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**ABC to televise Pope Benedict XVI's celebration of Midnight Mass
on Christmas Day**

Pope Benedict XVI's celebration of Midnight Mass will once again be beamed into homes, hospitals and nursing homes across Australia via an ABC telecast this Christmas Day.

The Mass, from St Peter's Basilica, will air at 11am (eastern summer time) on ABC Television.

The Holy Father will preside at the Mass which will, as usual, feature the participation of children from around the world.

The ABC's telecast will feature English-language commentary.

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