

# CENTRAL CANBERRA PARISH

## Third Sunday of Advent-Rose Sunday

11 December 2022

*St Brigid's*

*St Patrick's*

Year a

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

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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: 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 – Third Week of Advent

Presider

*The Presider, or an assistant, lights the third candle.*

V. Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah as the who will exult over us and renew us by your love.

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

V. Lord Jesus, you revealed to Paul that if there is anything we need we just have to ask for it with prayer and thanksgiving.

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

V. Lord Jesus, as declared by John the Baptist, you will baptise us with the Holy Spirit and fire.

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Presider (Collect  
third Sunday of  
Advent Year A)

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.



### Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

### Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

## Planned Giving

Thanks again to those giving electronically. For hygiene purposes we have the collection boxes in front of the altar, so please place there your offering or envelopes. The Dickson church is open during the day and the tap machines on if you would like to make a donation that way also.

### Account Details - EFT Contributions to Collections

First Collection (for priests)

Central Presbytery Fund

BSB: 062 786

Account Number: 000029248

Please include the name of the parish in the reference field and your surname e.g. 'CANBERRA CENTRAL BLOGGS' or just 'CENTRAL BLOGGS'.

Second Collection (for parish)

Canberra Central Parish

BSB: 062-786

Account Number: 000013150

Please include your Planned Giving number in the reference field (if you have one): e.g. 'BROWN ENV111'.

### 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 27<sup>th</sup>) 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 held its annual Christmas Appeal last weekend. You can still place a donation in envelopes in the pews this weekend, these can be placed in the collection red box, or 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].

### **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) 8am –St Patrick's Braddon &*

*9.30am— St Brigid's Dickson*

## ROSTERS THIS 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

## ROSTERS NEXT WEEK

### 17/18 DECEMBER

#### Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee

Readers John & Maryanne Larkin

#### Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Marc Adorni-Braccesi

Readers Ray Toohey, Mary Boyle

Altar Mary Boyle

#### Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Ken Maher

Morning Tea Paul & Gabrielle Messina

Readers Judith Hurditch, Janet Munro

Counters (Mon) Mary Boyle, Ros Wiley

### **PUBLIC ROSARY-** With Fr Emil leading

Sunday 11 December 12pm at Garema Place, you may wish to bring a hat and a chair.

11:50 – Assembly at the Garema Place performance stage (see notice board for the flyer and landmark). 2.00 – Finish.



## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7:30pm in the Dickson Parish Hall. Anyone thinking about becoming a Catholic or completing their Sacraments welcome, together with anyone interested to learn more about the riches of the Catholic Faith—through solid adult education. We are using the course *Evangelium*. All welcome, for more info contact Fr Emil.

### 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 en-



## SHEPHERD'S CORNER

A big thankyou to the team for organizing a very successful parish luncheon on Saturday afternoon. We had about 40 people which was a friendly size group. With many apologies given people were travelling to see family after the Covid disruptions the last few year.

The Christmas liturgies are getting close, so we have a sign up sheet for acolyte and readers in the foyer and if you know of a child who would like to be in the nativity scene for the 9:30am Christmas Day Mass pls contact me 0414 523 036. Pls also note in the bulletin: the public rosary this Sunday and 2nd Rite next Wed as great ways to prepare in the time of Advent, God's blessing Fr Em

## 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](mailto: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. **Please Note:** Adoration also each Saturday 9.30-10.00am.

**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](mailto: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



**North Canberra Nativity Festival -Holy Cross & St Margaret's Hackett-Saturday 10 Dec@5.30pm**  
*Family Concert- Looking Glass Percussion*  
**Sunday 11 Dec@6.30pm** *Community BBQ & Carols by Candlelight*  
**for more details contact Anna 0412 376 324**

### First Reading Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,  
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,  
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,  
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,  
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;  
they shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,  
steady all trembling knees  
and say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,  
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,  
everlasting joy on their faces;  
joy and gladness will go with them  
and sorrow and lament be ended.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10

**R.** Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

### Second Reading Romans James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming.  
Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the  
precious fruit of the ground until it has had the  
autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have  
to be patient; do not lose heart, because the  
Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make com-  
plaints against one another, brothers, so as not to  
be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is  
already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your  
example, brothers, in submitting with patience,  
take the prophets who spoke in the name of the  
Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was do-  
ing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you  
the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for  
someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell  
John what you hear and see; the blind see again,  
and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the  
deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the  
Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy  
is the man who does not lose faith in me.'  
As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to  
talk to the people about John: 'What did you go  
out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in  
the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see?  
A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who  
wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then  
what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I  
tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the  
one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to  
send my messenger before you; he will prepare  
your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the  
children born of women, a greater than John the  
Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the  
kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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