



# Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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**7th day within the Octave of Christmas | Year A | 31st December 2025/  
1st January 2026**

*Peace in Christ!*

*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).*

*This is a wonderful time of the year! Gathering and celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus in the manger is a humble act of God in welcoming us all, regardless of our status in life. The magi and shepherd were guided by the star in leading them to the LIGHT of the world, the locus of our everything - Jesus! May our celebration of Christmas continue to remind us of God's never-ending love, assurance and reassurance of being with us - EMMANUEL!*

*As one community of the Inner North, let us continue to traverse the path of unity, hope, and peace.*

*May we continue to be enlightened by the Eucharist that we are sharing, that every time we gather at the table of this celebration, we always go back to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. May we be a Bethlehem, the House of Bread, welcoming Jesus in our hearts, and giving witness to others the presence of the Eucharistic Lord - word made flesh.*

*Pope Francis, in his apostolic exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, announces that "the joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus." May we continue to encounter Jesus in our community through the Sacraments we are celebrating and sharing the Gospel translated in our daily endeavours and bringing the Joy of enfleshing the charism inspired by our Eucharistic Spirituality. As St Peter Julian Eymard taught: "Jesus in the Eucharist is everything, leading to true love, service for the poor, and a life transformed by His presence."*

*On behalf of the Blessed Sacrament Community of Canberra, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a grace-filled New Year! "Let us bring Christ's light to those in need this season and may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts and homes this Christmas."*

*One in Christ,*

*Fr. Renoir Oliver, SSS*

## NEW YEAR TIMETABLE

	Blackfriars, Watson	St Brigid's, Dickson	St Joseph's, O'Connor	St Patricks, Braddon	St Thomas More, Campbell
<b>Mass</b>					
Wednesday 31 Dec	9.00am	9.00am/7pm (Vigil)	-	-	
Thursday 1 Jan	9am	9.30am	8.30am	-	10am
Fri 2 & Sat 3 Jan	9am	9am	9.15am	-	-
Sunday 4 Jan	10.00am 5pm (Vigil)	9.30am	8.30am	8.00am	10.00am
<b>Reconciliation - weekday times cancelled</b>					
Saturday 27 Dec & Saturday 3 Jan	4.00 - 4.30pm As above	9.30 - 10.00am 5.30 - 5.50pm	5.15 - 5.45pm As above	-	-

**NORMAL TIMETABLE RESUMES SUNDAY 4 JANUARY 2025**

**Entrance Antiphon - Is 9: 5**

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.

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**First reading - 1 John 2:18-21**

Children, these are the last days; you were told that an Antichrist must come, and now several antichrists have already appeared; we know from this that these are the last days. Those rivals of Christ came out of our own number, but they had never really belonged; if they had belonged, they would have stayed with us; but they left us, to prove that not one of them ever belonged to us. But you have been anointed by the Holy One and have all received the knowledge. It is not because you do not know the truth that I am writing to you but rather because you know it already and know that no lie can come from the truth

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**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 95(96):1-2,11-13**

***Let heaven and earth exult in joy!***

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.  
Proclaim his help day by day. **R**

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,  
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,  
let the land and all it bears rejoice,  
all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,  
he comes to rule the earth. **R**

With justice he will rule the world,  
he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R**

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**Gospel Acclamation - John 1:14. 12**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.  
He enabled those who accepted him  
to become the children of God.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel - John 1:1-18**

In the beginning was the Word:  
and the Word was with God  
and the Word was God.  
He was with God in the beginning.  
Through him all things came to be,  
not one thing had its being but through him.  
All that came to be had life in him  
and that life was the light of men,  
a light that shines in the dark,  
a light that darkness could not overpower.  
A man came, sent by God.  
His name was John.  
He came as a witness,  
as a witness to speak for the light,  
so that everyone might believe through him.  
He was not the light,  
only a witness to speak for the light.  
The Word was the true light  
that enlightens all men;  
and he was coming into the world.  
He was in the world  
that had its being through him,  
and the world did not know him.  
He came to his own domain  
and his own people did not accept him.  
But to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God,  
to all who believe in the name of him  
who was born not out of human stock  
or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself.  
The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we  
saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the  
Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as his  
witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He  
who comes after me ranks before me because he  
existed before me.' Indeed, from his fullness we have,  
all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since,  
though the Law was given through Moses, grace and  
truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever  
seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the  
Father's heart, who has made him known.

**Communion Antiphon - 1 Jn 4: 9**

God sent his Only Begotten Son into the world,  
so that we might have life through him.

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As January is a quiet month, we will be available for you to visit the office Wednesday and Thursday 9-1pm

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