



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

Second Sunday in of Lent

God's Mercy

The Pope has consistently emphasised God's mercy. The motto he chose describes God showing mercy to and calling us. Mercy shapes the Pope's way of speaking, the places he visits and the people he approaches. His life develops his conviction that mercy lies at the heart of the Gospel. God loves each of us, wants us to come to him, accepts us in our frailty and forgives our sins. The joy of being forgiven encourages us to go out compassionately to others and commend the joy of the Gospel to them.

For Pope Francis mercy is not just an idea but an experience. We find a God who comes to us in our sinfulness, isolation and despondency, and discover with joy that we are forgiven and welcome. That experience of God's mercy then changes how we relate to others. Instead of sitting back in judgement we go out to welcome others in their chaos and share the good news we have found.

The experience of mercy lies behind the Pope's most striking remarks. The Church is not a dry-cleaning business for removing stains but a field hospital for healing wounds. Nor should the Church judge people but welcome them. Priests should not be away from people but among them. Our business is not to build boundaries but to cross them. Compassion should inform our politics and economics.

The experience of mercy assumes a strong sense of sin. Our joy at meeting a merciful God who forgives us even before we ask depends on recognising the seriousness of our condition. But a deep sense of our sinfulness does not feed gloom and fear; it leads to joy at finding a merciful God. The sense of sin is not important for its own sake but as part of Joy and compassion. If we refuse to acknowledge our own sins we are also more likely to judge others harshly and see the church as a castle to keep others out of.

Pope Francis emphasises that for Catholics confession to a priest is the privileged place where mercy and forgiveness are experienced. The sacrament embodies joy at discovering God's mercy and forgiveness, defines the priest's call to enter compassionately the lives of ordinary people, and acknowledges the misery associated with sin. Sin, mercy, joy and our compassion to others and the sacrament are a package deal.

Andy Hamilton SJ

*2nd Rite of Reconciliation Wednesday March
23rd 7:30pm.*



Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Entrance Hymn:

No 302 (Gather) God of Mercy and Compassion

Opening Prayer

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual slight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.

First Reading: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

The Lord brought Abram outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then the Lord said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And Abram believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then the Lord said to Abram, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But Abram said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" The Lord said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Response:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 3: 20 – 4:1

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm, my beloved, in the Lord in this way.

Gospel Acclamation

Glorify and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glorify and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to Jesus. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as Moses and Elijah were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah". Peter did not know what he was saying. While Peter was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Offertory Hymn

No 401 (Gather) Be Still and Know that I am God

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Communion

No 470 (Gather) As Gentle As Silence

Recessional

No 438 (Gather) A New Heart for a New World

Let us pray for:

Recently Deceased: Tony Gale, Hannah Alum, Nancy Gomes, Mario Campagnola, Elisa Pier De Siun Young, Brian Francis Michael Johns AO, Elizabeth Lynch, Terry Campbell, Rosemary Nugent, Michael McPake, Vasile Cotutiu, Kathleen Adams, Martin McNamara, Francis Montenegro.

Anniversaries: Charles John Grace, Constance Musgrave, Candelario (Eliot) Perez-Rull, Ilva Pepper, Bruno Facin, Muriel Hardwick, David Miron, 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.

Recently ill: Cynthia Klippel, Sr. Marie Langtry, Margaret Walsh, Archbishop Anthony Fisher *OP*, Margaret, Ben Licuanan, Mark Fitzgerald, 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, 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: 28 February 2016

First Reading: Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12
 Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations

27-28 February 2016	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	M Topui	H Campbell	S Barnes
Readers	A Ritchie	A Weeks	C Sexton
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	B Clulow M Musgrave 2 others as available

Parish Notices



'Between the Masses' Sunday Reflections

You are invited to come to our 'Between the Masses' Sunday Reflections on the Readings as you journey through Lent. Please contact Caroline Coggins (0407 575 557) if you would like more information.

A Retreat

Oasis Day at Peter Canisius House 11th and 12th March: This an opportunity for a day apart from our busy lives, a day to place God in the centre as we move toward Easter. Starting on the evening prior 11th March at 4 pm, there is time to arrive, to settle and take in the beauty of the bush. You will meet with others and enjoy the delicious food provided at Canisius.

There are four periods of recollection to aid your interior silence and presence with God which concludes at 4pm on Saturday 12th March.

These days offer time to be away from daily life and it's pressures, to rest and listen, to wait on God.

Peter Canisius house is at Pymble a short train or car ride

from Sydney; it has been a Jesuit place of formation for many years.

The total cost is \$100 (day and night) or \$40 for the day. Everyone is welcome, so if this is difficult financially please let us know.

Please contact Caroline Coggins on 0407575557 or Elizabeth at the Parish Office if you would like to come by the 4th March at the latest.

Parish Notices

LENTEN PRAYER & REFLECTION: Our Lenten prayer and reflection group has begun to meet in the church, Wednesday evenings at 7pm. All are welcome to come along.

ANTIPHONY Friday 4 March: The music in MEMORIAE contemplates the passage of time, change and progress, and new beginnings. Featuring the stunning six-voice Richafort Requiem at its core, MEMORIAE is a showcase of works both ancient and new, also featuring works by Josquin, Machaut, Ockeghem, Poulenc, Takemitsu and Australian composer, Chris Williams. You can find tickets at trybooking.com/KIXL. Taking place at St Canice's Church, 7:30pm, Friday March 4th.

HELP! Our clothes dryer in the Canice's Kitchen has finally died after several years of service drying out towels, cloths and tea-towels. If you know of a second-hand dryer looking for a home or would like to contribute to the cost of a new one, please contact Elizabeth in the parish office on 9358 5229. Thanks, Fr Chris.



Art by a group of homeless women set to brighten our 2016 Parish Communications

A group of homeless women were inspired by what they could see in the stained-glass window behind the main altar at St Canice's. It tells a story of St Canice praying for his friend St Columba with his monks in a small wooden boat, a curragh, being swamped by huge waves in a storm as they cross to Iona to bring Christianity to Scotland in the 6th century.

Having deep personal experiences of being tossed on the 'waves of life' themselves, the story truly resonated.

Led by parishioner, Rosemary Whitehead, the women found great comfort in depicting the waves in the form of art – simply daubs of colour on newspaper.

Energised by their own work, the women

were inspired to use the images, and set about knitting the multi-coloured woollen covers that we enjoy on the kneelers in our church today.

We have chosen one of their colourful drawings to be the unifying graphic to brighten our parish communications in 2016. Our goal is 'building community to enrich parish life' under a banner 'Canice Connections'.

We trust that Canice parishioners will benefit from improved mutual connections between themselves, and also with others working and contributing to other Ignatian-inspired activities like Canice Kitchen and Railaco.

We welcome your involvement.

Building Community to Enrich Parish Life