfolding over the weeks of Advent. I was invited to a commitment to daily prayer and reflection on a given passage, noting my journey, and sharing with a small group and guide once a week. What came was so unexpected! Freshness, wonder and a tender experience that made the life around me take on so much colour.

This was nothing like the direct, confronting question I'd been asked 18 months earlier. But there was this quiet, gentle budding of answer, and the shy sharing of it in growing trust with my small group of companions. And for me this small taste was enough to sense what I, we, are invited to. And to make me long for more.

*Chris Gratton*



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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

**Entrance Antiphon:**

**See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

**Entrance Hymn:** No 323 (Gather ) Where There is Charity and Love

**Opening Prayer:**

**Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be watchful in keeping your commands.**

**First Reading: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19**

There is no god besides you, Lord, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly. For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

**Responsorial Psalm: 6:00pm Saturday, 8.30am: & 10.30am Sunday**

**Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

**Second Reading: Romans 8: 26-27**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-33**

Jesus put before the crowds a parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. "So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

**Offertory Hymn:**

No 199 (Gather) Bread of Life, Hope for the World

**Communion Antiphon:**

**The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.**

**Communion Hymn:**

No 442 (Gather) In Faith and Hope and Love

**Recessional Hymn:**

No 425 (Gather) Now Thank We All Our God

**Let us pray for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Tom Daly *sj*, John Madigan, Joan O'Grady, Winifred Hinds, Jeremy Proctor, Jean Spencer, Michael Lordan, Scott Mitchell, Jane Rowlands, Rosario Borja, Frans Van Der Lugt *sj*, Joan Beverley O'Hagan, John McInerney, Val Campbell, Annetta Barone.

**Anniversaries:** Keith Fear, Peter Steele *sj*, Leslie Patrick Musgrave, Michael Brennan, Sr. Mary Brennan *rscj*, Jean and Ted Sykes, Angelina Geracitano.

**Recently ill:** Lee Tillam, Paul Taylor, Desmond Whelan, Geraldine Kavanagh-Ohlsson, Cythnia Daniel, Robert Barnes, Tony Musgrave, Wayne Laphorne, Richard Ellul, Eric Robinson, Siena Mainali, Brian Loughry, Alex Pemberton, Carlie Soussa, Davina Kohler, Colin Walke, Helen, Margaret Shoditsch, Elisa Pier De Siun Young, John Myers, Jeannette McSwini, Rosemary Nugent, Robert McCormack, Jean McInerney, Bernard McCauley.

**Next Week's Readings: 27 July 2014**

First Reading: Kings 3: 5-12  
 Second Reading: Romans 8: 28-30  
 Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52

**Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations**

26-27 July 2014	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
<b>Greeters</b>	M Topui	H Campbell	S Barnes
<b>Readers</b>	S Wittenoom	A Hurst	T Hunt
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	S V C students	As available	B Campbell C Coggins K Walsh M Walsh

**Thelma Harpley** was one of the first group of volunteers to cook in Canice's Kitchen. Thelma and her group were involved with the Mother Teresa Nuns who also worked in the kitchen at that time; she worked in the kitchen for approximately 15 years. Her daughter rang and advised that Thelma had passed away last week. Thelma will be sadly missed and we at St Canice's offer our deepest sympathy to her family.

**St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal Thanks**

Greetings friends and supporters of Vinnies. St Canice's Conference thanks for your great generosity during our recent Winter Appeal in the Parish. It was indeed the most generous response in recent times, and a great credit to our Parish Community. The funds received will go to very good use in assisting many local people in need.

[A note also about our Gorman House BBQ activities:](#) Vinnies have arranged a regular fortnightly place on the roster, starting Sunday 6/7/14 from 11.45am at Gorman House, St Vincent's Hospital. If you are interested in participating in this or future BBQs, please contact Mick on 0414853650, or email: [melvillest@hotmail.com](mailto:melvillest@hotmail.com). Thanks again for all of your support.

