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CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

NORTH CANBERRA

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR B | 28-29 NOVEMBER 2026



WATCH EXPECTANTLY TODAY - YOUR MASTER IS COMING!

ADAPTED FROM A REFLECTION
BY DON SCHWAGER (DAILY SCRIPTURE)

What do we do when we deeply love someone who is away but has promised to return? We wait with hope and anticipation. Jesus uses this image in the parable of the watchful servants, urging his followers to remain faithful and prepared for his return.

Just as loyal servants cared diligently for their master's house while he was away, Christians are called to live faithfully, knowing that Christ will come again. Those who are watchful and obedient look forward to his return with joy, while those who are careless risk being unprepared.

Advent reminds us to live in hopeful expectation. Christ's first coming began the "end times," and his second coming will bring God's final justice and kingdom in fullness. Although no one knows when that day will come, Jesus calls us to remain vigilant, prayerful and active in doing God's will.

Waiting for the Lord is not passive. We prepare by loving God, serving others, praying for God's kingdom to come, and faithfully using the gifts he has entrusted to us. Those who wait on the Lord with faith and perseverance will be rewarded.

During Advent, let us stay alert, seek God's will, and live each day ready to welcome Christ whenever he comes.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES/MASS TIMES:

- **TUE, 15 December to WED, 23 December (9 Nights):**
  7:00 pm-Watson - Christmas Novena Masses *(Simbang Gabi)*
- **THU, 24 December:** 5:30 pm-Campbell *(Children's Mass for the entire Parish)*
  7:30 pm-O'Connor | 8:30 pm-Watson | 9:00 pm-Dickson
- **FRI, 25 December:** 8:00 am-Braddon | 8:30 am-O'Connor
  9:15 am-Dickson | 10:30 am-Watson
- **FRI, 1 January 2027:** 8:00 am-Braddon | 8:30 am-O'Connor
  9:15 am-Dickson | 10:00 am Campbell | 10:30 am-Watson

CHURCHES

St Patrick, Braddon

SUN	8:00 am	Mass
	10:00 am	German Mass (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month)
TUE-FRI	12:10 pm	Rosary
	12:30 pm	Mass
FRI	11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Adoration & Confession

St Brigid, Dickson

SUN	***9:15 am**	**Mass**
	5:00 pm	Vietnamese Mass (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month)
		Maronite Mass (Last Sunday of the month)
TUE-FRI	***7:10 am**	**Rosary**
	***7:30 am**	**Mass**
WED	8:00 am - 11:00 am	Adoration
	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Adoration
FRI	7:00 pm	Mass Community of the Risen Lord
SAT	9:00 am	Mass
	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Adoration & Confession
	5:30 pm	Confession
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass

St Joseph, O'Connor

SUN	***8:00 am - 8:30 am**	**Confession**
	8:30 am	Mass
TUE-FRI	8:15 am - 9:10 am	Adoration (Confession during Adoration every Friday.)
	9:15 am	Mass
SAT	8:15 am	Novena to Our Lady of the Perpetual Help
	8:30 am	Mass

Anointing of the Sick is within the Mass at 8:30 am every 1st Saturday of the month.

Recitation of the Rosary takes place after the 9:15 am Mass, Tuesday to Friday.

St Thomas More, Campbell

SUN	10:00 am	Mass
FRI	11:00 am - 11:45 am	Adoration
	11:45 am	Mass

Confession is every Friday, 11:00 am to 11:40 am. Anointing of the Sick takes place every 1st Sunday of the month at 11:15 am.

Holy Rosary | Blackfriars, Watson

SUN	***10:00 am**	**Rosary**
	***10:30 am**	**Mass**
	5:00 pm	Mass
TUE-FRI	5:30 pm	Mass
SAT	4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Confession
	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass
FRI	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Adoration



Readings

Entrance Antiphon
cf. Psalm 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 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19

℟: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation
Psalm 84:8

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

Gospel
Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Communion Antiphon
cf. Psalm 84:13

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

Prayer Intentions

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED – Fr Sebastian Luistro SSS, Fr Stan Sniezek, Christina Francoise Bouchero Arnephile Belihomji, Anthony Baut, Norma Price, Leila Meera Jordan, Giuseppe Barbaro, Gina Garilao

IN LOVING MEMORY – Noel Cristobal, Elizabeth (Lil) Tisdell, Helen (Jelena) Zobec, Johny John, Johannes Handoko, Maria Danh Tran, Matta Tran Tit, Doris Mary Grech, Graeme Lawson, Capt. Raymart Cabangcala, Monica nee Dempster, Virginia Nunes

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



SPECIAL INTENTIONS – Retired and Sick Priests, Fr Hilton, Enryl Bacho, Flora Mae Rublica, Dawn Boag, Barry Malone, Amikai Diclas, Kelvin Diclas, Helena Paul, Trevor 'Tony' Anderson, Ray Maher, Residents of Goodwin Village Ainslie

Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for two weeks.

