



Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

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5th 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

'Lazarus, Come Out'

Today's Gospel tells us that after Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, "Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him."

Does it take a miracle of such magnitude to believe in the redeeming power of God? How many miracles fill our lives, yet we fail to grasp what is happening? To capture the significance of the moment, perhaps we need to put aside our analytical minds and see with our imaginations.

The mystics used imagination to see a world shot through with the redeeming power of God. They were able to see and experience it because they surrendered to God. God put God's spirit within them, and placed them, as Ezekiel tells us, on their own soil. The mystics faced ridicule and persecution, yet they continued to use their imagination. They were saved from fear, doubt and anxiety by experiencing the redeeming power of God.

Can we dare to imagine a soil of our own? What is that soil for you? Is it a soil of justice and peace, free of fear? Is it a soil where you feel connected? Look again at the world in which you live and see the miracles leading you to that soil.

Every time we gather, we celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection in the Eucharist. We also proclaim it aloud when we recite the Mystery of Faith, affirming his death, his resurrection and his return in glory, when we too shall rise from the dead.

Come to the table, draw strength from the Eucharist - and dare to imagine!

Anthony Chezzi



The Raising of Lazarus. Oil on canvas.
Karl Isakson. Sweden, contemporary.

Palm Sunday Masses Next Weekend

Please note that ALL Masses next weekend will commence in Peace Park where we will gather for the blessing of the palms.

Entrance Antiphon:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Entrance Hymn: No 407 (Gather) Praise to you O Christ our Saviour.

Opening Prayer:

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord God: "I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 11:1-45 (Short Form)

The sisters of Lazarus sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard this, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this Jesus said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." Jesus was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him. The Gospel of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: No 432 (Gather) O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God.

Communion Antiphon:

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

Communion Hymn: No 391 (Gather) Keep in Mind

Recessional: No 204 (Gather) I am the Bread of Life



Let Us Pray For:

Recently Deceased: Cynthia Danielle, George Green, Bruce Conolly

Anniversaries: Christine Pooley, Eileen Cleary, Francisco Borja, Rosario Borja

Recently ill: Ling Yeo, Flynn Cawood, Pam Young, Valentino Close, 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.

Next Week's Readings:
8 - 9th April 2017

First Reading:
Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading:
Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel:
Matthew 27:11-54

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations			
8 - 9th April	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	G. Losurdo	A. Hurst	S. Barnes
Readers	As Arranged for Palm Sunday		
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	B. Anderson C. Coggins M. Musgrave 1 other as available



Parish Calendar

Sunday 2nd April, 11.30am
This Sunday

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

Friday 7th April, 11am

Healing Mass - Join us for morning tea afterwards

Parish Lenten Retreat March 2017



The retreat had two purposes; to make time during Lent for silence, prayer and deeper reflection. The second prong was intended for those interested in being on the Parish Pastoral Council. We had some days together, talking dreaming and thinking. What was noticeable to me as we came to an end on Sunday was how thoughts about council had emerged. Council and Lent are interwoven, desire to be on council come from our desire to follow, to share and give from our own abundance and gifts. It is not about should or being driven, but what draws us, and where we can contribute with our God given gifts. It was remarkable, the slow steady emergence of desires and a freshness, amidst a sense of how humans can work together. I think all of us went away inspired as to how we can, with collaboration and willingness, taste the movement of the spirit. I left the retreat house full of life and wonder, how rich and simple this gathering had been, indeed life giving. In conversations since, people have remarked how unique we are at St Canice's in the Catholic world today.

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Already we are experiencing the real collaboration between our lay community and Fr Chris and the Jesuit community. Know that each of us felt the possibility of how lay people can minister and work with the gentleness of the spirit, waiting, listening and responding. It was a weekend of great beauty and integrity. Tasting and seeing we move now into the next stages of forming the new council and deepening lay leadership.

Parish Notices

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be held this year on Sunday June 18 at the 10.30am Mass. If you would like your child to receive their First Holy Communion we ask that you contact Lynelle at the parish office on 9358 5229 or lynelle@stcanice.com.au. The child must be baptised Catholic and be in year 3 or above at school.



Reminder - Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council are due on 9th April 2017

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, please contact Lynelle or Fr Chris at the parish office for more information. **NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BACK AT THE PARISH OFFICE ON 9TH APRIL 2017**

Can you help out at our garage sale on a Sunday?

We are wanting to open our garage sale every Sunday from about 9am through to 1pm. The garage sale is a great source of income for the parish and our St Vincent de Paul Conference. We would love your help even if you can only volunteer a couple of hours of your time. If you require any further information please contact either Fr Chris or Lynelle in the parish office on 9358 5229.

Sunday 'Between the Masses' Lenten Program

As next weekend is Palm Sunday today will be our final Sunday Lenten Program Meeting. Thankyou to Judy Best for organising the group each Sunday and to those who attended and facilitated meetings throughout the past 5 weeks.

Thursday Lenten Discussion Group

The last meeting for the Thursday "Reflection for Lent" group will be held this Thursday 6th April in the Church at 7pm. Thankyou to Barbara Campbell for leading the group and to those who attended the meeting throughout the past 5 weeks.

Common Home Project - Final Open Meeting - this Sunday - 2nd April - After the 10.30am Mass

*"Imagine, this Lenten season, moving beyond treasured pasts,
moving beyond precious present tense arrangements to new God-given prospects."
Walter Brueggemann – A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent – Fourth Thursday – The Future.*

Join us after the 10.30 mass this Sunday for the final conversation to be held while the UNSW student projects are on display in the hall.

- * Which scheme has moved you?
- * Which scheme has taught you the most about the way forward?
- * Which scheme best captures the look and feel of St Canices?
- * Which scheme best addresses the challenges of community housing? Of a field hospital for the modern church?

The discussion will focus on what we now understand about the redevelopment of the parish and outline the next stage of the project.

- * What design principles do we need to create a sustainable community living out the gospel?

After Easter we will produce a draft development brief for the project which will address:

- * Our vision for St Canice's
- * Built form and massing
- * Public space and access
- * Accommodation brief
- * Ecologically Sustainable design performance
- * Staged development

