



16th & 17th December 2023

Third Sunday in Advent - Liturgical Year B

**READINGS**

**First**

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 (JB)

**Resp. Psalm**

Luke 1:46-50, 53-54 (JB)

**Second**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (JB)

**Gospel**

John 1:6-8, 19-28 (JB)

**HYMNS**

**Entrance GA 468**

I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

**Psalm**

My soul rejoices in my God.

**Communion GA 285**

If With All Your Hearts  
(Mendelssohn)

O Come O Come Emmanuel

**Recessional GA 313**

Lord You Give The Great  
Commission

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



**From the Pope**

Let us pray that people with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions offer inclusion programs that value their active participation.



**WE PRAY TOGETHER  
FOR OUR SICK & DEPARTED**

**Recently Deceased:** Dick

Mountstephens. Bernie Coffey.  
Beth Macauley. Andrew Raspudic,  
Stephanie Rivera, Nguyen Thi  
Muoi, Denise Casella

**Anniversary of Death:** Bridget

Olsson. John Cummins. John  
McCoy. Dominic Izzo. Giulia  
Lombardo. Heinz Reuthlinger.  
Ludivina Tabanggay. Erinio  
Tabanggay. Lourdes Tupaz.  
Geraldine Ohlsson. John Paul  
Deloughery. Bill Dominquez.  
Philip Grey Fingleton. Margaret  
Schestopalow. Mario Juka

**For the Sick:** Angela Gambacorti.

Francis Sullivan, Jeff Wells, Paul  
Star

*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

**Sunday, 17 December 2023**

10.00am *Joyful Sunday* – Bring  
A Plate & Celebrate  
with a BBQ!

**Saturday, 23rd December 2023**

6:00pm Saturday Vigil

**Sunday, 24th December 2023**

5:30pm Carols & Mass

8:30pm Carols, Mass & Drinks

**Monday, 25th December 2023**

8:30am Christmas Day Mass

10:00am Christmas Day Mass

**Saturday, 30th December 2023**

8:00 am Mass

6:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, 31st December 2023**

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

**Monday, 1st January 2024**

9:00am Mass



**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

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

Indeed, the Lord is near.

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 (JB)**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

**I exult for joy in the Lord.**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Luke 1:46-50, 53-54 (JB)**

**R. My soul rejoices in my God.**

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

**R. My soul rejoices in my God.**

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.

**R. My soul rejoices in my God.**

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy.

**R. My soul rejoices in my God.**

### SECOND READING

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (JB)**

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

**May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18) (JB)**

**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 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you unknown to you the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Celebrant:** On this Sunday the words of St Paul - Happiness, prayer, thanksgiving, and peace - give us a spiritual joy which brings hope.

**1.** May Pope Francis, celebrating his 87th birthday today continue to show us the joy of being disciples of Jesus, servants of the poor, protectors of the environment.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

**2.** May Pope Francis' constant plea for peace across the Holy Land be heard by all so that violence ends, aid flows to desperate people, hostages returned home and those unjustly imprisoned be set free.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

**3.** May each one of us be constant in our prayer, with a spirit of thanksgiving, and never take God's gracious gifts for granted.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

**4.** May all the victims of war - trapped in violence, or struggling in refugee camps - mindful particularly of the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Syria and Iraq, Myanmar and Yemen, be delivered from present evil.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

**5.** May those who experience loneliness or separation from their families at this time be sustained by our prayer and receive kindness from others.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant.** Father, give us true joy and gladness as we welcome into our hearts the Great and Holy One, Jesus your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## OUR NEW WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE – CHECK IT OUT!

We've been working hard behind the scenes to get it up and running to better tell the amazing story of our parish and ensure you can easily find the information you need.

Explore our new website at [www.stcanice.org.au](http://www.stcanice.org.au)



## BUY A CANDLE FOR A LOVED ONE THIS CHRISTMAS



*THE GIFT OF JOY, LUXURY SCENTED CANDLES ARE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.*

*All proceeds are donated to the Ministry at St Canice's Parish*

## CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF ST CANICE'S KITCHEN



VISIT OUR 35 YEAR CAMPAIGN PAGE AND WATCH OUR VIDEO EXPLAINING OUR FUTURE VISION



## BE A READER AT MASS IN 2024 FOR READERS AND GREETERS

If you would like to be a reader at mass, please contact Fr David Braithwaite or follow this link via our e-copy.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XOwRwQ6uGRI\\_kT34CLFw00gW1rONTFmS7ZqYAZyD-Mc/edit#gid=1664032699](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XOwRwQ6uGRI_kT34CLFw00gW1rONTFmS7ZqYAZyD-Mc/edit#gid=1664032699)



FOLLOW THE LINK ON OUR WEBSITE TO PURCHASE A SEAT & FIND OUR MORE.

## PURCHASE A COLUMBARIUM

Reserve a niche in our beautiful church, and honor the memory of a loved one. Contact the parish office for more information.



## CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE WITH US

Our church is a magnificent venue. Contact the Parish Office for more information.



## 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.