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Season  
of Creation  
1-Sep to 4-Oct in the  
Year of  
Laudato si'

## Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

4 October 2020

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

### Parish Directory

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### Masses – for ≤101 people

Tu 7am, W & Th 9am, F 12noon, Sa 9am  
Register: Sat 6pm, Sun 8:30am 10:30am.  
Online: Sat 6pm <https://www.facebook.com/StCanicesElizabethBay/live/>

### Weddings, Funerals – for ≤100 people

Contact Parish Office Tel: 9358 5229

### Reconciliation

By arrangement

### Viaticum & Anointing

As requested - contact the Parish Office  
or 0427 566 324 after hours.

### Healing Mass

Cancelled

### Baptism & Child Sacraments, RCIA

Contact Parish Office Tel: 9358 5229

## Stalwart of Catholic life in peril

October is Catholic Press Month, and 2020 has not been a kind year to magazines. Shrinking subscriptions, the closure of news-agents and other stockists, and financial pressures associated with the coronavirus have led many to disappear. They include such titles as *Elle* and *Harpers Bazaar*.

Catholic print magazines have experienced the same pressures. Among those imperilled is *Madonna Magazine* published by Jesuit Publications. It has recently begun a program to seek new subscriptions and donations.

First published in 1897, *Madonna* is one of the longest surviving Catholic magazines. It has had an important part in Catholic life. Its initial publication was a sign of hope for the Catholic community as it suffered in the Great Depression of the 1890s. Jesuits Fr John Ryan, a visionary planner and canny administrator, and Fr Michael Watson, a gifted writer and speaker, saw in it a complement to the widespread parish Sodality of Our Lady. It helped people to pray and deepen their faith by providing attractive material for prayer and reflection that touched their daily lives. Each edition included short stories, poems, advice about the ordinary challenges of family life, and suggestions about cooking, sewing and raising families.

It provided news about the wider Church, particularly about Ireland which was still the spiritual home for many Catholics.

It covered, too, the public issues of the day that bore on Catholics, particularly on the right to Catholic schooling. Because it saw its readers not as isolated individuals but as members of the *Madonna* community, it was conversational in its style.

Through all the changes in Catholic life, including two World Wars and another Great Depression, it has continued to form a community for Catholics who wanted to centre their lives on faith. After the Second Vatican Council, especially when Fr Henry Wilkins was editor it had a major role in introducing people to the changes brought about by the Council. Fr Wilkins' column in which he entered into conversation with *Madonna* readers about the changes in the church was as wise, lively and quirky as he was. For his calling card he used a memorial card on which only the date of his death remained uncompleted.

More recently, *Madonna Magazine* under the editorship of Patrick O'Sullivan, Andrew Bullen and Christopher Gleeson, has continued to share stories of Catholic life in a fast-changing world. Its first website attracted a huge audience that mistakenly identified it with another Madonna more celebrated in popular culture. It attracts good writing on the place of women in the church, care for the environment, the gift of Indigenous spiritualities to the Church, and faith in a secular world.

The centre of Madonna has remained its reflections on prayer, both in its articles and especially in its prayer notes based on the daily Mass readings. These reflections are written by members of the wider Madonna community. \*p.2

**Help everyone by booking a weekend place at mass by Thursday!**



**Entrance Procession**

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**Collect**

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

**First Reading**

Isaiah 5:1-7

*The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel*

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: “My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

“And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? “And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

*God of hosts, let your face shine on us and we shall be saved*

**R.** The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

**Second Reading**

Philippians 4:6-9

*Do these things and the God of peace will be with you*

Do not worry about anything, but in everything let your requests be made known to God by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Gospel Acclamation** cf John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Matthew 21:33-43

*He leased his vineyard to other farmers*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. “When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. “Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. “Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.”

**Communion Antiphon**

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



from p.1: At a time when the Catholic Church needs to build communities centred on prayer, *Madonna Magazine* remains a precious resource. You can help by donating or buying a subscription for yourself, a friend or for a prisoner through the Catholic Prison Ministry. More details [here](https://www.madonnamagazine.com.au/): <https://www.madonnamagazine.com.au/>— see Love Madonna... [phone 1300 72 8846, email <editor@madonnamagazine.com.au>. Andrew Hamilton SJ

Remembering those who have gone before us...

**Recently Deceased:** David Mendelson, Trish Fitzpatrick (wife of Kevin), Sr Maureen O'Halloran; victims of COVID-19 inc. 47+ Jesuits.

**Anniversaries:** Greg Woodburn.

Let us pray for...

**Recently ill:** Those with Covid-19; John Harding, Paul Scharrer, John Hallett, Cassandra Woodburne, Maurice Heading SJ, Jillian Wells, Antonios Constantine, Alison Dudley, Marina Byron, Amanda Sinclair, Michael Kelly SJ, Br Terry Kavenagh OSB, Fr Peter Maher, Wilhelmina van Wanrooy, Kevin Matthews, Gwen Feeney, Aloysious Mowe SJ, Jack Ryan Duffy, Anne O'Sullivan, Susanne O'Sullivan, Belen Latorre, Michael Taylor, Tony Catt, Siobhan Pearson, James Toohey, Maria Grazia Orlandi, Robert Horder, Clive Adams, Patrick Brogan, John Laing, Linda Stein, Ruby Naidu, Sandra Holyeak, Ray Walsh, Omar Soliman, Dulcie Kennedy, Flynn Cawood, Valentino Close, Ronald Sousa, Sophie Napier, Veronica Rainbird, Joan Agbor.

**Available:** Australian Catholics (Spring edition: gold coin donation in SVdP box on wall welcome); Reflect (Jesuit Mission News).

