



## Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

8 Sept 2019

Twenty third Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

### Parish Directory

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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

## Suicide Prevention Day (10/9)

That suicide is the most frequent cause of the death of young Australians, and particularly of young Indigenous Australians, is a disturbing thought. Apart from that statistic, it is appalling that young people, whom we hope would look forward with much energy and optimism to their future lives, can be so driven by their pain to end them. This Day invites us to reflect with compassion on young people who have taken their own lives. It also encourages us to ask what kind of a society we are creating that leaves many young people in such despair.

One of the factors that can lead to suicide is isolation. Those who suffer from mental illness can find it hard to communicate with others and to relate in groups. Their own inner pain can be overwhelming. They cannot find words for it. Nor can they summon the trust and energy they would need to talk to others about their experience. Their silence can deepen due to family members feeling helpless and excluded. Subsequently they may become locked into silence, despairing of their capacity to relate to others and wanting to spare them the pain of their company. Suicide may be seen as the only way to end their pain.

The Australian Government is right to pledge resources to address youth suicide. There will be no magic bullet, however. The factors contributing to a young person's decision to end their life can include mental and physical illness, addiction, and the experience of problems at education or work; lack of access to both supportive programs of housing and other types of care can also have a bearing. If we are to offer young people a better way, we need to address the social difficulties they face in their homes and communities.

Medication and counselling will often be essential. But crucial too is the building and strengthening of relationships where their pain and desperation are compassionately heard, so they can find resources for accepting and living through it.

The families and friends of people who have suicided need the same support. Above all they need to be able to talk about the feelings of loss and shame, of guilt, anger and confusion that can overwhelm them. The difficulty is that such a strong stigma attaches to suicide. Those affected can feel afraid to raise the topic and embarrassed when others talk about it. As a result they keep silent. But their feelings remain and eat away at their lives.

That is why programs like those of Support after Suicide (JSS) are so important. There, in a safe environment, people can find counselling, or conversation with those who have suffered from the same experience. Breaking silence can be the first step to recovering life.

*Andrew Hamilton SJ*

### Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Entrance Hymn: No 365 (Gather) Christ is Alive, With Joy We Sing

### Opening Prayer

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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: Wisdom 9:13-18

For who can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail; for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthy tent burdens the thoughtful mind. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you, and were saved by wisdom. 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: Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation: Ps 119:135

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

### Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, spouse and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' "Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. "So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." The Gospel of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: No 502 (Gather) The Summons

### Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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

Recessional: No 468 (Gather) I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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## Remembering those who have gone before us...

**Recently Deceased:** Lady Patricia Brennan, Tony Musgrave, Nanette Shiffer, Diana Armstrong, Bob Roberts

**Anniversaries:** Vlatko Zaknich, Mara Separovich, Jim Caward, Bessie and Stan Duncan, Irene Hardin

## 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, Dulcie Kennedy, Flynn Cawood, Valentino Close, Ronald Soussa, Sophie Napier, Veronica Rainbird, Joan Agbor

*If you would like the parish to pray for someone or to bring them Holy Communion, please contact Lynelle at the Parish Office on 9358 5229 or email [Lynelle@stcanice.com.au](mailto:Lynelle@stcanice.com.au). Please note you must have a person's permission for their name to be on the bulletin's sick list.*

### Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations

14/15 Sep	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
<b>Greeters</b>	W. Fothergill	H. Campbell	S. Barnes
<b>Readers</b>	SVC Student	A. Weeks	C. Coggins
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	As available	As available	S. Buckingham B. Clulow M. Woodburne S. Woodburne

### Next Week's Readings:

14/15 Sept 2019

First Reading:

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Second Reading:

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel:

Luke 15:1-10

## Parish Calendar

<b>Sun, 8th Sept</b>	<b>Meditation Base Camp</b> , Church, 6pm.
<b>Sat, 14th Sept</b>	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> <b>Indian Bazaar</b> , St Ignatius College, Riverview, 9am - 5pm
<b>Sun, 22nd Sept</b>	<b>David's Place 20th Anniversary Mass</b> , 10.30am, lunch in Peace Park afterwards
<b>Sun, 13th Oct</b>	<b>St Canice Feast Day Mass</b> , Church, 10.30am Join us for lunch after Mass in Peace Park
<b>Thur, 17th Oct</b>	<b>Kitchen Volunteers Thank-you Evening</b> , Hall, 6.15pm

### Pope Francis' message for the Season of Creation: 1 Sep. – 4 Oct.

"God's gaze, at the beginning of the Bible, rests lovingly on his creation... Tragically, the human response to this gift has been marked by sin, selfishness and a greedy desire to possess and exploit. Egoism and self-interest have turned creation, a place of encounter and sharing, into an arena of competition and conflict."

The full text is available at the doors.

**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?

*To assist, or if you require further information, contact Fr Paul or the office.*

## Parish Notices

**Jesuit Mission Indian Bazaar:** Come and join in the fun and festivities at Jesuit Mission's Indian Bazaar on Saturday 14th September 2019, 9am-5pm at St Ignatius' College, Riverview: rides, stalls, auctions and more! The annual fundraiser supports Jesuit Mission's work in over 13 countries, empowering the most vulnerable people to transform their lives and build brighter futures. More details at <https://jesuitmission.org.au/indian-bazaar/> & <https://www.facebook.com/events/926093744402699/>

### **Sacrament of Confirmation - enrolments due:**

Enrolment forms were due back at the parish office last Friday. If you would like to enrol your child please complete an enrolment form as soon as possible. Enrolment forms can be obtained:

- On the St Canice Parish Website
- By emailing Lynelle at the Parish Office: [lynelle@stcanice.com.au](mailto:lynelle@stcanice.com.au)
- By phoning Lynelle at the Parish Office: 9358 5229
- At the back of the church

### **David's Place 20th Anniversary Mass - cakes**

**needed:** The David's Place community invite all parishioners and friends to join them on **Sunday 22nd Sept at the 10.30am Mass** to celebrate their 20th anniversary. After Mass you are invited to join them in Peace Park for lunch.

***The team at David's Place are asking for donations of cakes/slices to share at lunch.***

If you are able to help out - please complete the enclosed form and return to Lynelle at the parish office.

To learn more about what happens at David's Place visit their website or Instagram page.

- **Website:** <https://www.davidspplace.com.au/>
- **Instagram:** [https://www.instagram.com/davidspplace\\_sydney/](https://www.instagram.com/davidspplace_sydney/)

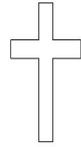
**Rally re abortion:** Sunday 15th, 2:30pm, Hyde Park

### **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](mailto: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.



### **Funeral Notice - Lady Patricia Brennan**

The funeral for Lady Patricia Brennan will be held at St Canice on Monday 9th September @ 11am.

***Parishioners welcome to attend.***

**Child Protection Sunday 2019:** This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and support network. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention).

### **A Prayer for Stronger Communities, Safer Children**

Gracious God, you said "Let the children come to me".

The hurt felt by those wounded by abuse weighs heavily upon us. Trust has been eroded when institutions failed to appropriately respond to their needs. Lord, we as your Church stand in need of your healing and help.

We ask you, God, to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us wisdom in our time to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable.

May our families and communities, through love, generosity, commitment and patience, build stronger communities safe for children.

Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience they will need for their life's journey.

We ask you, God, to help our Catholic communities to be resolute in building a community where our children flourish and are safe.

Amen



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

- Pope's Message for Creation
- Australian Catholics Magazine
- Jesuit Mission Reflections Magazine