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## Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

13 December 2020

Third (Gaudete) Sunday of Advent — Year B

### Parish Directory

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### Masses –

Tu 7am, W & Th 9am, F 12noon, Sa 9am

Register: Sat 6pm, Sun 8:30am 10:30am.

Online: Sat 6pm Zoom Meeting ID: 893

9545 6461 Passcode: 990013

### 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

We happily welcome Emma Gilchrist to our parish staff until Christmas to help us cope with the massive amount of admin that COVID and Christmas combined have brought us. PF

### International Migrants Day (18th) & Human Solidarity Day (20th)

Solidarity is a strong word. It summons up images of striking workers standing hand in hand against police dogs. It is about strong concerted action in the face of your fears. Most likely men's work. My most vivid and moving understanding of solidarity, however, came from a gathering of parish pastoral workers, mostly women, in El Salvador towards the end of the civil war. At that time people in rural areas were terrorised by the armed forces which suspected them of supporting the resistance. Church pastoral leaders were targeted. It was common for men to be dragged away from their houses to military barracks or police stations where they would be disappeared. Friends who came quickly to the barracks could be beaten or worse, but could save people's lives

At this meeting the pastoral workers were asked to act out on the stage situations which were part of their daily life. In one of these dramas a woman rushed into a group of villagers shouting that the soldiers had snatched their husbands from the village. She then came to the front of the stage asking the audience, 'Will you come to the barracks to support your men?' Every woman in the audience immediately got up on the stage to follow her. That was solidarity, holding your ground together to defend others in the face of your fears.

Solidarity begins in the eye and the heart. We notice people, our hearts go out to them and we respond to their needs. Most of us find solidarity in our families and among our friends. We may fight among ourselves, but if someone is beating up our little brother we rush to his defence. He is family. Human solidarity goes further than this. It leads us to see even strangers as family because we share with them a common humanity. Instead of separating family and friends from strangers, and seeing strangers as invaders, rivals or as none of our business, our hearts and hands reach out to strangers in need.

The test of a good society is how far solidarity reaches. Where it does not exist, people take no interest in people outside their immediate family and town, see other people as strangers or invaders, and are resentful when they receive attention or help. People can hear of and watch the suffering of strangers without being moved or still less doing anything to help them. Lack of solidarity breeds apathy or resentment. Solidarity brings people together to support others when they are in need or are treated badly. Our ministry at Jesuit Social Services is built on solidarity with the people whom we accompany. We try to meet them with open hearts, as our brothers and sisters.

World Migrants Day, which occurs a few days before Solidarity Day, reminds us that a crucial test of solidarity of today's society lies in the welcome given to migrants and refugees. They are always likely to be seen as strangers, to be resented for stealing jobs, and regarded as lesser because they are different. A society that welcomes migrants cheerfully and generously is to be celebrated. Australia, in which most people are immigrants or are descended from them should be particularly welcoming of other people.

*Andy Hamilton SJ*

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

## THIRD (GAUDETE) SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B — 13 DECEMBER 2020



### Entrance Procession

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

### Collect

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

### First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

*I exult for joy in the Lord*

The servant of the Lord said: "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. "For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations."

### Responsorial Canticle

Luke 1:47-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Isa 61.10b)

*My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour*

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

### Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 *May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ*

My brothers and sisters, rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

### Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

### Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

*There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me*

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

### Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

### Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

## Breaking news: Railaco Human Rights award

The President of the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste conferred the **Sergio Vieira de Mello Award for Promotion of Human Rights** to Fr Bong and *The Feeding Program of Railaco* for its excellent service of promoting rights of the child to food and nutrition. Thanks to all our parishioners whose donations have helped with this wonderful program. **See more here.**



3rd Advent B, in the sequence of Loreto Yr6 paintings for St Ignatius Parish Norwood, Advent 2008

Remembering those who have gone before us...

**Recently Deceased:** Cassandra Woodbourne, Heinz Reuthlinger, Patricia Emberson, Antonios Constantin, COVID-19 victims.

**Anniversaries:** Luke Lembryk.



Let us pray for...

**Recently ill:** Aristeo Albay, Josie Lynch, Caroline Crilly, Kathleen Doherty, Mary Woodburne, John Harding, Paul Scharrer, John Hallett, Maurice Heading SJ, Jillian Wells, Alison Dudley, Marina Byron, Hayden Ure, Amanda Sinclair, Michael Kelly SJ, Br Terry Kavenagh OSB, Fr Peter Maher, Wilhelmina van Wanrooy, Kevin Matthews, Gwen Feeney, Aloysious Mowe SJ, 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 Soussa, Sophie Napier, Veronica Rainbird, Joan Agbor, those with Covid-19.

