

24th of December 6pm 2024



CHRISTMAS EVE – Liturgical Year C

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THIS MONTH'S POPE'S PRAYER



For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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



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 COMMENCES AGAIN 7th FEB 2025 AT 6pm



FOR INFORMATION ON A COLUMBARIUM NICHE: columbarium@stcanice.org



JOIN US AFTER THE DAILY 8.00AM MASS TO PRAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER.



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WE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEPARTED

Recently Deceased:

Shaun Martin, David Cornwall

Anniversary of Death:

Special Mass Intentions:

Nicholas Pizzo, Ana Julia Potes, Yair Rivera

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

Parish Office will be closed December 23rd to January 7th.



READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-7 (NRSV)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

A child has been born for us; a son given to us.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness- on them light has shone. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 96.1-2, 3-4, 11-12, 13 (NRSV)

R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

R.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

R.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

R.

Rejoice before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

R.

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14 (NRSV)

A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus

God's grace has appeared to all people.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14 (NRSV)

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, tonight as we remember of birth of Jesus Christ, Pope Francis is opening the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica, inaugurating this 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope for the whole Church to celebrate. Knowing the many pressures on people around the world, we pray for a new Hope to strengthen and comfort every heart.

1. We pray for the Church in every place, that encouraged by Pope Francis, the Church will be reborn in Hope and be a strong witness to the grace and peace of the Christ Child. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. We pray for the peoples of the Holy Land where Jesus was born this night, walked its roads and healed the people, suffered and died for all humanity, that they may be delivered from the present war, be healed of every hurt and be reborn in Hope. Lord, hear us **Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. We pray for all who suffer in our world, burdened by poverty and hunger, frightened by war and violence, anxious through sickness and homelessness, that the goodwill of people will help them to be reborn in Hope. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, on this night you gave us your Son, Jesus, to be the Hope and Light of the world. Let this Jubilee Year draw us closer to him so that our faith will be stronger, our hope, serene, and our charity, generous. Through Christ our Lord.

RAFFLE DRAWN CHRISTMAS MORNING AFTER 10am MASS! GOOD LUCK!

THANK YOU to our warm vibrant Community who make up this fabulous Parish of St Canice's



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



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. 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.