



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

The Ascension of the Lord

The Ascension

The Feast of the Ascension is observed forty days after Easter, ending the Easter season and celebrating the culmination of Christ's supreme act of salvation. Sister Marie-Paul wrote this icon at her monastery very close to the traditional site of the Ascension. Her work conforms to ancient Byzantine tradition in its pattern and colour choice, a design handed down for more than a thousand years.

The mountains, the olive trees, and the cracked terrain recall the Mount of Olives, a hill east of Jerusalem overlooking the city. The gold leaf background is symbolic of Divine light. Jesus is shown in kingly robes, seated on a rainbow. He is surrounded by a *mandorla*, symbolic of the high heavens, supported by angels. The two lower angels in white are heavenly messengers as described in Acts, and their white robes in this composition provide a sharp visual contrast that sets Mary apart. The Bible doesn't explicitly place her at the Ascension, but ancient tradition includes her in the scene because she is specifically mentioned in Acts 1: 14 as participating in prayer with the Apostles.

She, together with the Apostles, represent the "People of God," Christ's church on Earth. Further reinforcing this symbolism is the presence of St. Paul on Mary's left, who could not have been historically present like St. Peter on her right, but was a central participant in the shaping of the early church. Because of Mary's role as Theotokos or "God-bearer," the link between the divinity of Church and His humanity, she represents here the formal church, linking God and His people.



Entrance Antiphon:

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Entrance Hymn: No 392 (Gather) Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Opening Prayer

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope.

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

In the first book, Theophilus I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now". So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven".

Response: No 39 (Gather)

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-13

I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people". When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20

Jesus appeared to the eleven, and he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover". So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

Offertory Hymn: No 202 (Gather) Our Supper Invitation

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of age, alleluia.

Communion: No 204 (Gather) I Am the Bread of Life

Recessional: No 409 (Gather) Praise the Lord You Heavens Adore Him

Let us pray for:

Recently Deceased: Fr Geoff King sj, Gloria Lim Jalando-on, Brian (Bud) Loughry, John Toohey, Ernest Tucker, Marie Curtin, Fr Brendan Sheil, Denise Rufus, Mary Spies, Veronica Zeising, Kate Messer, Cynthia (nee Hyson) Jones, James Rothery, Joy Evans, Mick Comensoli, Nancy Melik, Noelene Mitchell, Frank Smart, Eliot Perez Rull.

Anniversaries: Ross Jones, Gertrude Brennan, Helen McCarthy, Rosario Borja, William (Bill) Harding, Ana Julia Potes, William Carter and Maria Svedas Alfredo Panetta and Angela Viola Panetta, Pamela Shaughessy, Dan O'Brien, Tristan Antico and Stephen Antico, Muriel Hardwick, Ken East, Mario Juka, Thomas Eugene Hemera.

Recently ill: Joseph Spiegel, Joan Rothery, Denis Rowe, Ambra Davies, June Mathews, Yolanda Byron, John Dah Dah, Margaret Walsh, Francis Montenegro, Jason Thomas, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Barbara Coyne, John Hunter-Murray, Jayne Bernstam, Richy Howard, Dennis O'Brien, Jack Wilson, Rosa Maria, Cath Raper, Dorothy Harding, Elizabeth Lynch, Jill Rolfe, Lee Tillam, Paul Taylor, Desmond Whelan, Geraldine Kavanagh-Ohlsson, Cythnia Daniel, Tony Musgrave, Wayne Laphorne, Richard Ellul, Eric Robinson, Siena Mainali, 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: 24 May 2015

First Reading: Apostles 2: 1-11
 Second Reading: Galatians 5: 16-25
 Gospel: John 15: 26-27, 16: 12-15

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations

23-24 May	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	M Topui	M Campbell	S Barnes
Readers	B McSoriley	A Hurst	C Sexton
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	B Clulow M Musgrave Two others as available

First Holy Communion - Sunday 28 June 2015

Canice's Parish will be offering the sacrament of Holy Communion to children within our local community. Prior to receiving this important sacrament, your child will be required to participate in some preparation training on Saturday mornings. Our parish warmly welcomes you and your family to be part of this special occasion. If you are interested in your child receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion, [please contact Elizabeth at the Parish Office on 9358 5229.](#)

