

CENTRAL CANBERRA PARISH

Second Sunday of Advent

4 December 2022

St Brigid's

St Patrick's

Year a

Cnr Bancroft & Wilshire Sts, Dickson Cnr Donaldson & Cooyong Sts, Braddon

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Parish Office Hours—
Wed 9.30– 4.00
Fri- 1.00-4.00

MASS TIMES

Saturday
6:00pm St Brigid's
Sunday
8:00am St Patrick's
9:30am St Brigid's
10:00am German Mass, St Patrick's
5:00pm Vietnamese Mass, St Brigid's (odd Sun's)

Weekdays
For Advent Monday: 5,12,19,26 Dec at St Brigid's
Tuesday to Saturday: 9:00am St Brigid's
Tuesday to Friday: 12:30pm St Patrick's

Goodwin Village Ainslie
Nursing Home: next Mass Tue 24th Jan 10:30am
ILUs: next Mass 24 January

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Brigid's, Dickson

Saturday
9:30am-10:00am
5:30-5:50pm (before Vigil Mass)

St Patrick's, Braddon: Friday 12:00 noon

PRAY THE ROSARY: Tuesday to Saturday 8:35am
St Brigid's

Advent Wreath Prayers – Second Week of Advent

The Presider, or an assistant, lights the second candle.

V. Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah when he proclaimed that God will show your splendour.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you will bring us to the perfect goodness for the glory and praise of God.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you call us to repentance and to prepare the way for you so that all humankind shall see the salvation of God.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider then prays the Collect second Sunday of Advent Year A

Let us pray: ...
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen



Entrance Antiphon

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.
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Communion Antiphon

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Regional 2nd Rite of Reconciliation of Advent
7.30 pm 14 December- St Brigid's Dickson
(24 Dec) 6pm & 9pm VIGIL—St Brigid's Dickson
(25 Dec) 8 am –St Patrick's Braddon
9.30 am— St Brigid's Dickson

Advent 2022 – Preparing for Christmas

With Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy

“You don't become who you hope to become, you only become what you do!”

You are invited to **Prepare for Christmas** this Advent (starting November 27th) with a new Daily Devotional series. Each day, you will receive a short inspirational video from Bruce Downes, known as The Catholic Guy, full of inspiration, real-life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

More info at: <https://BruceDownes.org/Advent>

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society Watson Conference is holding its annual Christmas Appeal as a leaving collection at St Brigid's masses this weekend. For cash donations, please donate into the donation bucket. If you require a receipt, please donate to our volunteer in the foyer. For electronic donations, there is a QR code on the appeal posters in the foyer or to donate online, you can make an internet donation as follows:

BSB: 062786.

Account no: 14760.

Account name: St Vincent de Paul Society.

Description: [Donor name] [Conference name or code, ie Watson or 416] [Christmas Appeal].

There are also envelopes for those unable to donate on the day. These can be returned next week.

Singing Practice for Christmas Vigil Mass

Maureen, the organist has offered to stay back after 9.30 Mass on Sunday 4/12/2022 to run through the hymns for the Christmas Vigil Mass (6pm 24/11/2022). All are welcome.

Annual Parish Christmas Luncheon

Will be held at the Yowani Country Club on Saturday **10th December**. Tickets \$45, including a two-course meal, which has always been enjoyed in past years. We already have some nice prizes for the raffle and door prize and a quiz. **TICKET SALES** (last chance) at Masses this weekend 3/4 Dec. Payment can be made via Qkr App also.

Christmas Luncheon raffle: Tickets on sale at the luncheon or at Masses this weekend.

