



Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

5 March 2017

1st Sunday of Lent 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

Into the Desert

On this First Sunday of Lent we read the Gospel account of Jesus spending days in the desert at the beginning of his ministry. In a spiritual sense, we are invited to join him there through our Lenten practices.

Why the desert? Why penance? What value can a desert experience have for us? How will that prepare us for the celebration of Easter?

When we think of the desert we imagine sand, rocks, heat and perhaps the occasional circling buzzard, but there are more pervading experiences of the desert; quietness, discomfort, emptiness, centeredness. These desert experiences can help us to understand the benefit of prayer, fasting and generosity, and reveal to us how we can find joy in our Lenten penances.

For most of us, life is busy and noisy and we could be forgiven for wanting to leave it all behind from time to time - just to gain perspective. The quietness of prayer can achieve this, right where we are, by offering us an encounter with the love of God. It gives us an eternal perspective. When we make time for quiet prayer, we may find out anxieties, imperfections, hurts and challenges coming to the surface, but this is a good thing! In the quiet desert we have the space to take these things to Jesus and experience his compassion, forgiveness, healing and comfort.

Part of our Lenten tradition is fasting, the unleashing of our inner strength. Fasting helps free us from our addictions, illusions, prejudices, busyness and materialism. It helps clear away the inner clutter - voices, fears, wounds - strengthening our gratitude, increase our self-control and unite us with the suffering of the world.

Fr Chris



Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available at the church door.

Entrance Antiphon:

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Entrance Hymn: No 211 (Gather) Seek, O Seek the Lord

Opening Prayer:

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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: Genesis 2:7-9. 3:1-7

The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12,17-19

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, so death spread to all, because all have sinned. If, because of the trespass of one, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as the trespass of one led to the condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the disobedience of one the many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one the many will be made righteous. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Alleluia!!

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

After being baptized, Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. The Gospel of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: No 505 (Gather) Will You Love Me

Communion Antiphon:

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Communion Hymn: No 452 (Gather) On Eagle's Wings

Recessional: No 302 (Gather) God of Mercy and Compassion



Let Us Pray For:

Recently Deceased: George Green, Bruce Conolly

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

Recently ill: Valentino Close, Cynthia Danielle, Marcia McIlvenna, Wendy Watson, Peter Giles, 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			
11-12th March 2017	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	G. Losurdo		C. Coggins
Readers	SVC Student	A. Weeks	M. Musgrave
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	B. Campbell B. Clulow C. Coggins T. Hunt

Next Week's Readings:
11-12th March 2017

First Reading:
Genesis 12:1-4

Second Reading:
2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel:
Matthew 17:1-9



Parish Calendar

<u>Wednesday 8th March, 7pm</u>	Common Home Project Open Meetings: Housing
<u>Thursday 9th March, 7pm</u>	Lenten Discussion Group, Church
<u>Sunday 12th March</u>	Lenten Reflection 'Between the Masses' - 9.30am Parish Hall
<u>Friday 17th March to Sunday 19th March</u>	Parish Retreat open to all parishioners and those who are interested in becoming a member of the Parish Pastoral Council
<u>Wednesday 22nd March, 7pm</u>	Common Home Project Open Meetings: Kitchen and Outreach
<u>Sunday 2nd April, 11.30am</u>	Common Home Project Open Meetings: Our vision for the modern church at St Canice's - which future do we now want to work towards?

Lenten Discussion Group

A "Reflection for Lent" group will meet in the Church at 7pm on all the Thursdays of Lent preceding Holy Week. All are welcome for discussion and prayers based on the great SCRIPTURES of Lent.

Lenten Program

We invite you to come to our 'Between the Masses' Sunday Reflections on the Readings commencing on Sunday 5th March as we journey through Lent. Meeting will take place in the hall at 9.30am.



Parish Notices

Parish Weekend Retreat 17-19th March - Last Call for Registration

Please RSVP to Lynelle in the parish office by Thursday 9th March

Do you wonder what God wants of you and what you more deeply want for yourself....

Would you like to be more involved in the Parish, particularly the Parish Pastoral Council?

St Ignatius believed that God is always moving in us, and that we too, are always responding, sometimes towards and at other times away. We are not conscious of how God is directing unless we pay attention. Discernment is the art of listening more closely. This weekend is for anyone who would like to spend some time discerning where they feel their life is going and how best to respond.

Maybe you are interested in the Council but maybe you would just like to have some time away, quietening and paying attention to the 'movements' of your life with God. **When:** Friday 3pm to Saturday 3pm OR come for two nights and leave on Sunday 3 pm. **Venue:** Peter Canisius House, Pymble.

Further Information: Please contact Lynelle at the Parish Office or Caroline Coggins - 0407 575 557

Our Common Home—Open Meeting—8th March @ 7pm: Housing

Over the next month we will be holding a number of open meetings which will focus on key drivers of the masterplan. This Wednesday evening, 8th March, we will be holding the first of our open meetings where we will be focusing on the Housing aspect of the project. We invite you to join us in the hall for open discussion where you will be given the opportunity to provide any feedback.

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 **at the Parish Retreat on the weekend of 17-19th March**. Please contact Lynelle at the parish office for more information.

Parish 2020 Project - The Archdiocese of Sydney would like your feedback.

Parish 2020, the new pastoral project launched last year, is a journey of renewal in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. It is about all of us working together to explore and discern God's will for our Archdiocese. The Archbishop wishes to hear the views and opinions of as many people as possible across the Archdiocese on ways of renewing and strengthening our Parishes and communities for our future. **You are invited to complete an online survey by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2V7XL9X>**. For those unfamiliar with technology, **a paper version of the same survey is available at the back of the church**. We ask that you take a few minutes to complete the survey. The paper version of the survey can be returned to the parish office and we will forward them to the Polding Centre on your behalf. The deadline for survey responses is 23rd March 2017.

What does the future hold for the modern church?

Public Exhibition: St Canice's Church Hall - March

The work of the 2016 UNSW Design Studio continues to be on display in the church hall through 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.