



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

First Sunday of Advent

Advent

"No one who waits for you is ever put to shame."

Entrance Antiphon, first Sunday of Advent

Advent means "The Coming". We remember God's historic coming in Jesus; we also pray to stay awake and on guard for his second Coming at the end of time. In the very early Church, this second Coming was thought imminent and most likely to happen on a Sunday at dawn, when Jesus rose from the dead. Consequently, Sunday liturgies began with an all night vigil on Saturday evening, so that the congregation would be awake and ready for the final Coming on Sunday. As we have now been waiting more than 2,000 years, the second Coming has lost something of its urgency. We are now in the gap between the first and the final Coming.

Time in itself, I learned in philosophy, does not exist. What, then, is eternity? We think of it as time stretching forwards and backwards without limit, a very boring prospect: but eternity does not stretch in that way.

Eternity is the now, the present moment; eternity, like God, is an eternal NOW. What an astonishing difference it makes to our lives when we think of eternity as an eternal NOW, and creation as a sacrament of the present moment.

The God who holds us now in being every second of our lives is the God who manifested Godself to us in Jesus 2,000 plus years ago. We are not living in an in between time between two Comings: we are living in the same NOW as we remember 2,000 years ago, and the second Coming will be in the same NOW. God is as near to us at this moment as God was present to Mary, 2,000 years ago. If this leaves your head spinning, let it spin; just hear God calling you by name and telling you "I am with you always, even till the end of time."

During Advent, it is good to keep reminding ourselves "God is come". If that jars grammatically, try "God has come and is now here, wherever and however I happen to be". "The Spirit, who lived in Jesus and raised him from the dead, now lives in me." Just keep listening to the phrase being spoken to you. Don't argue with it. Tell God your felt reactions; God who, in St Augustine's words, "is nearer to me than I am to myself".

In this way you are allowing yourself to meet God in God's continuous Coming and letting God be your teacher: "He who is your teacher will hide no longer, and you will see your teacher with your own eyes. Whether you turn to right or to left you will hear this voice behind you saying "This is the way, follow it" (Isaiah 30:21). And God is come not only to me, but is present in every single human being. The way we relate to one another is the way we meet God in his Coming.

Gerry W. Hughes SJ is the author of God of Surprises and God in All Things.



Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Entrance Hymn:

No 285 (Gather) O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Opening Prayer

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

First Reading: Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 1, 3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours is like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Offertory Hymn:

No 282 (Gather) Wake, O Wake, and Sleep No Longer

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Communion Hymn:

No 325 (Gather) Stay with Me

Recessional Hymn:

No 534 (Gather) All the Earth Proclaim the Lord

Let us pray for:

Recently Deceased: Michael Deloughery, Johann Schoditsch, Tom Claffey, Janet O'Connor, Terry Millington, Paul Lynch, Marjorie Douglas, Bill Pincuis, Fr Laurie Christie, Lawrie Kennedy, Bobby Gordon, Harry Burke, Tim McEniery, Edith Meth, Robert Barnes, Peter Ferguson, Richard Heekis, Simon Bleasel, Winston Lindsay.

Anniversaries: Ken East, Mario Juka, Thomas Eugene Hemera, Mary Fear, Fr. Donal Taylor sj, John McAuliffe, Brian Cassidy, Arthur Kavanagh, Fortunato Edmond Mallia, Vic Zaknich and Mara Separovich. Helen McCarthy, Irene Harding, Jadvyga Venclovas, Antanas Svedas, Bridget Ohlsson, Angela Viola.

Recently ill: Jack Wilson, Louise Restuccia Richy Howard, Tim McCarthy, John Giblin, Dennis O'Brien, Jack Wilson, Rosa Maria, Cath Raper, Dorothy Harding, Elizabeth Lynch, Jill Rolfe, Zoe Dudley, Lee Tillam, Paul Taylor, Desmond Whelan, Geraldine Kavanagh-Ohlsson, Cythnia Daniel, Tony Musgrave, Wayne Laphome, 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: 07 December 2014

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11
 Second Reading: Peter 3:8-14
 Gospel: Mark: 1:1-8

