

# CENTRAL CANBERRA PARISH

## Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord

24/25 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— Note office closed until 6 January 2023 then opens 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: 26 Dec at St Brigid's  
Tuesday to Saturday: 9:00am St Brigid's  
Resumes 3rd Jan: 12:30pm St Patrick's

Goodwin Village Ainslie  
Nursing Home: next Mass Tue 21st Feb 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)

Resumes 3rd January Friday 12:00 noon

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



### Entrance Antiphon

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.

### Communion Antiphon

The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

## 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'.

### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society held its annual Christmas Appeal. You can still place a donation by 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 Patrick's Braddon: 8am**

**St Brigid's Dickson: 9:30am**

**St Brigid's Dickson: 5.30 pm Vietnamese Mass**

### Braddon Weekday Masses: Holiday Break

Last weekday 12:30pm Mass at Braddon for 2022 will be Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Resumes Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.

## ROSTERS THIS WEEK

**24/25 DECEMBER**

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

Acolyte 6pm Kevin Tee/ 9pm Anna Lee

Readers See foyer sign up sheet

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

Acolyte Ash Bawden

Readers Jenny Francis & Mary Boyle

Altar Flower Committee

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

Acolyte Catherine Bandle

Readers See foyer sign up sheet

Counters (Mon) Anne P. & Judith H.

## ROSTERS THIS WEEK

**31/DEC 22/ 1 JAN 23**

**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 volunteer

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

Acolyte Dominica Rossi tba

Readers Fernando family

Morning Tea Optional in January

Counters (Sun) 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

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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)

Meetings will resume 2nd February 2023 at 7.30pm in the Dickson 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 [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au).

### Mary MacKillop House Christmas Appeal For homeless women and their children

Mary Mackillop House,  
Thank you to all those who gave to this appeal, the woman and children are deeply appreciative



## Donations for Christmas Flowers

Fr Emil will be celebrating Mass on Monday 26 December 2022, Feast of St Stephen, 9am at St Brigid's Church. For those families deceased members, who have donated money for Christmas flowers.

Note: there will be a baptism during that Mass— for the Joseph Family— congratulations to them!



## SHEPHERD'S CORNER

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, I wish everyone a Holy Blessed Christmas and happy & safe time with family and friends.

It was another big effort to put on the Christmas Masses, with so many regular volunteers away interstate or overseas visiting family for Christmas. So big thanks to those that stepped up to help. Our Organist Maureen and the choir for 6pm Vigil Mass and the African choir singing at the 9pm Vigil Mass. Candy on the flowers and Remy faithfully coming to each St Brigid's weekend Mass to help organise all the volunteers. For those that worked around the church to set up. Also, Kathie in the parish office. Finally to all that support the parish during the year financially and many ways, without which the parish would not be here for these great celebrations. God's blessings Fr Em

## Regular Parish Groups/Meetings

### Charismatic Prayer Group

Resumes Friday 13 January 2023.

### Eucharistic Adoration: Twelve Hours for the Lord

Resumes Wednesday 25th January. Weekly Adoration in Dickson church. From 25 Jan we will continue Wednesdays from 8:00am to 8:30pm, with Benediction at 8:20pm. For enquiries to help on the roster pls see Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au). Please Note: Adoration continues in January 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 on 15th January 11am Zoom ID & passcode tba. For more info contact Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto: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 resume in February 2023.

### Marian Movement of Priests

invites you and your friends to

THE 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER VIGIL

Where: St Brigid's Church

Address: 2 Bancroft Street, Dickson

Date: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Time: 8.00pm

First Cenacle is prayed at 8.00pm (Joyful Mysteries), Second Cenacle is prayed at 9.00pm (Luminous Mysteries), Third Cenacle is prayed at 10.00pm (Sorrowful Mysteries), Fourth Cenacle is prayed at 11.00pm (Glorious Mysteries)

Exposition from 8.00pm until Benediction just before Midnight. For further inquiries: Phone Judy & Joe Mewburn 6254 6202

### Please Pray for...



#### The Sick:

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

#### Recently Deceased

Mgr. John Woods sister Sharon



## First Reading Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent,  
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,  
until her integrity shines out like the dawn  
and her salvation flames like a torch.  
The nations then will see your integrity,  
all the kings your glory,  
and you will be called by a new name,  
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.  
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of  
the Lord,  
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;  
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',  
nor your land 'Abandoned',  
but you shall be called 'My Delight'  
and your land 'The Wedded';  
for the Lord takes delight in you  
and your land will have its wedding.  
Like a young man marrying a virgin,  
so will the one who built you wed you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,  
so will your God rejoice in you.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1-3, 11-13

**R.** Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,  
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,  
let the land and all it bears rejoice,  
all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
at the presence of  
the Lord for he  
comes,  
he comes to rule  
the earth. **R.**

With justice he will  
rule the world,  
he will judge the  
peoples with his  
truth. **R.**



## Second Reading Titus 2:11-14

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Good news and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

## Gospel Matthew Luke 2:1-14

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census - the first - took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:  
'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and peace to men who enjoy his favour'.