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O'Connor St Joseph's Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am-1.00pm

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

First Sunday of Advent | Year C | 1 December 2024

As we commence the season of Advent, we hear Jesus speak to us in prophetic and even somewhat frightening words. He talks of signs in the sun, moon, and stars, of the heavens being shaken and the ocean in tumult, and of human beings dying of fright. In the chaotic and turbulent times in which we live, we may readily wonder if we are witnessing such signs at present. The answer to this is: yes, indeed we are. But then, if we look at history, we realise that almost every age and era has had its fair share of trials, disasters, and catastrophes. And, in a sense, they are all signs of the coming of the Son of Man. For truly, Christ comes to us not just once, but many times - or rather, he is continually coming to us. The word 'advent' literally means 'coming', and we are called upon to prepare our hearts and lives for this coming at every moment, but especially during this season. Let us guard ourselves against excessive distraction, busyness, and stress, so that when the infant Jesus arrives, he may find a serene and peaceful dwelling place ready for him in our hearts!

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 - Maria Hicks (Manager) - Phone 02 6239 9806 - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) 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.

Entrance Antiphon - Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame

First Reading - Jeremiah 3: 14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –
when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the
House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The-Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 24(25): 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and
make you love one another and the whole human
race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm
your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the
sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ
comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in
the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the
kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God
wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already
living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we
gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation - Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

'Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun
and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony,
bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves;
men dying of fear as they await what menaces the
world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And
then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud
with power and great glory. When these things begin to
take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because
your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened
with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life,
and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap.
For it will come down on every living man on the face of
the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the
strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to
stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

Communion Antiphon - Psalm 84: 13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall
yield its increase.

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INNER NORTH

It is with great sadness that we received the news last
Monday morning: our dear friend Steve Sedgwick has
returned to our Creator. We pray for the repose of his
soul and for God's consolation to comfort his bereaved
family.

Steve, our former Steering Committee Head, made
countless contributions to the Canberra Inner North
Catholic Community. Despite being diagnosed with
serious health conditions, he remained steadfast in his
commitment as a leader. His dedication is a legacy
that inspires us as we continue to build upon the
foundation he laid for the good of our community.

Thank you Steve.

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful
departed, especially Steve, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen."

This message reflects how we are all feeling with this
sad news.

His Funeral Mass will be December 3 2024 at 11.00 at
Holy Rosary Church.

Priest rotation - 2nd weekend of every month

On the second weekend of every month, the Blessed
Sacrament Fathers will celebrate the weekend Masses
in one another's parishes. They are looking forward to
getting to know more parishioners across the 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.

Teens Youth Group Christmas Party 7

December

The upcoming Teens Youth Group gathering will be a Christmas Party ! Please note this will **NOT** be held at St Brigid's Parish Hall. Please email us at youth.innernorth@cg.org.au for further information.

Grateful to the parents for hosting!

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!

Baptisms

Congratulations to Zachariah Radnedge who will be baptized at St Brigid's in Dickson and Violet Laker 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.



Archdiocesan Assembly 2024 – Synthesis Report seeks responses

As part of the Year of the Holy Spirit, over 550 people across the Archdiocese gathered on 19 October 2024 to discern 'what seems good to the Holy Spirit and us' (Acts 15:28). The Assembly was a step on a pilgrim journey of discernment, which you are invited to join as the journey continues. A synthesis report of the Assembly is available at <https://www.cgevangelisation.org.au/response/>. The report invites responses by 15 December 2024 to questions listed at page 20. Please read the report and consider responding. Copies of the questions will be left on the tables in the church foyers.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & 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.



BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

The Rosary

As announced last weekend, recitation of the rosary will continue throughout all Sundays in December at 9-30 am before the 10 am mass. It is important that parishioners consider volunteering to lead this prayer by adding their name to the roster in the church porch. The mysteries to be recited and the intentions are to be announced by the leader and the microphone by the piano is to be used.

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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

Edward Pook, Helen Zobec, Elizabeth (Lil) Tisdell, Amelia of Fatima, Vernon Thomas, Pickle Vendor, Doris Mary Grech, Vanda Godfrey, Ashley La'Porte, Bro Harrison, Fr Rafael Cabezon, Joe Monteen.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

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

The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding its annual Christmas Appeal as a leaving collection at Masses this weekend. Cash donations will be accepted but we can't take donations via eftpos. Vinnies volunteers will be at the exits to accept cash donations. Receipts available in the foyer. If you want to make an electronic donation, please refer to the detail in the bulletin where there is a step-by-step explanation of how to donate online. 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

Blackfriars Parish is offering parishioners, by donation, a copy of the Advent reflection resource "The Light". The Advent Program is a pocket-sized book that includes daily reflections from the beginning of Advent to the Baptism of the Lord. A copy to look through is in the church foyer. Please place an envelope with your donation, name and contact details in the collection or contact the parish office: (e) Innernorth@cg.org.au or (m) 0416 823 447 to secure your copy.

ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

Eucharistic Adoration - 6 December

On Friday, 6 December from 5pm to 10pm, there will be a Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration Vigil for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary at St

Joseph's Parish Centre (next to the church).
All welcome. Stay or come and go at any time during the evening.

The Men of St Joseph - 4 December

The Men of St Joseph meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The group will be meeting in the St Joseph's parish hall this Wednesday 4 December starting with the Rosary at 7.30pm. For more information please contact Andrew Italiano on 0422 929 536

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 8 December

	Blackfriars, Watson	St Brigid's, Dickson	St Joseph's, O'Connor	St Patricks, Braddon	St Thomas More, Campbell	
Mass						
Sunday	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	
Tuesday to Thursday	5.30pm	9.00am	9.15am	12.30pm		
Friday -Parish Memorial Day	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)			
Reconciliation						
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			
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament						
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				
Anointing of the Sick						
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			
Rosary Prayers						
Tuesday to Friday		8.30am	After 9.15am Mass			
Saturday		8.30am	8.15am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help			