ROSTERS THIS WEEK 3/4 DECEMBER

Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee
Readers Emma and Grace Howse

Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Ashley Bawden
Readers Theresa Okwudike
Jenny Francis
Altar St Boniface committee

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Ken Maher
Readers Fernando Family

Morning Tea Anne Prendergast, Bernadette & Najib Raya

Counters (Mon) Judith Hurditch, John Skene

ROSTERS NEXT WEEK 10/11 DECEMBER

Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee
Readers Elaine Larkin
Marjorie Rego

Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Michael Kelly
Readers Lindy Dugard
Shenelle Egbert
Altar Barbara Anderson

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte John Skene
Readers Henry Lee
Ken Maher

Counters (Mon) Ken Maher, Margaret McGee

Hour of Grace for Solemnity of the Immaculate conception 8 December: Eucharistic Adoration will begin 30 minutes before 12:30 St Patrick's Braddon Mass then continue 30 minutes after Mass with special prayers for this special day.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Thursday 8th December 7:30pm in the Dickson Parish Hall. For those thinking about becoming a Catholic or completing their Sacraments. We will use the course *Evangelium*, a most current resource. All welcome. For more info contact Fr Emil at emil.milat@cg.org.au or 0414 523 036.

Mary MacKillop House Christmas Appeal

For homeless women
and their children

Mary Mackillop House, Lyneham, is a refuge for homeless women and their children fleeing domestic violence and otherwise seeking refuge. The aim is to raise funds to buy Christmas gifts to help make their Christmas a little happier. Donations can be left in the red collection box using the envelopes provided in the church foyer or by direct transfer to 062 786 000029248 Central Presbytery Fund noting the name "MacKillop" in the reference field so we can identify your donation. Thank you & every dollar counts.



Donations for Christmas

Flowers If you would like to make a donation to the Christmas flowers in honour of a deceased loved one, please place your donation in one of the envelopes provided in the church foyer & place in collection box



SHEPHERD'S CORNER

This is last weekend to get a ticket for the Parish Christmas Luncheon next Saturday- I hope you can join us. One parishioner has offered to pay for a ticket if the \$45 might be a problem.

Our new parish secretary is Kathie Guillester, who was filling in for last few weeks and is also the secretary at Campbell- big thanks to Kathie. This will enable some saving in time and resources; we have adjusted office opening hours so please keep an eye on the bulletin re times, but I try and cover the office whenever I'm in the presbytery in any case.

God's blessing Fr Em

p.s. still some Advent books in foyer for \$10 each

Regular Parish Groups/Meetings

Charismatic Prayer Group

In Dickson Parish Hall each Friday, Mass, worship, talk & prayers at 7:00pm-9:30pm. For more details contact Shan at shahandra777@gmail.com

Eucharistic Adoration: Twelve Hours for the Lord

Weekly Adoration in Dickson church. Every Wednesday from 8:00am to 8:30pm, with Benediction at 8:20pm. The last week will be 21 Dec and will recommence 25 January 2023

Living in God's Divine Will Prayer Group - Monthly

Next meeting will recommence again in the new year in February. For more info contact Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au

Legion of Mary

Meets every Saturday at Dickson Parish Hall; time 11.00am. Legionaries are simply Mary's means of action in the world today! Come and join anytime. For more information contact Sherree on 0407 610 526.

Craft Group

The Parish Craft Group will meet again in February 2023, any new members are welcome. Our Christmas get together will be on **Wednesday 14 December at 12 noon**. For enquiries please contact Mary Boyle on 0450 060 058.

Archdiocesan Youth and Young Adults

This Team are running a youth evangelisation outreach fortnightly on Sunday nights at Braddon church. Mass at 5pm (Adoration from 4:30pm) followed by a BBQ and youth events. The next event will be this **Sunday 11th December**. For more info contact Christian Nobleza 0498 372 645.

Next CRL Healing Service

The Community of the Risen Lord will lead worship during the 9:30am Mass **Sunday 11th December**, and the priest and prayer teams will be praying for healing after the Mass for those who come forward. All welcome.

Please Pray for...

The Sick:

Brenda Curren, Joan Goodwin, Nadine Hartley, Gabriel Hengkiarto Indra, Mary O'Hanlon, Theresa Okwudike, Alphonsa Bankobsky

Recently Deceased

Mgr. John Woods sister Sharon



First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless;
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together.

The lion eats straw like the ox.

The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

R. Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails:
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **R.**

Second Reading Romans 13:11-14

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel Luke Matthew 24:37-44

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'