



Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

17 June 2018

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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Mass Times

Sunday- 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday to Friday- 7:00am
Saturday- 9:00am Vigil- 6:00pm
Public Holidays- 9:00am

Reconciliation

Before Vigil and Sunday Masses or on request

Anointing

As requested - please contact the Parish Office

Healing Mass

11:00am - First Friday of each month otherwise by request

I Was A Stranger

In many regions of the world today people live in tragic situations of instability and uncertainty. It is no surprise that in such circumstances the poor and the destitute make plans to escape, to seek a new land that can offer them bread, dignity and peace.

This is the migration of the desperate: men and women, often young, who have no alternative but to leave their own land to venture into the unknown (A bit like the family of Jesus fleeing into Egypt). Every day thousands of people take critical risks in their attempts to escape from a life with no future. Unfortunately, the reality they find in host countries is frequently a source of further disappointment.

In our increasingly frightened and suspicious world, wealthy nations tend to tighten their borders under pressure from public opinion disturbed by the inconveniences that accompany the arrival of the stranger. The unwelcome are often driven underground, victims of organised crime and unscrupulous entrepreneurs or locked up in isolated detention centres.

Australia once again in the last few years has been dramatically affected by the international movement of refugees. Desperate people have thrown themselves on the mercy of the Australian people and have often been met by our armed forces, punitive detention and isolation. Many are shamed by our collective hardness of heart and the dishonour we do to our proud tradition of welcoming and integrating new arrivals.

Refugee week, starting today reminds us that the Churches in Australia have a long association with caring for refugees. Our scriptures are full of exhortation to care for the stranger in our land, a tradition of hospitality and protection for the vulnerable. It is a basic expression of love of neighbour.

Today let us pray for a change of heart by our people and their leaders, that we may awaken to our more generous capacities and inclinations. *Fr Chris*



Congratulations to the six children making their First Holy Communion this weekend at the 10.30am Mass. We extend a warm welcome to these children and their families on this very special occasion.

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Entrance Hymn: No 496 (Gather) Here I Am, Lord

Opening Prayer

O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. 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 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. "On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. "All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it." The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91:2-3. 13-16

Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident, even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: John 12:31. 32

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said: "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, without the sower knowing how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with the sickle, because the harvest has come." Jesus also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples. The Gospel of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: (see back page of bulletin) Table of Plenty

Communion Antiphon

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Reflection Hymn: (See back page of bulletin) Jesus My Lord My God My All

Recessional: No 404 (Gather) Christ Be Our Light

Let Us Pray For:

Recently Deceased: Penny Blades, Jayne Bernstan, John Feely, Julia Weickhardt

Anniversaries: Peggy and Patrick Kavanagh

Recently ill: John Laing, Emma Wiadowski, Linda Stein, Rosheen O'Hare, Fachtna De Siun-Young, Ruby Naidu, James Toohey, Sandra Holyeak, Ray Walsh, Omar Soliman, Yvonne Nobbs, Lisa Powell, Tony Musgrave, Dulcie Kennedy, Flynn Cawood, Valentino Close, Penelope Anne Quinn, Ronald Soussa, Albert Jacobs, Sophie Napier, Veronica Rainbird, Joan Agbor

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations

23-24 June	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	M. Topui	H. Campbell	M. Musgrave
Readers	P.Campbell-Hardwick	J. Higgins	M. Byron
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	B. Anderson S. Buckingham C. Coggins T. Hunt

Next Week's Readings:

23-24 June 2018

First Reading:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Second Reading:

1 Peter 1:8-12

Gospel:

Luke 1:5-17

Parish Calendar



Sunday, 17th June

*****this weekend*****

1st Holy Communion Mass, Church, 10.30am

18 - 24th June

National Refugee Week

Wednesday, 27th June

Bible Study, Paul's Letters to the Romans, David's Place, 4pm

Facilitator: Jo De Groot ph 0412 257 873

Saturday, 30th June

David's Place Mass, Peace Park, 1pm

Sunday, 1st July

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Tuesday, 3rd July

Sydney Homeless Connect, Sydney Town Hall, 10am - 3pm

Sydney Homeless Connect - can you help? This year St Canice will be holding a stall at the Sydney Homeless Connect event to be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday 3rd July, 10am - 3pm.

Sydney Homeless Connect is a one-day event at Sydney Town Hall connecting people who are homeless or experiencing homelessness with the services and support they need. It is powered 100% by volunteers, donations and kindness. More information about the event can be found at <http://www.sydneyhomelessconnect.com>

The main aim of holding a St Canice Stall is to provide people with information about St Canice's Kitchen and ensure that people who need a meal are aware that we provide a healthy meal free of charge. We will have a small card printed to hand out to anyone who is interested.

If you would like more information contact Lynelle at the parish office on 9358 5229 or lynelle@stcanice.com.au

Parish Notices



Welcome Fr Marc Reeves

Fr. Marc Reeves, an American Jesuit from California, is in Australia completing what the Jesuits describe as “tertianship,” or the final stage of his Jesuit formation. “Tertianship” for a Jesuit is a time of spiritual renewal and an opportunity to return to the school of the heart where he can set aside more time for prayer, make the 30-day Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, study the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus, and reflect on his mission as a companion of Jesus.

After eleven years of Jesuit formation, then ordination to the priesthood, doctoral studies, and most recently eight years of ministry at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, Fr. Marc is very grateful for this time for spiritual renewal and for the opportunity to spend time in faith communities like St. Canice's. Fr. Marc will be with us at St. Canice's until July 7th. Welcome to our parish!

End of Year Planned Giving Tax Receipts: We thank the many parishioners who support our parish financially by donating to our Planned Giving Program and also to our kitchen. Your generosity allows us to continue outreach and core parish activities.

This year the end of the financial year (June 30) falls on a Saturday. **Any giving received on the weekend of 30 June/July 1 will be included in next years tax receipt ie 2018 - 2019FY and not this financial year.** If you would like to make a further donation to St Canice Parish or to St Canice's Kitchen and would like this donation to be included in this years tax receipt i.e. 2017 – 2018FY we ask that the donations be received by the parish office **no later than Wednesday 27th June.** This will allow time to process the donation and deposit the money into the bank before the end of the financial year.

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Offertory Hymn (First Holy Communion Mass)

Table Of Plenty

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.

O come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul.

Your fields will flower in fullness;
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil.



Reflection Hymn (First Holy Communion Mass)

Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all!
How can I love Thee as I ought?
And how revere this wondrous gift,
So far surpassing hope or thought?

Refrain:

**Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore!
Oh, make us love Thee more and more.
Oh, make us love Thee more and more.**

Had I but Mary's sinless heart
With which to love Thee, dearest King,
Oh, with what ever fervent praise,
Thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing!

Thy Body, Soul and Godhead, all!
O mystery of love divine!
I cannot compass all I have,
For all Thou hast and art is mine!

Sound, then, His praises higher still,
And come, ye angels, to our aid;
For this is God, the very God
Who hath both men and angels made!