



Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

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Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil - 6pm
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

Weddings, Child Sacraments, RCIA

Contact Parish Office Tel: 93585229

Our image of God

Pope Francis' Intention for August: *That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly 'schools of true human growth'.*

When I was at school I wondered if I could ever be a good parent. I thought I would never know enough to teach my child how to walk, talk, pray and read. I imagined that all teaching was like that done at school—teacher knew everything and had to explain it in words the student would understand.

Of course, not all teaching is like that. Small children learn by imitation, doing what they see others do. That is true also of the most important thing in life—discovering how to live. We follow the example of those we love and admire.

That is why Pope Francis calls families 'schools of true human growth', both for children and adults. We learn from one another's example, are inspired by our young children's innocence just as they are by our experience; we digest the encouragement that we receive in our experiences of success and failure, of sin and forgiveness, of experiment and reflection, of foolishness and wisdom.

In families, too, we learn to negotiate. As little children, everything is about ourselves. We gradually discover that we need to persuade others if we are to get what we want. As time goes on, we find we want to please people because we love them. We slowly absorb the complex grammar of relationships. We see that in order to get our way on one thing we often need to give way on another, that the greatest gift we receive comes in the gift we make of ourselves, and that if we accept gifts from others they will often be more delighted than if we had given them a gift.

Families, too, are the place where we encounter the language of faith. In many Catholic families children first learn to pray at home, come to believe in a God who loves them, and make Jesus and Mary their friends. But the deeper learning takes place not through words but through what the family does. Faith is part of living together. Our faith will be deeply rooted if we pray together as a family, go to church together, and have religious art around us; if we associate with God the deep, wordless experiences we have of beauty and of mystery, and if the life of Jesus becomes vivid in our childhood.

Our family experience also shapes the way we imagine God and church. Our parents provide our earliest and most enduring images of what God is like. When we first say the *Our Father*, the face of God that we see is likely to be that of our own father or mother. If we hear that Jesus is our brother, he will be like our own brother. The way we see the church and its liturgy will also be coloured by the ways in which we celebrate events in our own close and extended family.

No family is perfect, of course, and we all need to forget some lessons we learned in our families, just as our own children will have things to forget. Schools and families are made up of human beings from whom we will often learn what God is not like, as well as what God is like. Above all, our families introduce us to the real world in which we live, and teach us how to live generously within it.

Andrew Hamilton SJ

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Entrance Hymn: No 551 (Gather) For All the Saints

Opening Prayer

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Then the officials said to the king, "This man ought to be put to death, because he is discouraging the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm." King Zedekiah said, "Here he is; he is in your hands; for the king is powerless against you." So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. Now there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud. So Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, an officer in the king's house, left the king's house and spoke to the king, "My lord king, these men have acted wickedly in all they did to the prophet Jeremiah by throwing him into the cistern to die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city." Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, "Take three men with you from here, and pull the prophet Jeremiah up from the cistern before he dies." The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2-4, 18

Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Jesus who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! "Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." The Gospel of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: No 500 (Gather) Unless a Grain of Wheat

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Reflection Hymn: No 429 (Gather) In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Recessional: No 481 (Gather) As a Fire Is Meant For Burning

Remembering those who have gone before us...

Recently Deceased: Diana Armstrong, Bob Roberts, Doris Goddard, Verona Hobourn, Doris Bishop, Janice Karpin

Anniversaries: Marcia Cadiz Mcilvenna, Frank Brennan



Let Us Pray For...

