

23rd & 24th December 2023

Fourth Sunday in Advent - Liturgical Year B

READINGS

First

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 (JB)

Resp. Psalm

Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29 (JB)

Second

Romans 16:25-27 (JB)

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38 (JB)

HYMNS

Entrance

O Come All Ye Faithful (Pg 9)

Psalm

Silent Night (Pg 10)

Communion

O Holy Night (Pg 11)

Hark The Herald (Pg 12)

Recessional

Joy to the World (Pg 13)

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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, Lee Snyder, Peter Large

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: 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~~

~~6:00am Rosary~~

Every Saturday

~~9:00am Mass~~

~~6:00pm Vigil Mass~~

Every Sunday

~~8:00am Mass~~

~~9:00am Reconciliation~~

~~10:00am Mass~~

Saturday, 23rd December 2023

9:00am Mass

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

Tuesday, 26th - No Mass

Saturday, 30th December 2023

9:00 am Mass

6:00 pm Mass

Sunday, 31st December 2023

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

Monday, 1st January 2024

8:00am Mass



ROSARY

AFTER WEEKDAY MASS

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

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TO STAY IN TOUCH**



READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 (JB)

A reading from the second book of Samuel

The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29 (JB)

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.'

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.' I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27 (JB)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 1:38 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You will conceive and bear a son.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, in the joy of this night we pray for the Church and the world in which we live.

1. May the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem strengthen the faith of every Christian, and bring courage to those who are persecuted for their faith.

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

2. May the presence of God's Son in our world bring peace to the Holy Land of his birth, to Ukraine and to every land where there is war.

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

3. May the tender love of Mary for her son, Jesus, and the protection of Joseph for them both, teach us how to love one another.

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

4. May the angels who brought the good news of Jesus' birth to shepherds, help the Church to witness to him through prayer of adoration and charity.

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

5. May the wonder of the shepherds at the sight of Jesus, inspire us to see the presence of God in all people, especially in the poor and needy and in the whole of creation.

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

6. May those who suffer because of natural disasters and drought, homelessness and loneliness be supported by our prayer.

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

Celebrant. Heavenly Father, on this night we sing of your goodness who, in sending us your Son, Jesus, as our Saviour, frees us from sin, fills us with grace, and promises eternal life, he 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



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PARISH HOLIDAY OPERATING HOURS

The Parish Office will be CLOSED from the **22nd of December 2023, until the 22nd of January 2024.**

Please *call* the Parish office if you would like to leave a message during this time and we will endeavor to get back to you.

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



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.



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL COLLECTION



Proceeds from Christmas Mass will go to our Sister Parish, **Lady of Fatema Railaco, East Timor**

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.