



Merry Christmas



25th December 2024

CHRISTMAS DAY – Liturgical Year C

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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.

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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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🕒 Tue–Thu 10.00am–

✉ 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

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10 (NRSV)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 98.1, 2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6 (R.3bc) (NRSV)

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

1. O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. **R.**

2. The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. **R.**

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. **R.**

4. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-6 (NRSV)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

In these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1:1-18 (NRSV)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, last night, as the Church began to celebrate again the birth of Jesus Christ, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica, inaugurating this 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope for the whole Church. Knowing the many pressures on people around the world, we pray for a new Hope to strengthen and comfort every heart.

1. We pray for Pope Francis, that in the joy of Christmas and in the gift of a Jubilee Year, Hope will be reborn in his heart, so that he will continue to witness to the tenderness of the Christ Child.

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

2. We pray for the peoples across the Holy Land and its neighbours as we remember the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, that the destruction of war, the impoverishment of people, the hunger and homelessness of so many, will not extinguish Hope, but see it reborn in the hearts of all.

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

3. We pray for everyone who is burdened in life with poverty and violence, anxiety and fear, sickness and broken relationships, that goodwill toward them will restore a rebirth of Hope for them all.

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.