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.

**COVID-19: 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 13	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (On Zoom, Sat 6pm).
Mon 14	St John of the Cross, priest, doctor
Tue 15	7pm <b>Second Rite of Reconciliation</b>
Sat 19	6pm vigil— <b>Online here</b>
Sun 20	4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	Prior <b>booking</b> preferred! 6pm, 8:30am, 10:30am.
Thu 24	5pm (children), 7pm, 10pm Christmas Vigils
Fri 25	8am, 9:30am, 11am Christmas Day

Complete an attendance form at church		
Tue 15	December	Mass 7am
Wed 16		Mass 9am.
Thu 17		Mass 9am
Fri 18		<b>NO MASS</b>
Sat 19		Mass 9am.

## Archbishop's Letter

Given the partial relaxation of distancing, the Archbishop has restored the obligation of Sunday mass for all those who are not aged, or have health conditions or are anxious about infection; those should take other steps to keep the 'sabbath'. He makes a plea to "come home to Mass". Copies of the 2-page letter are available at the door.

*Please remember to take any papers you have handled in Church with you.*

### Pope inaugurates a Year of St Joseph

8 December was the 150th anniversary of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, so Pope Francis announced a special Year to mark this.

## Madonna magazine

Pray with Madonna magazine: Get a subscription **online** (cf. p.4) or at 1300 72 88 46, 9–5 M–F. This will also help ensure its future which is in doubt.

**Christmas gifts from Jesuit Mission's Gifts for Change!**

<<https://shop.jesuitmission.org.au/>>

## Advent Reconciliation

Advent is an appropriate time, as a Church, as a country, and as humans on this God-given earth, to together seek God's tender love and mercy through the communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (2nd rite): Tuesday, 15 Dec, 7pm

## Silent Ignatian retreats

At Canisius, Pymble, a 4- or 8-day retreat begins on 16 January. See <[jisa.org.au](http://jisa.org.au)> or ring 1300 EXAMEN (1300-392-636)

**Join Australian Jesuit Mission in prayer for Hearty Laughter &c.** at <<https://jesuitmission.org.au/who-we-are/our-spirituality/fse/>>.

**Apologies if you are having trouble phoning us. We are still fixing bugs in the new system.**

## Advent...

*In this new Church year we call to mind God's plan to save us as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of his Son, Jesus, born of Mary.*

# Parish Notices

## Next Week's Readings:

19/20 December – Advent 4 – Year B

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-16 *passim*

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Christmas is a holyday of obligation.

## Christmas mass registration

Thu 24th — 5pm (children's), 7pm, 10pm

Fri 25th — 8am, 9:30am and 11am.

**Each individual** must be registered and **arrive at least 10 minutes** early.

**Face masks** are **mandatory** for joining in the **carols** and are strongly recommended as these events carry a much higher risk of infection.

A very large number have already registered. Regulars have been sent notification by email. Others should follow or click the link to register: <<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-canice-christmas-masses-tickets-131272127467>>

## Kitchen news

A Christmas party will be held this Friday, featuring the Sydney St Choir. Special funding allows the Kitchen to remain open, Monday to Friday through the summer, except Christmas Day, New Year's Eve & Day, while still giving the teams a summer break!

## JRS news

We welcome to the parish the new country director, Ms Tamara Domicelj. The Westmead offices have now moved to 10 Victoria Road, Parramatta NSW 2150 (7 Dec.) The new JRS website is <[aus.jrs.net](http://aus.jrs.net)>

## 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)>, Jesuit/Ignatian Spirituality— <[jisa.org.au](http://jisa.org.au)> Catholic Weekly <[www.catholicweekly.com.au](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au)>: *for the printed copy, \$2 to the StVdP box please.*

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

## Online masses moved to Zoom

Our laptop now won't live-stream to Facebook. God surely knows why: noone else does!

Masses will now be Zoomed. Click **here** **OR** use Zoom Meeting ID: 893 9545 6461 Passcode: 990013 **OR** One tap mobile +61280156011,,89395456461 #,,,,,0#,,990013# **OR** phone for NSW +61 2 8015 6011 Meeting ID: 893 9545 6461 Passcode: 990013

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## Kitchen Christmas Hamper Appeal

### Last call! Please give now!

This Friday we will distribute Christmas hampers to our kitchen guests. We need specific items because local community and businesses have given much.

**Items Needed** for our Hampers are as follows:

- chips/Doritos or similar (share packs or individual packets)
- bags of mixed lollies: e.g. snakes, party mix etc.
- cans of soft drink

NB: No chocolates! – lots donated in recent months.

*Please leave in baskets at back of the church.*

Thank you as always for your generosity.

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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.*

## 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.