



Catholic Parish of St. Canice

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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

Shaking off the Dust

This Sunday marks the change in the Church's seasons. Advent time leads quickly into Christmas.

Seasonal changes are also changes of the spirit. In the tropics the hot season builds up and drags on. The vegetation droops and the roads get dusty. The air is breathless and full of headache. The earth and its people hang out for the monsoon rains.

When the rain comes grasses and flowers spring up, birds gather and fish breed in the streams, and children play in the mud. The earth is born again.

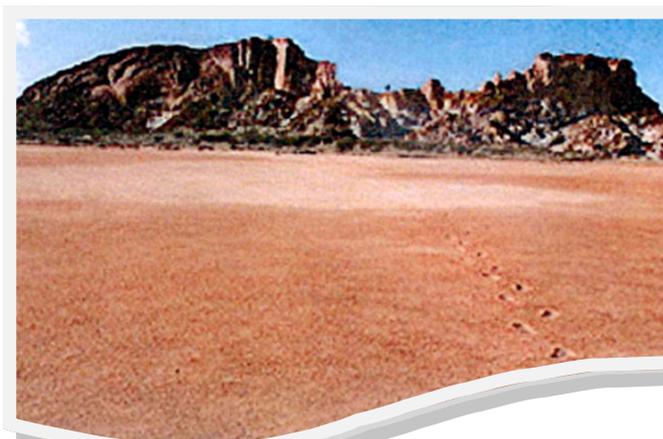
In Australia, Advent and Christmas end the secular year, a mix of manic business, tiredness and celebration. In monasteries Advent is a reflective and quiet time, offering the monks space to wait for the coming of Christ in the liturgy of Christmas.

For most of us Advent is more like the end of the northern dry season, a time of waiting for rain. As the year draws to end, our lives can feel dusty, travel stained, hot with the paraphernalia of Christmas and the rounding off of the year, littered with the dead wood of past efforts and conflicts messily resolved. Much of what we hoped to have done and dusted can remain unfinished business.

In such a world Advent is not a mellow time. But it does invite us to notice the dust, the wear and tear of the year's travel, the messiness of our human lives and of our dealings, and the desperation with which we hang out for the breaking of drought and greenness. It is a time for hoping that a compassionate God will come into our lives and will make something of our desert places. Advent is a time to be real and to hope for the coming of Christ.

In our ministries, too, Advent is a time to notice the cracking soil and the dried stalks, the erosion of our large hopes and the disappointing yield of the year. It is a time to wait for the awakening to hope in the God who at Christmas came to share our lives on the trampled earth of a dried out, summer paddock.

Fr Brian McCoy
Provincial



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 righteousness deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Response: No 26 (Gather)

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 12—4: 2

Beloved: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Finally, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that, as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God, as, in fact, you are doing, you should do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Jesus spoke to the disciples about his return to glory. "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Offertory Hymn

No 303 (Gather) Grant to Us O Lord

Communion Antiphon

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

Communion

No 432 (Gather) O Breathe On Me

Recessional

No 414 (Gather) Sing A New Song

Let us pray for:

Recently Deceased: Rosemary Nugent, Michael McPake, Vasile Cotutiu, Kathleen Adams, Martin McNamara, Francis Montenegro, Myles Grindal, Michael Schramm, John Hunter-Murray, Barry Kennedy, Tilisa Leveni, Denis Rowe, Campbell Graham, Patrick Sullivan, Eileen Byrne, Beryl Hillery, Dennis O'Brien, Winsome Mitchell, Pat Austin, Elizabeth Carey, Fr Joe O'Mara sj, Manlio Pancino, Colleen King, Kim Crawford, Paul Rowe, Margaret Perryman, Father Gregory Jordan sj, Sheila McShane, Garry Weir, George Sterling Dixon, Kathleen Raper, Jason Thomas.

