



Catholic Parish of St Canice

We acknowledge the Gadigal people, the traditional custodians on whose land this Church was built.

19 February 2017

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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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

'Friends and Enemies'

One of the most striking features of the dangerous world that we now see being born is the moat it digs between friends and strangers. Friends are us. Strangers and enemies are others. They are potentially dangerous, are warned against and shut out. Fear dominates, self-interest and suspicion grow.

This is the world to which Jesus speaks in today's Gospel - the world in which people are ruthless in pursuing their own interests and getting their own back on their enemies. He reminds us of a deeper reality: God loves all human beings and wants all to flourish. In God's world there are no friends or enemies, no reason to fear. If we are held securely in God's hands why should we be obsessed with our own security? The sun rises and the rain falls on each of us without our having to surround them with a Border Force.

Jesus then spells out challengingly what that means for us. If all that we have and are is God's gift, then there is no reason why we should not pass on the gift to others. No harm is done if we walk the extra mile, give to people who want to borrow, allow ourselves to be hit once and then again.

These striking images are meant to shock us: they are over the top. But beneath them is a deep question about how we live. If we divide the world into friends and enemies and care only for friends, what kind of a world and a God do we have? It is hardly a world in which God cares for everybody and wishes all to be free and flourish.

When the world closes in on itself, it is time for Jesus' followers to leave our security and go out to others. That is the path to happiness.

Andy Hamilton SJ



Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Entrance Hymn: No 421 (Gather) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Opening Prayer:

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses: "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. "'You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.'" The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours—whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!!

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

On the mountain, Jesus continued to teach his disciples. "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. "For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." The Gospel of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: No 464 (Gather) Jesus, in Your Heart We Find

Communion Antiphon:

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Communion Hymn: No 206 (Gather) Christians, Let Us Love One Another

Recessional: No 463 (Gather) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Let Us Pray For:

Recently Deceased: Maire Riach

Anniversaries: William Harding, Wyn Martin, Jacqueline Campbell, Constance Mary Musgrave, Maria Svedas, Charles Grace.

Recently ill: Marcia McIlvenna, Wendy Watson, Peter Giles, Bruce Conolly, Penelope Anne Quinn, Jayne Bernstan, Ronald Soussa, Albert Jacobs, Sophie Napier, Helena Herington, Jeanette Budak, Veronica Rainbird, Joan Agbor, Fr. Dan Madigan S.J.

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations

25 - 26th Feb 2017	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	M. Topui	H. Campbell	S. Barnes
Readers	B. McSoriley	A. Hurst	C. Sexton
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	B. Anderson T. Hunt M. Musgrave 1 other as available

Next Week's Readings: 25/26th February 2017

First Reading:
Isaiah 49:14-15

Second Reading:
1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel:
Matthew 6:24-34



Parish Calendar

Sat/Sun 18/19th February
This weekend

Saturday 7pm - 8pm & Sunday 9.30-10.30am
2016 UNSW Design Studio - viewing sessions

Wednesday 2nd February, 6-7pm

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Sunday 26th February

Information Sessions regarding our Parish Pastoral Council Reform. 12noon (after 10.30am Mass)

Wednesday 1st March

Ash Wednesday

Thursday 2nd March, 7pm, Church

Lenten Discussion Group Every Thursday during Lent

Wednesday 8th March, 7pm

Common Home Project Open Meetings: Housing

Wednesday 22nd March, 7pm

Common Home Project Open Meetings: Kitchen and Outreach

Friday 17th March to Sunday 19th March

Parish Retreat open to all parishioners and those who are interested in becoming a member of the Parish Pastoral Council

Sunday 2nd April, 11.30am

Common Home Project Open Meetings: Our vision for the modern church at St Canice's - which future do we now want to work towards?

Parish Notices

Lenten Discussion Group

A "Reflection for Lent" group will meet in the Church at 7pm on all the Thursdays of Lent preceding Holy Week. The first will be on March 2nd and the last will be on April 6th. All are welcome for discussion and prayers based on the great SCRIPTURES of Lent.

Are you interested in joining our Parish Pastoral Council?

Over the next month, we will be starting the process of renewing our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The purpose of the PPC is to promote and develop the Parish and provide opportunities for parishioners to engage in Mission within our community. We are looking for people to join the PPC who can bring a variety of gifts to the role - spiritual, professional or personal.

If you think you may be interested, we invite you to join us next **Sunday 26th February at 12noon (after the 10.30am Mass)** in the hall annexe where we will provide more information.

St Canice's Kitchen Merchandise on Sale in Parish Office

St Canice's Kitchen branded aprons and wooden spoons are available for sale at the parish office, during office hours. All of the proceeds of this merchandise goes back into the kitchen, which serves approximately 50,000 meals free of charge to our community throughout the year. Aprons are \$20, Wooden spoons \$10. If you are interested in purchasing please see Lynelle or any of the office staff during office hours.



What does the future hold for the modern church?

Public Exhibition: St Canice's Church Hall, February+March

The work of the 2016 UNSW Design Studio is now on display in the church hall through February and March. Please feel free to come and see the work whenever you are at St Canice's- the hall is open Monday to Saturday when the kitchen is open from 10am- 1pm.

Special viewings are being held around Masses in February and all are welcome: **See the Parish Calendar on Page 3 of bulletin for the dates.**

There are many wonderful ideas in these schemes. How should we distil them into one vision for to the redevelopment of St Canice's in the future? In March we will be holding two open meetings on Wednesday nights to focus on the key issues at the heart of this challenge - housing and the kitchen outreach. And then on Sunday 2 April we will meet to agree the way forward after 10.30 mass.

