

CENTRAL CANBERRA PARISH

Fourth Sunday of Advent

18 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: 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 – Fourth Week of Advent

Presider

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

V. Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah as coming from the house of David and who will rule over all Israel and be peace.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you make us holy by the offering of your body made once and for all.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you are the blessed fruit of the womb of her who believed that the promise made to her would be fulfilled.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider (Collect - Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A)

R. Amen.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.



ROSTERS 17/18 DECEMBER

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 EN-V111'.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society held its annual Christmas Appeal. 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 LITURGY/MASS TIMES

Christmas Vigil Mass 24/12

St Brigid's Dickson: 6pm and 9pm

Christmas Day 25/12

St Patricks Braddon: 8am

St Brigid's Dickson: 9:30am

St Brigid's Dickson: 5:00 pm Vietnamese Mass

Braddon Weekday Masses: Holiday Break

Last weekday 12:30pm Mass (noon confessions) at Braddon for 2022 will be Friday 23rd December. Resumes Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Saturday 6:00pm / 9pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee

Readers Youth Group

Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Marc Adorni-Braccessi

Readers Ray Toohey, Mary Boyle

Altar Mary Boyle

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Ken Maher

Readers Judith Hurditch, Janet Munro

Counters (Mon) Mary Boyle, Ros Wiley

ROSTERS 24/24 DECEMBER

Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Paul Sukardi

Readers John Skene & Eileen Wignall

Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Michael Kelly

Readers Theresa Okwudike & Jenny Francis

Altar St Boniface committee

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Dominica Rossi

Readers Fernando family

Morning Tea Anne Prendergast, Bernadette & Najib Raya

Counters (Mon) Anne Prendergast, Damian Smith

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

For Full details, please see Flyer in Foyer. Please note that 1/3 of 2nd Collection on Christmas Day will go to the appeal, or you can place your donation in an envelope marked

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

If you wish you can also donate via Qkr app. Your contributions will continue to support the the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal, Diocesan projects overseas focusing on helping those less fortunate and also to assist students at the Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Last meeting 22nd December at 7:30pm in the Dickson Parish Hall Resumes 2nd Feb 2023 at 7.30pm in the Dickson Hall

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 red collection box. Fr Emil will offer 9am Mass 26/12 for the families



SHEPHERD'S CORNER

Christmas is on our doorstep now, I pray amidst all the activity we can be ready like Mary & Joseph were the first Christmas. Allot of our regular volunteers are away, so we still need readers Christmas Day and if any one might know of an organist/singers for the 9pm Christmas Eve or 9:30am Christmas Day pls contact me 0414 523 036.

I wish everyone safe travels on the roads or by air etc! And a blessed time with family and friends
God's Blessings 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 Meetings resume 13 January 2023.

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. There will be another Zoom meeting with theologian Fr Joseph Iannuzzi in January date & Zoom ID & passcode tba. For more info contact Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au

Legion of Mary

Resumes in February 2023. 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. For enquiries please contact Mary Boyle on 0450 060 058.

Archdiocesan Youth and Young Adults

Youth Evangelisation Outreach. Resumes in February 2023

Next CRL Healing Service.

Resumes in February 2023.

Marian Movement of Priests

invites you and your friends to

THE 16th ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER VIGIL

Where: St Brigid's Church

Address: 2 Bancroft Street, Dickson

Date: Saturday 31st December 2022

Time: 8.00pm

More info. On flyer in Church foyer.

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



Second Reading Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:
 'Listen now, House of David:
 are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men
 without trying the patience of my God, too?
 The Lord himself, therefore,
 will give you a sign.
 It is this: the maiden is with child
 and will soon give birth to a son
 whom she will call Emmanuel,
 a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
 A virgin will give birth to a son;
 his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
 Alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-6

R. Let the Lord enter;
 he is king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
 the world and all its peoples.
 It is he who set it on the seas;
 on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
 Who shall stand in his holy place?
 The man with clean hands and pure heart,
 who desires not worthless things. **R.**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
 and reward from the God who saves him.
 Such are the men who seek him,
 seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
 and they will call him Emmanuel,
 a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

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