



Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

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Eighteenth 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

For a number of years Pauline Connelly has been a very popular and excellent counsellor on SA ABC afternoon radio.

The Voice of the Child

Before attending a consultation on abortion laws I was anxious, as for me one of the most difficult things to discuss with anyone is the topic of abortion. It invokes the most intense feelings because it strikes at the core of what people fight most for; their rights and their freedom.

The dilemma for me is the experience of negotiating the paradox of having deep compassion for all involved, when the rights and freedom of the mother and the unborn child need to be considered. There is the mother and perhaps the father who are placed in the situation of needing to make the most difficult of decisions, and then there's the unborn child, who has no say or choice in the decision about its life, its viability or its value.

I worked in the area of *child protection* for many years, with the focus of the work being that of finding the voice of the child, protecting the child from neglect and abuse, along with creating child-safe initiatives, and it goes against every value and ethic in child protection to concede that the deliberate ending of a pregnancy becomes the solution to a problem.

I feel anxious writing this, as the language used to provide the context for this discussion can confuse one who believes in the rights and equality for all. For example the notion that this is a *feminist* debate, when I see myself as a feminist, is disconcerting. I do not want to be considered as anti-feminist because I believe an unborn child is of equal value to one who has been safely delivered from the womb.

Another example is the notion of being *pro-choice*. I believe everybody has a right to choose, unless that choice is made at the detriment of someone else. But if I don't condone abortion, the pretext of this type of dialogue means I am anti free choice, and I do not believe I am.

The notion of the *rights* of the woman to be able to make decisions regarding her own body, also makes it difficult to have an open dialogue about one's thoughts on abortion. Of course I believe a woman has a right to decide on what happens to her body, but not when it results in the destruction of the unborn child's body within.

This rhetoric leaves me in the position that if I disagree with abortion, then I am anti-feminist, anti-choice and controlling of women's rights, when my intent has no relationship to this. I just don't think abortion should be considered as a *solution* to a problem.

This is not a matter of judgement of a person for making this choice. It's a matter of trying to provide a voice for a child who is given no legitimate status. One does want the safest and best medical care for women, but how can we consult on that when this safe practice results in the destruction of someone else?

I do not want to offend or hurt anyone. My compassion for all is real, but I am left with no choice, if representing the voice of the child is at the centre of all I do.

Pauline Connelly is Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Adelaide. The original of this slightly edited article was posted in 'The Southern Cross' (26/6/19).

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Entrance Hymn: No 459 (Gather) O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Opening Prayer

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. 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: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. Sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another; seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me. But Jesus said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And Jesus said to the crowd, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then Jesus told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Reflection Hymn: No 462 (Gather) Love Is His Word

Recessional: No 477 (Gather) Blest Are They

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Remembering those who have gone before us...

Recently Deceased: Verona Hobourn, Doris Bishop, Janice Karpin,

Victoria Reardon.

Anniversaries:

Let Us Pray For...

Recently ill: 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.

Handouts:

The following handouts are available at the back of the church:

- Archbishop letter and action re abortion
- Theme 6 Plenary 2020
- Jesuit Mission Reflections Magazine

Next Week's Readings:

10/11 Aug 2019

First Reading:

Wisdom 18:6-9

Second Reading:

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

Gospel:

Luke 12:32-48

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations

10/11 Aug	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	G. Losurdo	J. Freckman	C. Coggins
Readers	A. Ritchie	A. Weeks	S. Barnes
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	S. Buckingham B. Clulow T. Hunt 1 other as available

Parish Calendar

Sun, 4th Aug

Parish Structure & Use of Space Meeting, Parish Hall, 9.30am
Meditation Base Camp, Church, 6pm

Tues, 6th Aug

Feast of the Transfiguration

Thur, 8th Aug

Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop
Parish Structure & Use of Space Meeting, Church, 6.30pm

Fri, 01 9th Aug

Bible Study with Jo De Groot, David's Place, 6pm

Sun, 25th Aug

Spirituality and Faith Feedback Meeting, Hall, 9.30am

Tues, 27th Aug

Spirituality and Faith Feedback Meeting, Church, 6.30pm

Sat, 31st Aug

David's Place Mass, David's Place, 1pm



Pat Rayner - Parishioner on Immersion

I was very impressed with the self-confidence of the students at NOSSEF, their skills in English as their 3rd language, and their results of in the National Exams. It didn't matter that the open-to-the-elements school buildings were basic, and their resources limited compared to what we expect. Just one of the things I found confronting during my visit to Railaco.

