



14-15th of December 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent– Liturgical Year C

## HYMNS

**Entrance :** The voice of God GA 476

**Psalm:** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

**Offertory:** Wait for the Lord (Taize) GA 283

**Communion :** God So Loved the World  
The Lord's My Shepherd GA 470

**Recessional :** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation GA 482

**Postlude:** Air (From "Water Music")  
Handel

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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.



## WE PRAY TOGETHER

### FOR OUR BELOVED DEPARTED

#### Recently Deceased:

sabel de Nobrega, Shaun Martin,  
David Cornwell

#### Anniversary of Death:

Mario Juka

#### 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.*

FOR INFORMATION ON A  
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## 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

## ROSARY

### AFTER WEEKDAY MASS



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

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US TO STAY IN  
TOUCH



ADORATION HOUR COMMENCES  
AGAIN FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY  
2025 AT 6PM



# READINGS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O 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

### **Zephaniah 3:14-18 (NRSV)**

**A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah**

***Daughter of Zion, the Lord will rejoice over you with gladness.***

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; The Lord, your God, will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### **Isaiah 12.2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (R.6) (NRSV)**

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

**1.** Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R.**

**2.** Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. **R.**

**3.** Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

## SECOND READING

### **Philippians 4:4-7 (NRSV)**

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians**

***The Lord is close at hand.***

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything let your requests be made known to God by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord now upon me;  
has sent me to bring Good News to the  
poor.

### Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### Luke 3:10-18 (NRSV)

#### A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

The crowds, who were gathering to be  
baptized by John, asked him, "What should we  
do?" In reply John said to them, "Whoever has  
two coats must share with anyone who has  
none; and whoever has food must do likewise."

Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and  
they asked him, "Teacher, what should we  
do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than  
the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also  
asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He  
said to them, "Do not extort money from  
anyone by threats or false accusation, and be  
satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation,  
and all were questioning in their hearts  
concerning John, whether he might be the  
Messiah, John answered all of them by saying,  
"I baptize you with water; but one who is more  
powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to  
untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize  
you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His  
winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his  
threshing floor and to gather the wheat into  
his granary; but the chaff he will burn with  
unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, John  
proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Celebrant:** Sisters and brothers, this Sunday  
is infused with a spiritual hope, anticipating  
and preparing us for the Good News of Jesus  
who went about doing good.

**1.** May Pope Francis, celebrating his 88th  
birthday on Tuesday receive the blessings of  
health of body, wisdom of mind and peace of  
heart.

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

**2.** May there be religious tolerance across our  
land, honour for individuals of all faiths, and  
respect for all places of worship, especially in  
the face of rising antisemitism.

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

**3.** May all weary hands may be strengthened,  
all trembling knees be strengthened, and all  
faint hearts receive courage.

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

**4.** May we, in these Advent days, be patient  
and not lose heart, and never make  
complaints against each other.

Lord, hear us. 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.

**Please note the Parish Office  
will be closed December 23rd  
to January 7th.**

**ST CANICE'S**  
*Christmas*  
**RAFFLE**

**DRAWN CHRISTMAS MORNING!**

**FIRST PRIZE:**  
A night for 2 people at the **InterContinental Hotel** Double Bay and 9 other prizes

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**St CANICE'S**  
PARISH

**Christmas Mass Times**

**CHRISTMAS EVE TUESDAY 24 DEC**  
5:30pm Carols, 6pm Mass

**CHRISTMAS EVE TUESDAY 24 DEC**  
8:30pm Carols, 9pm Mass

**CHRISTMAS DAY WEDNESDAY 25 DEC**  
8.30am & 10am Mass

Morning tea and Raffle drawn after 10am Christmas Day mass

**A special Christmas celebration last Friday evening after Adoration Hour in our beautiful church courtyard. Save the date for the first Adoration Hour for 2025 on February 7th at 6pm. Continues on the first Friday of every month.**

**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](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.