



# Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph | Year A | 28 December 2025

*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*

### AFTER CHRISTMAS AND 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 Jan Sat 3 Jan	9am 5.00pm Vigil	9.00am 9.00am 6.00pm Vigil	9.15am 8.30am & 6pm Vigil	-	-
Sunday 4 Jan	10.00am 5pm	9.30am	8.30am	8.00am	10.00am
<b>Reconciliation - weekday times cancelled</b>					
Saturday 3 Jan	4.00 - 4.30pm	9.30 - 10.00am 5.30 - 5.50pm	5.15 - 5.45pm	-	-

**NORMAL TIMETABLE RESUMES SUNDAY 4 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 - Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14**

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 127(128):1-5**

**Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **R**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life! **R**

**Second reading - Colossians 3:12-21**

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and

advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with cont...gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation - Col 3:15a,16a**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you.

**Gospel - Matthew 2:13-15,19-23**

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: *I called my son out of Egypt.* After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled: *'He will be called a Nazarene.'*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Communion Antiphon - Bar 3: 38**

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

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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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