Announcement on Revised Mass Times:

- The **Saturday Vigil Mass (6:00 pm) at St Joseph's, O'Connor**, will be **discontinued** effective the Second Sunday of Advent (5-6 December).
- The **new Mass times at St Brigid's, Dickson, and Holy Rosary, Watson**, will take effect on the First Sunday of Advent (28-29 November): **Dickson: SUN - 9:15 am & TUE-FRI - 7:30 am** | **Watson: SUN - 10:30 am**



Almighty God, we begin this Advent Season as an 'Advent People' – people of hope, ready to do your will. Let your blessing come upon us as we light this wreath. May it turn our hearts to you in the days ahead. Grant us the peace and joy we long for, as we await the coming of your Son with patient hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



WHAT'S ON

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

- **RCIA.** Adults who are interested about learning the Catholic Faith or desire to be Catholic may enlist themselves for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) by contacting our email innernorth@cg.org.au. **RCIA classes will resume on Thursday, 4 February 2027.**
- **No German Mass this month.** Please note that the German Mass at 10:00 am at St Patrick's, Braddon, will not be celebrated on the third Sunday of this month and until further notice.
- **Cana Youth (Years 7-12) Cana Youth will be held at St Brigid's Catholic Church, Dickson, 6 December.** Sessions run from 7:00 pm–9:00 pm following the Vigil Mass. All young people in Years 7–12 are warmly welcome to attend.
- **Adorers are welcome every Wednesday for extended exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Brigid's, Dickson:** 8:00 am-11:00 am and 5:00 pm-8:00 pm. All are invited to commit to one hour of adoration each week during these times. Confession is available during adoration from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm.

ST JOSEPH, O'CONNOR

- **Regular Group Gatherings: *Unpacking the Short Sayings of Jesus Fortnightly meetings on Thursdays*** (Next session(s): 26 November), Venue: Parish Centre, Contact: Anna.Wierzbicka@anu.edu.au. All are welcome! | **Term 4 Children's Liturgy, during the 8:30 am Sunday Mass.**
- **Junior Schola Cantorum Term 4, 2026 – Every Saturday 9:30 am.** Choral training and faith formation for students aged 8 to 16 in the Church's treasury of sacred music. Our training draws on the Jubilate Deo Programme and the Royal School of Church Music. Sign up and find out more: www.sjo.au
- **Junior Schola Cantorum End-of-Term Mass –** The Junior Schola Cantorum will present the fruits of their learning on Gaudete Sunday, 13 December at the 8:30 am Mass. Join us in celebrating the hard work and musical progress of our young singers!
- **Christmas Carols & Rehearsals –** St Joseph's Choristers will be singing Christmas Carols at 6:30 pm on Thursday, 24 December, before 7:30pm Mass. Join us in preparation for the festive singing! Rehearsals every Tuesday 7:30pm at St Joseph's Church. All experiences are welcome! More info: linktr.ee/stjoseph.choristers

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

- **Regular Group Gatherings: *The Craft Group every Wednesday*** (except 3rd Wednesday) from mid-day | ***Scripture Reflection every Wednesday*** from 7:30 pm to 8.30 pm | ***Meditation Group: 30 Minutes of Silence with God every Thursday*** at 7:30 pm, Contact Debbie on 0426 838 212 | Venue: Parish Centre. All welcome.
- **ACU Mass 2026:** Campus Mass, 12:00 pm–12:30 pm, Tuesday, 1 December, Signadou Chapel, Building 302.