Anniversaries: David Miron, Jean & Ted Sykes, Esther & Allan Higgins, Max Higgins, Mary Fear, Pamela & Pat Shaugnessy, John & Jane Kelly and John & Jean Sykes, Carlos Henrique, Thomas Eugene Hemera, Dan O'Brien, Fr Donal Taylor sj.

Recently ill: Mark Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Lynch, David Miron, Sarah Kerr McPake, Diana Reid, Judy Hughes, Kerin Star, Dorothy Harding, Bruce Field, Barbara Surbey, Pat Bracher, Giuseppina Soliman, Joseph Spiegel, Ambra Davies, Barbara Coyne, Jayne Bernstam, Richy Howard, Jack Wilson, Elizabeth Lynch, Jill Rolfe, Lee Tillam, Paul Taylor, Desmond Whelan, Alex Pemberton, Carlie Soussa, Davina Kohler, Margaret Shoditsch, Elisa Pier De Siun Young, John Myers, Jeannette McSwini, Jean McInerney, Bernard McCauley.

Next Week's Readings: 6 December 2015

First Reading: Baruch 5: 1-9
 Second Reading: Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11
 Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations

5-6 December 2015	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	W Fothergill	N Rowe	C Coggins
Readers	B McSoriley	P Kevin	M Musgrave
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	B Campbell B Clulow C Coggins T Hunt

St Canice's Vinnies Conference News

St Canice's Vinnies is again running the Gorman House BBQ for people in recovery from substance addiction and we welcome you to attend. It is at **11.45am until 1.30pm** at St Vincent's Hospital. As always, we hold the BBQ on the first Sunday of every month. We are also regularly visiting those in need in the local boarding houses and hotels. We visit in pairs and give food vouchers, arrange furniture, white goods and clothing if necessary, and lend a sympathetic and non-judgemental ear! We generally have two to three visits a week, recently mostly to single isolated women.

If you are interested in being involved in any of these activities, please contact the Conference Secretary, [Mick McIntyre on 0414853650](#). And don't forget to visit the parish garage sale! Maria is now there on Sundays after Mass. God bless and thanks so much for your ongoing support. [St Canice's Vinnies Conference](#)

Heads up and diary dates 2015:

13th December: Confirmation
13th December at 4.30pm: Carols Concert with Greg McCreanor and friends
18th December at 7.30pm : Christmas Concert with Ron Hansen Choir
19th December at 5.00pm: The Messiah - with Pascal Herington: Sydney Town Hall
20th December at 2.15pm: " " " " " : Sydney Town Hall
22nd December at 7.00pm: 2nd Rite of Reconciliation.

Advent Reflections begin this Sunday 29 November 2015 at 9:30am in the Annexe . Please join us!

Confirmation at St Canice's: On **Sunday 13 December 2015** we will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation here at St Canice. If you feel that your son or daughter is ready to receive this sacrament of continuing initiation into the community of church please contact Fr Chris at the parish office. Please note that this will involve your child attending preparation classes in the weeks prior to the Confirmation Day.

We pray this weekend for Justin Glyn sj, the Jesuit scholastic who was with us at St. Canice's in 2014. Justin will be ordained deacon on Saturday in Melbourne before priestly ordination in mid 2016 and further studies overseas in Canon Law. We ask that the Lord grace him with courage and wisdom in his vocation of service.



CAROLS AT CANICE'S

Help us celebrate the spirit of Christmas with an hour of carols & Christmas music.
Join your voices with the soloists and musicians raising money for
Canice's Kitchen and feeding Sydney's hungry.

ST CANICE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

28 ROSLYN ST, RUSHCUTTERS BAY NSW 2011

Greg McCreanor (Baritone) Samanta Lestavel (Soprano)

Claudine Michael (Organ) Ian Cox (Trumpet)



Sunday 13 December 2015
4:30pm

Tickets: \$15 Donation

Tickets can be booked online
www.trybooking.com/JUGK

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