



Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

17th March 2019

2nd Sunday of Lent, Year C

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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

Fasting in Lent

The thought of fasting may not attract us. After all, who benefits if we go without some food and drink for a day? The Pope has called us to fast for peace. Surely my fasting will not help change the minds of world leaders! Will God suddenly intervene in the current world situation because people are fasting for a day? These are the types of questions Australians are asking as we listen to the Pope's request. The value of fasting is often questioned in today's world. It just doesn't seem to make any difference.

Maybe there is another point of view. In a country such as ours, our physical hunger and thirst can be, and usually are, instantly satisfied, and more than satisfied in many cases. Fasting can connect us to people who are hungry and who suffer so much, as well as to the deep longing of humanity. Fasting reminds us in a very physical way that our really deep longings and the longings of people are everywhere; the longing for peace, for acceptance, for respect, for love, cannot be instantly gratified. It reminds us that we need to be committed to actively working for peace, for equality, for the rights of all people to live as fully as humanly possible. We need to feel our own hunger, before we can feel another's hunger.

Fasting in union with prayer reminds us that ultimately it is God alone who can satisfy our deep hunger for life.

It reminds us that, in the face of great suffering, although seemingly powerless, we can call on God in our hunger and ask that our hearts may be changed, that our lives may reflect the peace and justice the world craves. Maybe we can't change world events, but God can change us so that peace becomes more a reality in today's world, as we become sentinels of peace.



Let's take up the challenge of the Holy Father to pray and fast for peace!

Sr Kari Hatherall

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 437 (Gather) Amazing Grace

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 sight 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 the Lord 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." The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:20 - 4:1 (Short Version)

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. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 17:5

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

Offertory Hymn: No 211 (Gather) Seek O Seek the Lord

Communion Antiphon:

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

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

Recessional: No (Gather) Be Thou Thy Vision

ST CANICE'S CONNECT

Chris Gratton RIP

It is with a very sad heart that I wish to inform the parish of the sudden death of Chris Gratton a long term member of our parish. Chris was known to many of you I am sure as a mass server as a member of our parish renewal team. Chris also served on the Parish Pastoral Council and was a former chairperson of the Finance Committee.

Chris was a man of great generosity with his time and his talents, a deeply spiritual man and was a searcher and a sharer, a man of great compassion and thoughtfulness. We extend our sympathies to all of his many friends and his family.

May he RIP.

Fr Chris



You are invited to join our Lenten Program: This year our Lenten Program will feature the Diocese of Wollongong Lenten Program - "Trust". You are invited to participate in one or more of 3 ways:

- **Tuesday Evenings, 7pm in the Church:**
- **Sunday Mornings, 9.30am in the Hall:**

Further Enquiries: Contact Lynelle at the Parish Office on 9358 5229.

Happy Birthday Elizabeth Strutt: Last Thursday 14th March Elizabeth celebrated her birthday. We wish her a many blessings over the coming year

Fr Gaetan Pereira SJ: As many of you may have noticed Fr Gaetan has not returned to St Canice's when expected. He will remain at Hawthorne Parish until after Easter.

Jesuit Refugee Service Lenten Food Appeal

Thank you for your donation of Tuna in Oil this week.

Next Week's Food Item: Cooking Oil

Food Items for the following Weeks:

31st March: Tinned Tomato

7th April: Chickpeas

14th April: Red Kidney Beans

Please leave the items in the tubs located at the back of the church.



Remembering those who have gone before us...

Recently Deceased: Chris Gratton, Desmond Whelan, Kaye Andrewartha, Linda Chayna, Lorraine Tanati (mum of the cross), David Flynn, Lisa Powell-Toohey

Anniversaries:

Let Us Pray For...

Recently ill: Siobhan Pearson, Elizabeth Strutt, James Toohey, Maria Grazia Orlandi, Robert Horder, Clive Adams, Di Stewart, Lourdes Jacobs, Patrick Brogan, John Laing, Linda Stein, Rosheen O'Hare, Ruby Naidu, Sandra Holyeak, Ray Walsh, Omar Soliman, Tony Musgrave, Dulcie Kennedy, Flynn Cawood, Valentino Close, Ronald Soussa, Sophie Napier, Veronica Rainbird, Joan Agbor

If there is someone who you would like the parish to pray for, please contact Lynelle at the Parish Office on 9358 5229 or email Lynelle@stcanice.com.au. Please note if asking for someone to be included on the sick list you must have their permission for their name to be published in the bulletin.

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations

23/24 Mar	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	G. Losurdo	J. Freckman	M. Musgrave
Readers	A. Ritchie	H. Campbell	M. Byron
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	S. Buckingham C. Coggins T. Hunt 1 other as available

Next Week's Readings:

23/24 Mar

First Reading:

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel:

Luke 13:1-9

Parish Calendar

Sun, 17th March	Peter Kearney "Ashes to Easter" Concert , Church, 3pm 1st Reconciliation , Lesson 2, Hall, 9.30am Lenten Program , Church, 9.30am Meditation , Church, 6pm
Tues, 19th March	Lenten Program , Church, 7pm,
Wed, 20th March	Bible Study , David's Place, 4.30pm
Wed, 27th March	First Reconciliation Liturgy , Church, 6pm
Sat, 30th March	David's Place Mass , David's Place, 1pm
Sun, 5th May	Fr Chris Farewell , Peace Park, after 10.30am Mass

Tour of China - late April 2020

We welcome Jeremy Clarke at all Masses this weekend. Jeremy will be speaking about his proposed trip to China which he is offering to us here in the parish. The trip is to take place in April 2020. Contact jclarke@sinoimmersions.com

Parish Notices

Join us THIS WEEKEND for Peter Kearney's Lenten Concert 'Ashes to Easter':

When: This weekend - Sunday 17th March,
3.00pm,

Where: St. Canice Church.

Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter and singer/guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes' and 'Where Is Your Song, my Lord?'. His concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. "Ashes to Easter creates a prayerful and spiritual atmosphere ... a worthwhile part of the Lenten journey".

***Please come along to the church at 3pm. Join us for wine and cheese afterwards.
Entry by donation***

THIS WEEK'S RECESSIONAL HYMN Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart;
O King of glory, my treasure Thou art.

Fr Chris Farewell - Can You Help? On Sunday 5th May we will be saying farewell to Fr Chris by holding a lunch in the Peace Park. If you would like to help with the organising of this in any way please contact Lynelle at the Parish Office on 9358 5229 or email lynelle@stcanice.com.au

America Magazine - article about Railaco: We invite you to an article about Railaco in the America Magazine by journalist Michael Sainsbury. The article can be found at the following link on our parish website:
<https://www.stcanice.org.au/railaco-jesuit-mission-america-magazine-article/>

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Second Sunday of Lent

17th March 2019

Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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