FROM THE OFFICE

- **Vinnies Christmas Appeal – Watson and Dickson.** Watson St Vincent de Paul Society's Christmas Appeal will be held as a leaving collection at Masses in **Holy Rosary, Watson and St Brigid's, Dickson on 5–6 December.** Donations may be made by cash, EFTPOS or online. A box for non-perishable food donations (no nut products, please) will be available at the entrance to Watson Church. Thank you for supporting local families in need this Christmas.
- **The Masses on Sunday, 29 November will be offered for the repose of the souls** of all the volunteers and members of our parish community.
- **Protect Yourself from Email and Phone Impersonation Scams –** Be cautious of emails claiming to be from the parish office, Fr Renoir, Fr Virgil, Dcn Don, or other Archdiocesan clergy. Always verify the sender's email address before responding. We will never ask for money, gift cards, or similar items by email or phone, especially through urgent or pressure-based requests.
- **Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) –** The draft APC Statutes have been published in The Voice (16 November 2026). Parishioners are invited to read the article and provide feedback to help inform discussion at the next Council of Priests meeting. https://tinyurl.com/CGAPC2026

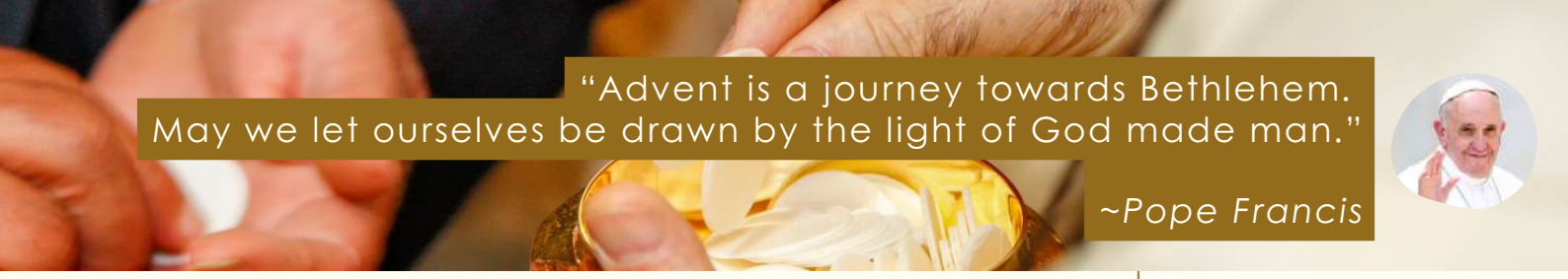


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INAUGURATION MASS

Thank you for being part of our Inauguration Mass last Saturday. Your presence, generosity and service helped make this a truly special and memorable celebration for our parish community.

We are deeply grateful for your support, dedication, and contribution to this historic occasion. As we begin this new chapter together, may you continue to grow with us in faith, unity and service. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity. Thank you for helping make this a grace-filled celebration.



Your Monetary Contributions count a lot...

First Collection
(Supporting all the priests of the Archdiocese)
A/C Name: ***Central Presbytery Fund***, BSB: 062-786 and Bank Account: 00029248
Reference: Your church location, name and intention (e.g., Campbell Smith 1st collect)

Second Collection
(Maintenance/upkeep of the Churches, staff salaries, liturgical needs, insurance, etc.)

~ **Central Canberra, Dickson & Braddon:** A/C Name ***Canberra Central Parish***
BSB: 062-786, A/C: 00013150, Ref: Name & Giving Number

~ **St Joseph, O'Connor:** A/C Name: ***St Joseph's Parish***
BSB: 062-786, A/C: 00012798, Ref: Name & Giving Number

~ **St Thomas More, Campbell:** A/C Name: ***St Thomas More Parish***
BSB: 062-786, A/C: 00014869, Ref: Name & Giving Number

~ **Blackfriars, Watson:** A/C Name: ***Blackfriars Parish Watson***
BSB: 062-786, A/C:00013341, Ref: Name & Giving Number

As our parish office will be operating with reduced staffing in January 2027, we kindly ask that any major bulletin updates for January and February be submitted by Wednesday, 23 December 2026.



Parish Safeguarding Commitment

The Holy Eucharist Parish is 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 center of all of our thinking and action.

Parish Safeguarding Officers:

- **Central Canberra, Dickson & Braddon:** Barbara | CanberraCentral.Safeguarding@cg.org.au
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- **Blackfriars, Watson:** Nicole | Watson.Safeguarding@cg.org.au

Please send any concerns or enquiries to the above church email addresses. You may also contact Maria Hicks, Manager of the Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS), at ipss@cg.org.au or 02 6239 9806.

Complaint/Concern Form for Parishes – The online Complaints and Concerns Form may be used to raise safeguarding concerns, make a complaint, or provide feedback. All submissions are treated confidentially and are reviewed by the Manager, Professional Standards and Safeguarding in line with Archdiocesan policies and procedures: https://tinyurl.com/CGComplaintConcernForm

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The Holy Eucharist Parish acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.