**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 dates: 12 – 14 September (7 – 9 November) at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW.** Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au). [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au). [www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit](http://www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit)

**Catholic Digital Media Conference:** Facebook. Twitter. Instagram. YouTube. They're not just places to watch funny videos of kids and animals. The Internet is also a place to discuss and share our faith and even a place to evangelise. Catholic Digital Media Conference (CDMC) Sydney will offer insights into how we can use new and emerging technologies to share the message of the Gospel, with useful tips from some of the leading practitioners in Australasia and from internationally renowned podcasters, bloggers and authors Greg and Jennifer Willits. CDMC Sydney runs on the after-

## Parish Notices

### ST IGNATIUS' FEAST DAY – SUNDAY 3 AUGUST 2014 - SPECIAL MASS AT 10.30am

On Sunday 3 August, we will celebrate the Feast Day of St Ignatius with a special Mass at 10.30 am here at St Canice's. Please note the date in your calendars.



**Hospitality Group:** With the feast day celebration on Sunday 3 August 2014 we will be having a special morning tea out the front of the church and would ask anyone attending if they are able to help by bringing a plate to add to the festivities, basically finger food, sandwiches or small cakes. Please contact Eimer Boyle by email: [eimerb67@gmail.com](mailto:eimerb67@gmail.com) or Elizabeth at the parish office on Tel: 9358 5229 or [elizabeth@stcanice.com.au](mailto:elizabeth@stcanice.com.au).

**Ignatian Spirituality:** During the month of July, in the lead-up to this important Feast, we offer a selection of articles, blog posts, and videos to help you explore the riches of Ignatian Spirituality:

- (i) See more at: <http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/31-days-with-saint-ignatius/#sthash.r26HffCj.dpuf>
- (ii) Get daily reminders starting 01 July 2014, by [subscribing to the dotMagis blog](#).

### Our Sister Parish in Railaco, East Timor

This month, we celebrate St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order. Could there be a better way to honour this saint than to continue with our support for the children in Railaco who rely on our generosity to fund a Feeding Program, a Secondary School and a Mobile Medical Clinic? St. Ignatius valued caring for the poor, we value it, and most importantly, God values it. Providing food to combat malnutrition in children is where our program started ten years ago, but providing medical care and an education to these poor children was not far behind. Our parish commitment to fund these services on an ongoing basis is \$60,000 annually. This year, with so many other calls on your purse, our contributions to our sister parish in East Timor have fallen way behind. Any financial assistance that you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Watch this video to understand better the genesis of the relationship between St Canice's and Railaco Jesuit Mission. [Click here](#) – or view on front page of [www.stcanice.org.au](http://www.stcanice.org.au)

**Jesuit Mission:** The Indian Bazaar will be held at [Riverview College Saturday 13 September 2014](#) and the Indian Elephant Stall is collecting quality items such as silver plated items, china, jewellery, manchester, handbags, table decorations etc to sell at the bazaar. Small lots are fine. Please contact Jesuit Mission on (02) 9955 8585 or Joan on (02) 9955 3641. Alternatively, items can be left at the Parish Office, marked for Jesuit Mission, open Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm.

You are invited to a **morning of quiet reflection at the Grail Centre**, 22 McHatton St, North Sydney, **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July** from **10am to 12 noon**. We will be reflecting on some writings of Therese of Lisieux, who was made a Doctor of the Church by John Paul II in 1997. 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. For more information or to register your interest, please contact Tricia Gemmell ([pgemmell@tpg.com.au](mailto:pgemmell@tpg.com.au)) or [ruthcrowe@ozemail.com.au](mailto:ruthcrowe@ozemail.com.au) or The Grail Centre (Tel 9955 3053).

**Save the Date! Faith in the Arts** - *an evening conversation series on the visual and literary arts and how they illuminate our faith.* **7.30pm - 9pm Mondays 4, 11, 18 August 2014.** Ron Dyer Centre, 42 Ridge Street, North Sydney. We are delighted to announce our three guest presenters: **Michael Christie:** sculptor and teacher at the Tom Bass Sculpture Studio School, Erskineville; **Jenny Gribble:** Honorary Associate Professor of English at the University of Sydney and **Fr Andrew Bullen SJ:** poet and parish administrator of Our Lady of the Way. Parish contact Frances Tilly at: [francest@sjparishnsw.org.au](mailto:francest@sjparishnsw.org.au). Tel: (02) 8918 4104.