Recently ill: Rosemary O'Hare, Michael Taylor, Tony Catt, Siobhan Pearson, James Toohey, Maria Grazia Orlandi, Robert Horder, Clive Adams, Di Stewart, Lourdes Jacobs, Patrick Brogan, John Laing, Linda Stein, 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 or to bring Holy Communion to, 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

24/25 Aug	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	G. Losurdo	H. Campbell	S. Barnes
Readers	P. Campbell-Hardwick	A. Hurst	B. Clulow
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	T. Hunt M. Musgrave 2 others as available

Next Week's Readings:

24/25 Aug 2019

First Reading:

Isaiah 66:18-21

Second Reading:

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel:

Luke 13:22-30

Parish Calendar

Sun, 18th Aug	Meditation Base Camp, Church, 6pm
Sun, 25th Aug	'Spirituality and Faith' Feedback Session, Hall, 9.30am
Tues, 27th Aug	'Spirituality and Faith' Feedback Session, Church, 6.30pm
Sat, 31st Aug	David's Place Mass, David's Place, 1pm
Fri, 6th Sept	Healing Mass, 11am, Church

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Thank you to those people who generously donated to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal last weekend. We raised \$1625 towards our levy of \$10300. This leaves an outstanding amount of **\$8675**. We will be running the appeal for the next 2 weeks and would appreciate any contribution no matter how large or small.

Donations can be made by one of the following methods and are tax deductible:

- Using the CWF appeal envelope in your planned giving envelope box
- Using one of the CWF envelopes available on the pews or at the back of the church
- Visiting the CWF website <https://www.cwf.org.au/> to donate securely by credit card (please remember to nominate St Canice's as your parish as this helps reduce paid by Parish funds).

To find out more, phone 1800 753 959 or email cwf@sydneycatholic.org

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Notices

RCIA: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [and others]): It's now that time of year when we start the journey of enquiry for people interested in being baptised or joining the Church or developing their faith:

- Please ask non-Catholics you know if they have thought about becoming a Christian or a Catholic.
- Would you like to deepen your own faith by being part of this journey?
- Can you offer to assist people on that journey, where possible, by being willing to listen and speak simply about your own faith?

More about RCIA

RCIA is a flexible 4 stage process for becoming a Catholic, tailored to each person enquiring. Though pre-Vatican II methods are still common, the modern rite focuses on the development of faith, while not neglecting knowledge. It is for those "who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts." (RCIA, 1). RCIA typically but not always takes place in a group. It can be adapted for **anyone** of catechetical age. It also can provide a better structural context for the whole parish year.

Contact Fr Paul or the office to assist, or if you require further information.

Sacrament of Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this year on Sunday 3rd November at the 10.30am Mass. Bishop Terry Brady will be officiating at the Mass. If you feel that your son or daughter is ready to receive this sacrament of continuing initiation into the community of church please contact Lynelle at the parish office on 9358 5229 or lynelle@stcanice.com.au. Children should be in year 5 or above.

Enrolment forms can be obtained from the following:

- On the St Canice Parish Website: <https://www.stcanice.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/ENROLMENT-FORM-1.pdf>
- By emailing Lynelle at the Parish Office: lynelle@stcanice.com.au

- By phoning Lynelle at the Parish Office: 9358 5229
- At the back of the church

Enrolments close on Friday 6th September.

Spirituality and Faith Feedback Session:

Fr Paul will be holding feedback sessions on the topic of Spirituality and Faith. In these sessions we will be listening to your ideas about the following in relation to Spirituality and Faith:

- What is working in our parish
- What is not working
- New ideas or initiatives

These sessions will be held on the following dates:

Sunday 25th Aug @ 9.30am in the parish hall

Tuesday 27th Aug @ 6.30pm in the church

If possible please RSVP your attendance to lynelle@stcanice.com.au

Stand for Life Rally against proposed Abortion Laws:

The NSW Parliament is about to legislate for abortion on demand till birth, one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. The Bill was pushed through the Legislative Assembly and will be debated in the Legislative Council from Tuesday, 20 August. Join us in peaceful protest:

DATE: Tuesday 20 August.

WHERE: Martin Place (Macquarie Street side)

TIME: 6pm until 9pm

Under this Bill for example:

- Children can be aborted for any reason right up till the final moments of a pregnancy;
- Amendments to protect children who survive botched abortions attempts were defeated.

Handouts: The following publications are available at the back of the church:

- Australian Catholics Magazine
- Jesuit Mission Reflections Magazine
- St Vincent de Paul Vision Magazine
- Our Parish Catechists Magazine

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.