MARY MACKILLOP PLACE OPEN DAY 24/5/2015; 7-11 Mount Street, North Sydney: 10am - 4pm. **You are invited to our 20TH BIRTHDAY! CELEBRATE.** Visit this significant heritage site in the heart of North Sydney. Visit Mary's tomb in the MacKillop Memorial Chapel built in her honour. Enjoy free entry to the Museum which displays the Sisters of St Joseph Collection. Visit the exhibition celebrating 20 years of the Museum, 'Treasures Under the Southern Cross: Celebrating 20 years of Shared Stories'. **BE INVOLVED.** Take part in the Guest Speakers Hour and join in the conversation on a hot topic related to the exhibition. Catch a short talk in Alma Cottage on Mary's life in North Sydney. Take a Museum Highlights Guided Tour. **RELAX AND FEAST.** Be entertained in the grounds by roaming musicians. Enjoy a sausage sizzle or light refreshments, tea and coffee in the Café Shop at the Peruvian stall for special hand-crafted pieces. Find a memento from the Gift Shop – a selection of highly desirable items to tempt you! **KIDS SPACE.** Play with the giant Lego game. Create a masterpiece in the arts area.



Parish Notices

We regret to advise that on **Wednesday the 20th May** there will be no 7am Mass as a priest will not be available. Both Frs. Chris and Phil will be in Melbourne. Everything will be back to normal on Thursday.

Heads up and diary dates

- May 19th:** A small number of parishioners will go to Melbourne for a meeting of all Jesuit parishes in Australia
June 7th: Thank you and farewell lunch for Phil and Christine
July 23rd: The roof top garden will host another event – Refugee Food Memories
August: A parish community consultation and planning day will be held in August. Date and details yet to be set.
Sept 12th: Riverview Indian Bazaar
October 11th: Feast of St Canice and Parish BBQ.
October 16/17th: Retreat day for Parish Pastoral Council.
A faith formation talk is also being planned. The date is yet to be set. Stay tuned!

Caritas Nepal Earthquake Appeal

Given the urgency of rising funds for this Appeal, it will not be possible to print and circulate envelopes. If you are interested and wish to contribute and require a Tax deductible receipt either: (i) please give online to Caritas at <http://www.caritas.org.au> : or (ii) telephone Caritas toll free on 1800 024 413 to record your donation. *If there was ever a desperate situation in need of help, it's Nepal now!*

'Walking the Camino' - Saturday 30 May, 2.00pm: Tenison Room, Mary MacKillop Place, 80 Williams Street, North Sydney. An 80 minute audio-visual presentation by Peter Kearney about a 700km walk through northern Spain along an ancient pilgrimage path to Santiago de Compostela. Photos, music and live commentary by Peter who has walked the Camino. Suggested donation \$10 / \$8 concession per person at door. Limited seating. Specify event location, session time and number of seats needed. Registration essential via email to Peter: camino@peterkearneysongs.com.au



WYD 2016 Launch and Young Adult Welcome to Archbishop Anthony Fischer OP - Rescheduled to 19 May 2015.

All young adults are invited to Sydney's launch of World Youth Day 2016. This will also be the first time that our new Archbishop will be present at an official Archdiocesan event for young adults so it is a great opportunity to meet and welcome him. It will be a huge night of celebration with Polish food, Polish dancing, information stalls, a catechesis from the Archbishop and even a spot of fine Polish vodka! Come and hear about the exciting pilgrimages that Sydney will be taking in 2016 to the City of Mercy. The evening will be held at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall on Tuesday 19 May from 7.30pm. The Archbishop will also be presiding at City Silence (the weekly young adult holy hour) in the Cathedral from 6.30pm. For more information see the event at www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices or email: wyd@catholicyouthservices.org.

BEST WISHES AND THANKS TO SISTER RITA FOR THE TEN YEARS WE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER IN OUR SISTER PARISH IN RAILACO - EAST TIMOR:

For the past ten years, we at St Canice's have been blessed to have Sister Rita working with the Jesuits in our sister parish in Railaco, East Timor, and in particular for her expertise and dedication in building the Secondary School that is now an important Jesuit-run activity. Rita has also been very much involved in the Children's Feeding Program that generous parishioners of St Canice's has also supported over the years.

After a break Rita will be taking up a new ministry in a Community with three other Good Sam Sisters. They will be living in Western Sydney and concentrating on helping Asylum Seekers and Refugees.

We at St Canice's thank her, and wish her well.

Read Sister Rita's most interesting 'reflection' of her years in East Timor, as humorous as it is emotional, and loving of the people she has lived with and served.

Click on this link, or go to the parish webpage:

<http://www.stcanice.org.au/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Sister-Rita's-Last-Letter-from-Railaco-April-2015.pdf>

