



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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First Sunday of Advent | Year A | 30 November 2025

When we see the word Advent, we probably don't connect it with another word with the same origin - ADVENTURE. Those who take up the invitation to live abundantly which is the call at the heart of Christian faith, are embarking on an adventure. This adventure is experienced not simply in surviving daily challenges but in seeing every experience as an opportunity for growth. The circumstances that I am in, whatever they are, God allows for my maturity. If I seek greater maturity in faith then I will accept the daily ups and downs as the place where Jesus is today active in my life.

A wake-up (Advent) season is a new - year opportunity to embrace once again life in Jesus Christ as the ultimate adventure. Another way of thinking of it is that while it is true to say we have been created (past tense) by God, it is even more true to say that every day we are being created (present tense) by God, fashioned and formed by God in the circumstances which are ours today - sometimes a tender embrace, at other moments a sudden and even shocking realignment. I find joy and peace when I co-operate with God's creative action. This is the Advent adventure.

From God's Word Daily Reflections 2025

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 Renoir Oliver SSS—renoir.oliver@cg.org.au - Maria Hicks (Manager) - Phone **02 6239 9806** - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) ipss@cg.org.au

Parish Safeguarding Officers –while these email addresses are not available currently please send any concerns to ipss@cg.org.au

Blackfriars Parish, Watson: Nicole watson.safeguarding@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.

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is 12 pm WEDNESDAY

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**Frist Sunday of Advent | Year A | 30 November
2025**

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. 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 Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 121(122):1-2,4-5,6-9

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **R**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace! **R**
For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. **R**

Second reading Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in

the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 84:8

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

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.
So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Ps 84: 13

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

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INNER NORTH

Teens Youth Group – Saturday November 29

Our next youth group for high schoolers across the Inner North is on next Join us at St Brigid's Parish Hall at 7pm for a night of Faith and fun! We're wrapping about how to be a Saint with the final two virtues, Justice and Temperance! If you have any questions, let us know at youth.innernorth@cg.org.au.

Combined Inner North Youth Group– Sunday November 30

We have one last combined youth group of the year at Holy Rosary at 11am, at the same time as the parish BBQ. Join us for a fun gathering as we begin our journey

during Advent. If you have any questions, email us at youth.innernorth@cg.org.au.

Inner North Communio – Sunday November 30

We have moved this month's Young Adults Adoration back to the original day at 3pm. Join us for communal prayer, followed by some fellowship over at Hopscotch!

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Nobby Clark, Noel Isaac Y Cristobal, John Walton, Teresita Navarro, Jean Ghossein, Monica Burnell nee Dempster, Vera D'Ambrosio, Prof Tony Johns.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Helen (Jelica) Zobec, Mary Boyle, Henry Gurney, Doris Mary Grech, Peter Tran, Domenica Laria, Una Ford

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Una Bell, Vivien Arnold, Gwenda Romer (nee Hewitt), Brian Brown, Maggie McKeown, Mateo Sendo, Genevieve Cuddihy, Sally Grant,

Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for four weeks.

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

Outdoor Mass and Christmas Carols - 24th Dec

5.30pm - Join us for a joyful outdoor family Mass at St Thomas More this Christmas Eve at 6:00pm with **Christmas Carols beginning at 5.30pm**, and we'd love to welcome more voices! **Rehearsals on every Saturday 11am** at St Thomas More Church, Campbell.

ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

St Joseph's Parish Christmas Party - Saturday 20 December

Save the date – This will follow the Vigil Mass (6pm). Sign up in the church foyer to help us plan and cater. Please bring a plate to share if you can.

Children's Liturgy

Continues every Sunday of the school term at St Joseph's during the 8.30am Mass. All age groups are welcome.

🎵 **Christmas Carols - 24th Dec 8:15pm** - Come and share in the joy of Christmas Carols before Mass on Christmas Eve, a beautiful way to welcome the season together. All are warmly invited. **Regular rehearsals: every Tuesday 7:30pm** at St Joseph's Church O'Connor. More info: <https://linktr.ee/stjoseph.choristers>

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

December 7 at 10am Mass - This Mass will be in memory of our Deceased members of the Parish volunteers, family and all Parishioners.

During Advent - Confessions will be every Friday, after the 5.30pm Mass during Adoration.

Important notice - Recitation of the Rosary.

