



9th & 10th December 2023

Second Sunday Of Advent - Liturgical Year B

READINGS

First

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (JB)

Resp. Psalm

Ps 84:9-14 (JB)

Second

2 Peter 3:8-14 (JB)

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8(JB)

HYMNS

Entrance GA 309

All Glory Praise and Honor

Psalm

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation

Communion GA 467

Like a shepherd

Recessional GA 417

Glory and praise to our God

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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!

Sunday, 24th December 2023

5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass

8:30pm Christmas Eve Mass

Monday, 25th December 2023

8:30am Christmas Day Mass

10:00am Christmas Day Mass

Contact the Parish Office for any enquiries about parish events.



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

To people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them' says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her
time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she
has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment
for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every
mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be
revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the
Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful
messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful
messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the
towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming
with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of
his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is
like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his
arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their
rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14 (JB)

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your
salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that
speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is
near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell
in our land.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your
salvation.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace
have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the
earth and justice look down from heaven.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your
salvation.**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield
its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall
follow his steps.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your
salvation.**

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-14 (JB)

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never
forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a
thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day.
The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises,
as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being
patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and
everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day
of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar
the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall
apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt
up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you
should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait
and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will
dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat.
What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new
heavens and new earth, the place where
righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends,
while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without
spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 3:4, 6 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, seeking the consolation of God for all in distress and need, we open our hearts to that Divine Grace by which we prepare a way for the Lord.

1. That the Church will, in these days of Advent, repent of her sins, seek the gift of wisdom, and be committed to justice and mercy.

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

2. That we will cry out to God a plea for peace for the land made holy by the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of his Son, so that hostages and prisoners are set free, humanitarian flows freely into Gaza, and every weapon is silenced.

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

3. That as we celebrate Human Rights Day with its theme "Dignity, Freedom and Justice for All" every person will be treated with respect and flourish as their rights are protected.

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

4. That as we mark the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights, we will accept it as a gift and as a plan for action so that we eliminate every form of religious, political and cultural discrimination from our way of thinking, speaking and acting.

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

5. That those who have been killed in violation of their human rights will find in God the new heavens and the new earth, a place where they share in the glory of God.

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

Celebrant. Almighty God, listen to the cry of the poor and the needy who are helpless, that your justice may flourish in every land, and peace come to every person.

Through Christ Our Lord.

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



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

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BE A READER AT MASS FOR READERS AND GREETERS

If you would like to be a reader at mass, please contact Fr David Braithwaite

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DAVIDS PLACE RETREAT

The **faith based** street community spent the past weekend with Fr David on a retreat at the beautiful Gerroa.



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. 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.