Witnessing another project of Jesuit Social Services that is absolutely life-changing is the installation of header tanks to distribute spring water to the villages. This means children spend more time at school, more crops can be grown and there is more food for the family."

"So much is being done and so much needs to be done. I could certainly see our money makes such a difference."

Parish Notices

Catholic Works Fund Appeal

NEXT weekend we will be holding the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal. Funds raised in this appeal assist many important works across the Archdiocese of Sydney, including providing family counselling, sharing the gospel to youth, forming our seminarians, outreach to Aboriginal communities and support for our Catholic deaf community.

The parish levy for the May appeal is \$10300. Any shortfall in reaching this levy will be paid for by parish funds.

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

Parish Communication Meetings

Thank you to everyone who has attended our communication meetings over the past 6 weeks. The purpose of the meetings is to obtain your feedback in relation to various aspects of parish life. The meetings are facilitated through a process of listening where we hear each others' feedback about the following three points:

- What is working
- What is not working
- Suggestions

The feedback collected will be reviewed and used to document a parish pastoral plan. This is a great opportunity to have your say about the parish.

Upcoming Meetings:

Structure and Space:

Sunday 4th Aug 9.30am & Thur 8th Aug 6.30pm

Spirituality and Faith.

Sunday 25th Aug 9.30am & Tues 27th Aug 6.30pm.

Please RVSP your attendance to lynelle@stcanice.com.au

St Ignatius Day Mass Thank you....

Last weekend we celebrated as a parish community the Feast Day of St Ignatius. The church setting was stunning thanks to the efforts of Gerhard Haas who supplied and designed the beautiful flower arrangements and Helen McCarthy who cleans the church every Thursday. The 10.30am Mass was made very special by the music from cantor Pascal Herington, Claudine Michael, and Ian Cox. A special thank you to Kaleb - First Nations Cultural Mentor at SIC Riverview - who brought some of the mystery of First Nations' stories to life for us, accompanied by the didgeridoo. You could sense a deeper connectedness creeping into the congregation as we embraced the sounds of our ancient land. We thank Peter Awit, Nadia Pedulla and Adriene Hurst for serving at the masses over the weekend and Marina Byron for ensuring the altar linen was beautifully laundered.

Happily young people from Jesuit Schools in Sydney joined us at both Sunday Masses. We listened to the students reflect and share their experience of their recent visit to Railaco East Timor. We thank the students, their parents, and teachers for sharing their experience with us.

We celebrated in true St Canice's style with a lovely morning tea after Mass which was made even more special by so many people bringing cakes/biscuits and other treats to share, and extend our thanks to those who assisted with serving the food.

We extend a huge thankyou to Michael Musgrave who organised every aspect of the liturgy and whose passion and tireless efforts in creating awareness and fundraising for the needs of Railaco have enabled our small parish to make a huge difference to the lives of so many children and families in East Timor.

Last, however certainly not least, we thank everyone who celebrated this special feast day with us at all Masses over the weekend and for your generosity which ensures that the works in Railaco are able to continue well into the future.

We will share photos with you over the coming weeks.

A bill to make abortion legal in NSW up until birth, for any reason, has been tabled in NSW Parliament and is due to be voted on Tuesday. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has asked all Catholics in NSW to urgently contact their state Member of Parliament and ask them to vote against this bill. Contact details for your local MP are: for 'Sydney', Alex Greenwich, 9267 5999, sydney@parliament.nsw.gov.au. Further information is available at the Church entrance.

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.