



7-8th of September 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Liturgical Year B

**READINGS**

**First**

Isaiah 35:4-7 (NRSV)

**Resp. Psalm**

Ps 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10

**Second**

James 2.1-3 (NRSV)

**Gospel**

Mark 7:31-37 (NRSV)

**HYMNS**

**Entrance**

Gather Us In GA 526

**Psalm**

Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Offertory**

**Communion**

Soul Of My Saviour

Amazing grace GA 437

**Recessional**

Glory And Praise To Our God

GA 417

**Postlude**

Largo, Dvorak

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**THIS MONTH'S  
POPE'S PRAYER**



**For the cry of the Earth**

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



**WE PRAY TOGETHER  
FOR OUR BELOVED DEPARTED**

**Recently Deceased:**

Jenny Musgrave, Gordon Murray, Graham Boyle, Edna Mary East, Peter John Henry, and Margaret Scholes

**Anniversary of Death:**

Irene (Tim) Harding

**Special Mass Intention:**

Julian Roberts

*If you have a prayer intention for the deceased, or a family member or friend is sick, please contact the Parish Office to arrange a priest to pray or visit.*

**WHAT'S ON**

**Every Tuesday – Friday**

8.00am Mass

8.30am Rosary

**Every Saturday**

9.00am Mass

6.00pm Vigil Mass

**Every Sunday**

8.30am Mass

9.30am Reconciliation

10.00am Mass

**1st Sunday of the Month**

11.00am Curious Grace

**1st Friday of the Month**

6.00pm Adoration Hour



**ADORATION HOUR  
THIS FRIDAY 6TH SEPT**



**ROSARY**

**AFTER WEEKDAY MASS**

Join us after the daily Mass at 8.00am in praying the Rosary together.

**NEW TO ST  
CANICE'S?  
REGISTER WITH US  
TO STAY IN TOUCH**



# READINGS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

## FIRST READING

### Isaiah 35:4-7 (NRSV)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

*The ears of the deaf shall be unstopped and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.*

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## St Canice's Church Plate Collection



Recognising our move towards a cashless society, we've made it easier for you to contribute. Scan the QR code to make your donation to the collection



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Ps 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free. **R.**

2. The Lord opens the eyes of the blind and lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous and watches over the strangers. **R.**

3. The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. **R.**

## SECOND READING

### James 2.1-3 (NRSV)

A reading from the letter of James

*Has not God chosen the poor to be rich in faith, and be heirs of the kingdom?*

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

### **Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

### **Mark 7:31-37 (NRSV)**

#### **A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark**

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.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Celebrant:** As Jesus showed concern for the man in the Gospel, and gave him speech and hearing, so we pray with concern for young people on this Safeguarding Sunday across Australia.

**1.** We pray for God's blessing upon people who have difficulty with hearing and speaking that they will be patient on life's journey, and always receive courtesy and kindness from others.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**2.** We pray for all people who have been failed and let down children and teenagers in our churches and schools, institutions and communities, that their spiritual, emotional and physical healing will help them reclaim their dignity.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**3.** We pray for the Catholics of Papua New Guinea who gather with Pope Francis for the Eucharist today in Port Moresby, that Jesus in his sacrifice and sacrament will be their life.

.Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God, through your Son, Jesus, you lift the broken hearted, and protect the stranger, grant that he may so work in us and through us that your care will continue to embrace all in need, for he lives and reigned for ever and ever.



*Westfield*  
**Local Heroes**

**Father David Braithwaite SJ**  
St Canice's Kitchen



**VOTE NOW**



Our very own Fr Dave Braithwaite SJ has been nominated as a finalist for the 2024 Westfield Local Hero.

**Vote for him today to help secure \$30,000 worth of grants** that will support St Canice's Kitchen in providing free, nutritious meals to more than 150 guests each day.



**Are you a Knitter who wants to share your skills with others? We need you for a new Curious Grace Yarn Group meeting at St Canice's fortnightly, on a Wednesday morning, from 10.00am to 11.30 am. All are Welcome to Knit or Crochet, and enjoy 'a good yarn' and Morning Tea. Needles and yarns provided. The Curious Grace Yarn group is creating beanies, blankets and other items for our community.**

For more information email: [curiousgrace@stcanice.org.au](mailto:curiousgrace@stcanice.org.au) or phone 0414 376 868

**SOME PHOTOS FROM LAST SUNDAY .....**



**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.