



Catholic Parish of St Canice

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

9th September 2018

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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Mass Times

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

Jesus shows himself as fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah. Jesus does this act of healing of the deaf as act of compassion in private for the wounded humanity. Jesus acts with special gestures such as putting his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle and says "Ephphatha", a word included in the rite of baptism, a word which means 'Be open'.

We know of the tragic cases of children who shut themselves because they are physically challenged from birth. Yet the devotion and skill of speech therapist opens today a new world of audiology.

Today we ask the question what happens when the eyes the ears and the tongue of the heart are blocked? How many married people who do not understand each other, who no longer speak to each other! How many "dialogues of the deaf" there are between persons, groups, institutions or nations where there is no mutual trust.

Simon Longstaff, director of the Ethics Centre, speaks about the theme of the forthcoming Festival of Dangerous Ideas, "Trust and truth are absolutely indispensable elements in trying to navigate the way forward. You're seeing a group of people who are saying that they feel isolated, forgotten, angry and when you are in that mood you can make a visceral response, which may not be a good response, particularly if you don't trust anything you hear, People prey on that sense of mistrust." A way forward is to settle down and discuss new ways that allows all people to make informed decision about the future. He thinks in the right context no idea is too dangerous".

Andrew Solomon in "Far From The Tree" offers us a different reading to a society that seeks transformation. Early psychoanalytic models are about accepting life's problems; modern therapies focus on resolving them, eliminating them or redefining them as something other than problems. Does some artifice creep into this brazen triumphalism? People often affect a happiness they do not feel; people whose neurosis has turned to misery are not only miserable, but also believe that they have failed. But the vital piece of this inclination towards the light is the unshakeable belief that catastrophes properly end in resolution, that tragedies are frequently a phase rather than an endgame.

Sometimes, people end up thankful for that they mourned. You cannot achieve this state by seeking tragedy, but you can keep yourself open more to sorrow's richness than to unmeditated despair.

Tragedies with happy endings may be sentimental tripe or they may be the true meaning of love.

Fr Gaetan



Entrance Antiphon:

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

Entrance Hymn: No 414 (Gather) Sing A New Song

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: Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer; and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water. The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or; "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the region of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a man who was deaf and who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak." The Gospel of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: No 489 (Gather) The Beatitudes

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 449 (Gather) Be Not Afraid

Recessional: No 404 (Gather) Christ Be Our Light

Parish Notices

In a letter 'To the People of God' last week, Pope Francis addressed the suffering caused by clerical abuse, expressing deep sorrow for the 'heart-wrenching pain' of victims and giving voice to the shame of the Church.

James Hanvey SJ, Master of Campion Hall, University of Oxford, believes that, in trying to be attentive to the Spirit's voice and presence, the pope's letter marks a definitive moment from which there can be no turning back.

It's time for us to fight – not leave!

You fight by your very presence at Mass. You fight by keeping people's feet to the fire. You fight by organizing your fellow Catholics. Fight any way you can. But you fight because you believe in the Church; you love the Church; and you realise that despite this terrible blight, it's worth fighting for.

What can we do?

Our webpage contains many 'posts' from leading writers in trusted journals that might help us all as a community come to grips with what we might do next. We share the subject matter of just a couple of these posts here. You may read all the stories on both the parish webpage, and on our parish Facebook page. We invite you to comment – to start a conversation. http://stcanice.org.au/?page_id=5572

Jesus calmed that storm, and he will calm this one, too.

We stay. We remain. We proudly, definitively and without hesitation declare that we are Catholic, and we live our Catholic faith more boldly than ever before. We are Catholic because Jesus Christ established this church, unites us in this church, and even in the midst of turmoil and confusion and hurt and fear, we do not walk away. We do not bail out. We stay. We pray. We fight. We lead.

Why do some Catholics stay?

"... If you have been fed by Christ within the church, you know that come what may, you have no other home. To leave the church would be to leave behind the Christ you have come to know here, the Christ who continues to feed you here."

The power of 'Like' on Facebook

Your 'like' on a post that resonates with you on the St Canice Facebook page can be likened to a seed that you are planting, or a flicker of a flame that you may ignite in a lapsed Catholic family member or friend.

Your 'like' can be viewed as your call to Mission; very simply, through your example others may see the light.