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations

6-7 Dec 2014	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	W. Fothergill	V. Latkich	M. Walsh
Readers	A. Ritchie	A. Weeks	B. Clulow
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	B. Campbell C. Coggins T. Hunt K. Walsh

Confirmation 2014: Patrick Fernie, Aidan Colla, and Jonathon Shie-Dick received the Sacrament of Confirmation, emphasising their public commitment to following Jesus, at St Canice's on Sunday 23rd November. In confirming the boys, Fr Chris Jenkins SJ welcomed them into an adult community of faith. Each of the young men showed maturity in their choice of Confirmation names. Patrick chose St Edmund Campion, an English Jesuit priest and martyr; Aidan liked St Michael the Archangel; protector and the leader of the army of God against the forces of evil; and Jonathon admired St Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish Franciscan friar, who volunteered to die in place of a stranger in the Nazi German death camp of Auschwitz.

We thank *Helen McPake* who has prepared the boys for this special day. More details and photos can be found on the Parish webpage:

<http://www.stcanice.org.au/wordpress/?p=2800>



Parish Notices

St Canice's St Vincent de Paul Conference News: If you are interested in being involved in this valuable work, please contact Mick McIntyre on 0414853650 for more details. [Vinnies Christmas cards](#) are available at the church shop after Mass. Please watch out for our future bulletin notices regarding [collections of goods after Masses](#) for Christmas hampers to be distributed throughout the Kings Cross area over Christmas because this year we are approaching this collection differently, and more comprehensively, than in recent times. More of that in the weeks to come. *Stay tuned!*

The Gorman House BBQ will be on December 7th at St. Vincent's Hospital at 11.45am. If interested please contact Michael McIntyre on 0414 853 650.

Advent Retreat Saturday 06 December, 2014: Come and begin preparing your heart to receive Jesus in this one day [Semi Silent Advent Retreat](#). The day will be guided with talks and will have plenty of time for personal reflection. Cost \$40 (includes lunch). Please contact Verbum Dei Missionaries (02) 9313 7099 or email verbumdeisydney@gmail.com if you are interested.

Parish Calendar - 2014

Advent meditations

From Sunday 30 November:

9.40am -10.20am.

Contact : carolinecoggins@exemail.com.au

Second Rite of Reconciliation

Tuesday 23 December 2014 - 7pm

Traditional Blessing of the Outdoor Nativity Scene at St Mary's Cathedral - Sunday, 30 November.

The magnificent 12 piece life-size Nativity Scene in the Cathedral forecourt will be blessed by Archbishop Anthony Fisher following the 10.30am Mass. Everyone is invited to come, reflect and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas – the gift of God's Son.

St Mary's Cathedral – Lights of Christmas 2014. The unique and spectacular Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral will this year be launched on Tuesday, 09 December and run through to and including Christmas Day night. Each night there will be music entertainment before the projections begin at 8.30pm and go to midnight. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney the presenting partner this year is PAYCE and the theme is service – giving what we can to our family, friends and the community. Bring your family and friends to Cathedral Square for a free stunning display of laser lights and the true meaning of Christmas.

Introducing St Canice's Rooftop Garden Founder - Rob Caslick

I set up the Inside Out Organic Soup Kitchen (IOOSK) at St Canice's four and a half years ago. The idea was to serve wholesome organic food to those who need it most on a Wednesday night. We believe that food is more than food. That food grown with respect and served with love is a great way to show worth to a person who doesn't believe they are worthy.

Our humble harvest of four zucchinis last week was a big moment for us. We're producing food, and that little part about 'food grown with respect' became a little brighter. I hope our garden inspires others to grow your own and pay greater respect to what's on your plate.

Yes, it was my dream to build the garden on the roof, but it would still be a dream without the amazing support we have had from all of our sponsors and supporters. In particular the team at PEPO BOTANIC DESIGN who have been working with me over the last 2 years to make this happen.

This week we had our first Volunteer Induction Briefing and launched the first issue of the Garden Guide Book. We now have a core group of 30 people who are ready to look after the garden and bring our programs to life. Next year is going to be big. We are in the process of setting up a Horticultural Therapy program with the St Vincent's hospital mental health team and our programs with the people seeking asylum will commence.

I look forward to sharing the journey with you.

Email me at robcaslick@gmail.com if you'd like to know more.

