



# Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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## Parish Offices Opening Hours:

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Campbell St Thomas More Thursday and Friday 9.30am-1.00pm

## Second Sunday of Advent | Year C | 8 December 2024

The awesome, austere and somewhat formidable figure of John the Baptist appears in our readings today, exhorting us to make straight the path for the Lord. In reflecting upon our own lives, we may often find that the paths which we have travelled ( and are still travelling) are very far from straight, but complex, circuitous and indirect. This is an almost inescapable reality in our contemporary world. In listening to the Baptist's words, it is opportune to ask ourselves, 'How could I make the path of my own life a little straighter? What are the unnecessary complexities which I could easily let go of ? Simplicity is in itself a beautiful and desirable thing. Paradoxically, it is both very difficult to achieve, and yet ready at hand as soon as we desire it. A good first step in drawing near to it is to meditate upon the supreme simplicity of God.

From God's Word, Daily Reflections, 2024

### Parish Safeguarding Commitment

Our Parishes are committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all of our thinking and action. This approach is to follow Jesus' command in Matthew 18:1-3. Enquiries or concerns please contact: Fr Anthony Riosa SSS—[anthony.riosa@cg.org.au](mailto:anthony.riosa@cg.org.au) - Maria Hicks (Manager) - Phone **02 6239 9806** - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) [ipss@cg.org.au](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au)

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### Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people, as Traditional Owners of the land where we gather today and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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**Entrance Antiphon Is 30:19,30**

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart

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**First Reading - Baruch 5:1-9**

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 125 (126)**

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

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**Second Reading Philippians 1:4-6,8-11**

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows

how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

**Gospel Acclamation - Luke 3:4,6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Luke 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

**Communion Antiphon Bar 5:5:4:36**

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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**INNER NORTH**

**North Canberra Nativity Festival - 5 to 8 December**

Holy Rosary Church in Watson is pleased to host this ecumenical exhibition of 200+ nativity scenes. 9am to 5.30pm each day.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - 9 December**

This year 8 December falls on the Second Sunday of Advent and the celebration of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday 9 December. There will be mass at **St Brigid's Dickson at 9.00am, St Joseph's O'Connor at 9.15am** (preceded by adoration at 8.15am) **and St Patrick's Braddon at 12.30pm.** Let us honour MARY IMMACULATE!

**Second Rite of Reconciliation - 12 December**

will be at Blackfriar's Holy Rosary Church at 6.30pm

## Baptisms

Congratulations to Zachariah Radnedge who will be baptized at St Brigid's in Dickson and Josephine Woodward and Christopher Fekete who will be baptized at Blackfriars Holy Rosary in Watson and Sebastian and Oscar Baker at St Joseph's in O'Connor this weekend May their lives be filled with God's peace and their hearts with God's love, on this Baptismal day and all days to come.



### CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

## Healing Service 8 December

This Sunday 9.30am Mass will be followed by a Healing Service at St Brigid's Church, Dickson.

## Parish Christmas Lunch - 14 December

REGISTRATIONS OPEN - Our Parish Christmas lunch will be held at Yowani Country Club, Lyneham at 12 noon (for a 12.30pm start). Cost is \$50 a head for a two course meal. TICKET SALES at Masses this weekend or scan the QR Code to register via the Qkr! app. Anyone who would like to make a donation for the raffle, please bring it to the Parish Office or give to the acolyte to put in the Sacristy before or after Mass.



## Christmas Singing - 24/25 December

Do you like Christmas carols? Are you interested in joining the choir singing on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day? Please contact Ling at [lingwlyau@yahoo.com.hk](mailto:lingwlyau@yahoo.com.hk) for details. The more the merrier

### BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

## The Funeral of Margaret Cahill - Wednesday 12 December at 10.00 am at Holy Rosary Church.

Margaret was an active member of the parish and choir

## Christmas is Coming!

A Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm will be held at Holy Rosary Church and we would like children to be involved in this Mass. If you are attending the Mass and have children who would like to be involved in the Liturgy – please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible. Further information to follow.

## The Rosary

**1. The Glorious Mysteries** will be recited this Sunday 8/12/24 at 9.30 prompt in honour of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If you can volunteer please put your name on the roster.

**2 The Sorrowful Mysteries** will be recited on Sunday 15/12/24 Seeking forgiveness of sins and reconciliation Announcement by readers at all Masses over this weekend.

Explanatory booklets explaining the Rosary are available after the 10am mass at a cost of two dollars only.'

## OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord:

Margaret Cahill, Steve Sedgwick, Harold (Phil) Harris, Sr Paulinus Croker, Janina Hebda, Henry Gurney, Margaret Collett, James Tran, Una Ford, Peter Tormey, Patrick O'Hagen, Nola Gundry.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Gabriel Savas, Paula Savas, Ivan Klaric, Maria Cuc, Edward Pook, Helen Zobec, Elizabeth (Lil) Tisdell, Amelia of Fatima, Vernon Thomas, Pickle Vendor, Vanda Godfrey, Ashley La'Porte, Bro Harrison, Fr Rafael Cabezon, Joe Monteen.

## THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Aderito Kearney, Scott Allberry, Sue King, Robin Lees, Maggie McKeon, Noel Tanzer, Wendy Altamore.

*Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for four weeks. You are welcome to email the parish office if you would like to renew your prayer request.*

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

**There is still time to donate online** To donate online, go to: <https://www.vinnies.org.au>. Tap on the donate button at the top right of the screen. Enter the dollar amount and then tap the 'Next Step' button. Complete your details including email and address to obtain a receipt. In the 'Comments/Conference Name' field – type 'Watson ACT Christmas Appeal'. Tap the 'Payment Options' button. Complete your credit card or Paypal details. Pls note, you do not have to make a contribution to the 'Cover Platform Costs'. Then finalise payment. Thank you for your support.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPER DONATIONS

The Parish Vinnies Conference is again seeking your support in putting together Christmas Hampers for local families in need. A box is available at the church entrance for donations. **We are looking for donations of:** Biscuits (tins are very popular) including shortbreads, chocolate and savoury biscuits; jellies, pudding mixes, cake mixes eg. cupcakes, muffins, pancake mixes and other desserts; lollies and snack food; jams and vegemite; pickles chutneys, tomato and other sauces; pasta and rice, packets of cereal; tea & coffee. **We cannot accept nuts or nut products for health and safety reasons.**

## The Light" Advent reflection resource

Copies still available by donation. Please contact the parish office: via email [innorth@cg.org.au](mailto:innorth@cg.org.au) or (m) 0416 823 447

## Relic Exhibition on Our Lady of Guadalupe

### ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

## Feast Day –12 December

After the 9.15am Mass on Thursday 12 December there an exhibition of a Relic of Our Lady of Guadalupe and an information session. Please stay and learn more about this miraculous apparition.

**The Men of St Joseph** will be taking a break over Christmas. We will meet again in the new year 15/1/25.

### Unpacking the Creed

As usual, we will be meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, that is, Wednesday 11 December at 7.30pm, at St Joseph's, in the parish hall. All welcome. For more information, contact Anna at Ana.Wierzbicka@anu.edu.au

### The Flower Ministry - 23 December

We would welcome women and men who could spare an hour or two on Monday 23 December to help collect, unload, strip and condition flowers. This would greatly reduce the load which currently rests on one person. Anyone with even a little expertise in floral decorating using (eco-)foam or vases would also be most welcome to help with the final phase of arranging flowers and decorating the Sanctuary. Please contact (Danielle/office).

### Contribute to the First Collection:

Account Name: Central Presbytery Fund  
BSB: 062-786 - Bank Account: 00029248  
Reference: Your parish location, name and intention (e.g. Campbell Smith 1st collect)

### Contribute to your parish:

**Canberra Central** : A/C Name Canberra Central Parish  
BSB: 062786 A/C: 00013150 Ref: Name & Giving Number

**Blackfriars**: A/C Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson  
BSB: 062786 A/C: 00013341 Ref: Name & Giving Number or via Qkr! mobile app.

**St Joseph's**: A/C Name: St Joseph's Parish  
BSB: 062 786 A/C: 00012798 Ref: Name & Giving Number or via Qkr! mobile app

**St Thomas More**: A/C Name: St Thomas More Parish BSB: 062786 A/C: 00014869 Ref: Name & Giving Number or via Qkr! mobile app.

## MASS, SACRAMENT & DEVOTION TIMES - week ending 15 December

	Blackfriars, Watson	St Brigid's, Dickson	St Joseph's, O'Connor	St Patricks, Braddon	St Thomas More, Campbell	
<b>Mass</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	10.00am 5.00pm	9.30am 5.00pm Vietnamese Mass - 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month	8.30am With Children's Liturgy	8.00am	10.00am	
<b>Monday 9 Dec</b>		9.00am	9.15am	12.30pm		
Tuesday to Thursday	5.30pm	9.00am	9.15am	12.30pm		
Friday	5.30pm	9.00am	9.15am	12.30pm	11.45am - 1st & 3rd Friday of the month	
Saturday	5.00pm (vigil)	9.00am 6.00pm (vigil)	8.30am 6.00pm (vigil)			
<b>Reconciliation</b>						
Friday			8.15 - 9.00am - during Holy Hour	12.00 - 12.30pm		
Saturday	4.00 - 4.30pm	9.30 - 10.00am 5.30 - 5.50pm	5.15 - 5.45pm			
<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>						
Tuesday			8.15 - 9.10am			
Wednesday		8.00am - 8.00pm				
Thursday						
Friday	6.00 - 7.00pm				11.30am - 12.30pm	
Saturday		9.30 - 10.00am				
<b>Anointing of the Sick</b>						
Sunday		After 9.30am Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month			11.15am - 1st Sunday of the month	
Saturday			Within 8.30am Mass - 1st Saturday of the month			
<b>Rosary Prayers</b>						
Tuesday to Friday		8.30am	After 9.15am Mass			
Saturday		8.30am	8.15am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help			