



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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New Year Message to the Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

As we step into the New Year, let us first pause to thank God for the many blessings received throughout 2024. This year has been one of growth and transformation as we embraced the challenges of bringing together our four parishes into a shared community of faith. Through it all, we have witnessed God's grace at work, guiding us and strengthening our resolve.

To the entire Inner North community, I express my deepest gratitude for your participation, cooperation, and the generous gift of yourselves. Your openness to this journey has been a powerful testament to the unity and strength we find in Christ. Moreover, your commitment to building a vibrant and unified parish family has been an inspiring witness to God's love at work among us. As we look to 2025, we invoke God, the Source of all blessings, asking for His guidance and strength as we face the opportunities and challenges ahead. May He inspire us to continue working for the common good, fostering unity, and sharing His light with the world as a community rooted in faith, hope, and love.

Let us walk this new path together, trusting in the Lord's providence and seeking His wisdom in all we do. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful New Year.

*With gratitude and prayers,
 Fr. Anthony "Thonn" C. Riosa, SSS, CINCC Moderator.*

NEW YEAR TIMETABLE

	Blackfriars, Watson	St Brigid's, Dickson	St Joseph's, O'Connor	St Patricks, Braddon	St Thomas More, Campbell
Mass					
Sunday 29 Dec	10am 5pm	9.30am	8.30am	8am	10am
Tuesday 31 Dec	9am	9am 7pm	9am	-	-
Wednesday 1 Jan	9am	9.30am	8.30am	-	10am
Thurs 2 & Fri 3 Jan	9am	9am	9am	-	-
Saturday 4 Jan	5pm (vigil)	9am 6pm	9am 6pm (Vigil)	-	-
Reconciliation - weekday times cancelled					
Saturday 4 Jan	4.00 - 4.30pm	9.30 - 10.00am 5.30 - 5.50pm	5.15 - 5.45pm	-	-

NORMAL TIMETABLE RESUMES SUNDAY 5 JANUARY 2025

Entrance Antiphon - Lk 2:16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading - 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 83(84):2-3,5-6,9-10

R. They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God.

R.

They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in you,
in whose hearts are the roads to Zion.

R.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer,
give ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed.

R.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2,21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we..

shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation cf. Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.'

'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority.

His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

Communion Antiphon Bar 3: 38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

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