



Merry Christmas



24th December 9pm Vigil Mass 2024

CHRISTMAS EVE – Liturgical Year C

HYMNS

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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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✉ 3.00pm

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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 62:1-5 (NRSV)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The Lord's delight is in Zion

The Lord says this: "For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn. and her salvation like a burning torch.

"The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

"You shall no more be termed 'Forsaken,' and your land shall no more be termed 'Desolate'; but you shall be called 'My Delight Is in Her,' and your land 'Married'; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

"For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89.3-4, 15-16, 26+28 (R.1a)

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1.You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations." **R.**

2. Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance; they exult in your name all day long, and extol your righteousness. **R.**

3. He shall cry to me, "You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!" Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm. **R.**

SECOND READING

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 (NRSV)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Paul spoke of Jesus Christ, the descendant of David

When Paul arrived in Antioch, he stood up in the synagogue, held up his hand for silence, and began to speak:

"You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it.

"When God made David their king, in his testimony about him he said, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.' "Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.'"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will be our king.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV)

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant:

Sisters and brothers, in the joy of this holy night, when the whole Church celebrates the start of a Jubilee Year of Hope, we open our hearts to the love of Jesus.

1. May Pope Francis, in opening this Jubilee Year tonight, fill every member of the Church with hope in Jesus, born as Saviour of the world.

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

2. May our celebration of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem bring peace to all the people who live in the Holy Land, so that the war ends and everyone is safe again.

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

3. May the tender love of Mary for her son, Jesus, and the strong protection of him by Joseph, help all of our families to care for each other.

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.





St Canice's Parish Church would like to extend to you and your family a very blessed and joyous Christmas and a fruitful 2025 ahead.

May the Lord Jesus Christ born in Bethlehem grant you and your family abundant peace and success in your work and generous contribution to our community.

Merry Christmas 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.