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> Please note you must have a person's permission for their name to be on the bulletin's sick list.

*Please remind yourself of the expectations listed on the sheet at the desks: we should (and are obliged legally) to follow our plan!*

## Parish Calendar

Sun 4 (No online, Sat 6pm) *Daylight Savings begins*  
Wed 7 Our Lady of the Rosary  
Sat 10 Come in person—or **Online**, Sat 6pm **here**  
Sun 11 ST. CANICE, abbott  
Prior **booking** please! 6pm, 8:30am, 10:30am.

Complete an attendance form at church		
Tue	6 October	Mass 7am
Wed	7	Mass 9am.
Thu	8	Mass 9am
Fri	9	Mass 12 noon
Sat	10	Mass 9am.

## Season of Creation

Catholic social teaching on acting justly includes Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'*, as is made explicit in its §15. It's strange that some notable Catholics, who once insisted on the need to follow official Church teaching in order to remain a Catholic, now make demurrals. Whatever of that, the encyclical makes its own powerful and wide-ranging case that many aspects of the Church's moral and social teaching are closely tied to our attitude toward Mother Earth. Each year the Season of Creation challenges us to consistency in faith. PF

## Groups using our Church

The parish has been getting requests to use of the Church for a variety of purposes. For instances not involving a religious service, we are restricted to 20 people. Groups using the Church (or Hall) must use their own industry plan and provide us with a copy. Current requests involve possible uses such as film, song, and 12-step programs.

## Fr Steve Sinn speaking

Listen to Fr Steve talk about his calling, in an interview with fellow Jesuits.

<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IzEwx6vKPDI>>

## Feast of St Canice

Next Sunday, 11 October is the feast of St Canice, and as patron of the parish, his mass takes precedence. We regret that in this COVID time we are unable to make merry on this day. You may like to celebrate with a few other parishioners in some suitable way!

## Spirituality news

A number have commented on how helpful this new newsletter is. Check it out **here** <<https://jisa.org.au/2020/08/20/509/>> –from *Jesuit & Ignatian Spirituality Australia*.

## Pray with Jesuit Mission: Joy

It has been a tough year and it still is. And so ever more important for us to find joy. Join Australian Jesuit Mission in prayer at <<https://jesuitmission.org.au/who-we-are/our-spirituality/fse/>>

## Ordinary Time...

when we live out our discerned Easter vocation in everyday life, daily putting on Christ crucified and risen.

# Parish Notices

## Next Week's Readings:

10 / 11 October – Feast of St Canice Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

**No online mass this Saturday!**

## Two Wolves Community Cantina

at Chippendale (the Mexican restaurant run by the Jesuits' young adults ministry), is now available for **events and functions!** Whether for a Birthday Party, a Work Christmas Event or a Community Reunion, we would love to accommodate you. All profits go towards supporting the ministry, *The Cardoner Project*, here **and** in the developing world. Enquire today at <[events@thetwowolves.com.au](mailto:events@thetwowolves.com.au)> for more info.

## JRS Foodbank Appeal

JRS stocks of **rice, pasta, oil, tuna, and long life milk** are RUNNING LOW. If you can donate these items we have drop off spots around Sydney **here**.

### The Pope's Prayer in the Year of Laudato si'

*Loving God, Creator of Heaven, Earth,  
and all therein contained.*

*Open our minds and touch our hearts,  
so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.*

*Be present to those in need in these difficult times,  
especially the poorest and most vulnerable.*

*Help us to show creative solidarity  
as we confront the consequences  
of the global pandemic.*

*Make us courageous in embracing  
the changes required to seek the common good.*

*Now more than ever, may we all feel  
interconnected and interdependent.*

*Enable us to succeed in listening and responding  
to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.*

*May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs of a  
more fraternal and sustainable world.*

*We pray through Christ our Lord,  
under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians,  
Amen.*

We note with sadness that **Carolina Gottardo, Director JRS Aust** is leaving in early November, as her family moves overseas next year.

## The Season of Creation—

finishes today, Sunday, 4 October (the feast day of St Francis of Assisi). What difference has it made to our attitude to our Mother Earth this year?

## New, around the parish...

The use of space at St Canice's is a particular focus at present. Since Blaiquet House can no longer be used for accommodation because of associated costs of maintenance, fire safety and other issues, we are re-purposing it to become a shared space for our parish community, parish staff and volunteers. The ground floor will be used for prayer groups, committee meetings etc., and as a sorting/storage area for clothing donations and for JRS files we had elsewhere. Other changes are still being finalised.

Our parish hall has also been cleaned out and is now more spacious. If you have an idea of how we can use these areas to help parishioners better connect, please contact Brian Anderson <[brian.anderson@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:brian.anderson@syd.catholic.edu.au)> or Lynelle. PF.

## People still want to be Catholics

**This is the time** to enquire about the Catholic Church—no strings attached. Or to take it seriously again. Or you may know someone... Talk to the PP or them! *And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?* Romans 10

## Face masks &c.

Our Archbishop exhorts parishioners to wear masks at Mass; and always to observe social distancing

## The Catholic Weekly

\$2 to the StVdP box please. Also available in a digital form at <[www.catholicweekly.com.au](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au)>

## News, depth, spirituality:

Australian Jesuit News— <[www.jesuit.org.au](http://www.jesuit.org.au)>, Australian Catholics— <[australiancatholics.com.au](http://australiancatholics.com.au)>, Eureka Street— <[www.eurekastreet.com.au](http://www.eurekastreet.com.au)>, Madonna— <[www.madonnamagazine.com.au](http://www.madonnamagazine.com.au)>

**Remember to register: online / email / phone**

### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child 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.