The Rosary will continue to be prayed each Sunday morning at 09-30 am before the 10 am mass throughout Advent. Changes to this arrangement are likely to take place next year and you will be notified of these as soon as possible. Thank you to those few parishioners who have faithfully supported the leaders, Siobhan Tanzer, Belle Joseph, Jane Schunghamer, Jasmine and Florence Hope and myself, Carmel Lewis, in reciting the prayer, by your attendance and responses at this time.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL – ST BRIGIDS

The Watson St Vincent de Paul Conference will hold a Christmas Appeal as a leaving collection at masses at St Brigids on the weekend of 13-14 December. You will be able to donate via cash, eftpos machines and online. There will be more information on donation options closer to the appeal date. We look forward to your support for this important appeal to assist families in need in our region.

Save the Date! - Christmas Lunch - Saturday, 13 December - St Brigid's Parish Hall

Join us as we celebrate the joy of Christmas together with good food and great company! **Tickets on sale this weekend** More details can be found on the flyer inside the Church foyer. Come **and** share in the festive spirit - all are welcome!

The series *Unfolding the Mystery of the Bible*

commenced on Thursday 13 November at 6:45 pm in St Brigid's Hall. Everyone is warmly invited to attend this special presentation of a DVD series that explores the richness of the Bible. Each session runs for approximately 30 minutes and is led by Bro. Najib Raya, for more info contact **Najib on 0439 581 204**. The gatherings take place every Thursday evening at 6:45 pm, continuing weekly until the final presentation for 2025 on Thursday 11 December. The sessions will then pause over the holiday period and recommence on Thursday 5 February 2026, continuing each Thursday thereafter.

RCIA Meetings - Last meeting for 2025 - **Tuesday December 9, 2025**. Meetings will resume in the new year **on Tuesday 3 February 2026**

Important Notice for Adorers - Please note that the last Adoration before the Christmas Break will be on **Wednesday, December 10, 2025** and will resume **Wednesday, February 4, 2026**.

ARCHDIOCESE

Positions Vacant – Parish Officer (x3)

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, West

Belconnen -From 1 January 2026, the parishes of St Thomas Aquinas (Charnwood) and St John the Apostle (Kippax) will combine to form the new parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, West Belconnen. Three permanent part-time Parish Officer roles are available, based at the Parish Office in Kippax:

- 24 hours per week
- 18 hours per week
- 6 hours per week

Employment begins January 2026 under the Clerks Award. Duty Statements are available by emailing

kippax@cg.org.au or **charnwood@cg.org.au**.

Applications addressing the Selection Criteria, with CV, should be sent to **Fr Tru Nguyen MSC**

(tru.nguyen@cg.org.au) by **5 December 2025**.

Essential requirements:

Experience with databases & Microsoft Suite, strong communication and organisational skills, ability to work independently and in a team, knowledge of church/

regulatory compliance(e.g. Parish sacrament registers, Working With Vulnerable People, WHS, child protection, copyright), respect for Catholic teaching, and current office experience.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CLERGY & PARISH

To contribute to the First Collection **

Account Name: Central Presbytery Fund

Reference: Your parish location, name and intention (eg Campbell Smith 1st collect) Refer to note below regarding banking details.

Contribute to your parish via the “Qkr!” mobile app or direct deposit:

Canberra Central : A/C Name Canberra Central Parish
Ref: Name & Giving Number.

Blackfriars: A/C Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson
Ref: Name & Giving Number.

St Joseph's: A/C Name: St Joseph's Parish
Ref: Name & Giving Number.

St Thomas More: A/C Name: St Thomas More Parish :
Ref: Name & Giving Number.

Please kindly call the Parish office for A/C details

MASS, SACRAMENT & DEVOTION TIMES

	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	8.00am	10.00am
Tuesday to Friday Tuesday - ACU	5.30pm 12-12.30pm	9.00am	9.15am	12.30pm	11:45am Mass – Every Friday
Saturday	5.00pm (vigil)	9.00am 6.00pm (vigil)	8.30am 6.00pm (vigil)		
Reconciliation					
Friday - **During Advent During Adoration**	After the 5.30pm Mass		8.15 - 9.00am - during Holy Hour	11.30 - 12.30pm	11.00-11.40am Every Friday
Saturday	4.00 - 4.30pm	9.30 - 10.00am 5.30 - 5.50pm	5.15 - 5.45pm		
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament					
Tuesday	ACU - 11– 11.45am		8.15 - 9.10am		
Wednesday		8.00am - 8.00pm			
Thursday					
Friday	6.00 - 7.00pm			11.30am - 12.30pm	11.00—11.45am Every Friday
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	12.10pm	
Saturday Sunday	9.30am	8.30am	8.15am -Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help		