



*A weekly lantern of grace guiding our parish through the days ahead.*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

30TH NOVEMBER 2025

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.



**Weihnachts-Kalender, Im Lande des Christkinds,**

Drawn and issued by Richard Ernst Kepler (1851-1930), Colour print on cardboard paper, Issued in 1903. See art reflection here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc6n373v>

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

*Source: Loyola Press*

### ADVENT 2025



Hope, Peace, Joy, Love

This First Sunday of Advent, we light the first of four candles: the Candle of **HOPE**.

As we enter this sacred season, we prepare our hearts to remember Christ's coming at Christmas and the hope His presence brings to our world.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**First Reading - Isaiah 11:1-10**

*He judges the poor with justice.*

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 71**

*R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.*

**Second Reading - Romans 15:4-9**

*Christ, the hope of all people.*

**Gospel Reading - Matthew 3:1-12**

*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*

## MASSES & MEETINGS

### Cannon Hill - St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 9:00am  
Saturday - 6:00pm; Sunday - 9:30am

### Tingalpa - Holy Family Catholic Church:

Thursday - 9:00am; Sunday - 8:00am

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 5pm-5:30pm - St Oliver Plunkett Church

**Prayer Intentions Prayer Group:** Every Friday at 9.30am - St Oliver Plunkett Church (except during Lent).

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 1st Friday of the month following 9:00am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church (except during Lent).

**Baptisms:** 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month held after the 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church. (*Welcoming Mass combined with the Baptism Mass.*)

**Little Lanterns Liturgy:** 1st Sunday of the month (except January) during the 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church. All primary school-aged children are welcome to attend.

**Parish Morning Tea:** 1st Sunday of the month following Mass at both Churches; Every Wednesday after 9:00am Mass in the Parish Hall.

## COMING UP...

**29/30 NOV - SAT/SUN:** MAMI Hearts for Mission Appeal - 3rd Collection.

**03 DEC - WED:** St Francis Xavier (Memorial).

**04 DEC - THU:** Adore Programme, 6:00pm, Parish Hall.

**05 DEC - FRI:** Adoration of the Eucharist, 9.30am, CH

**06/07 DEC - SAT/SUN:** **St Vincent de Paul Christmas App**

**07 DEC - SUN:** Little Lanterns Liturgy (during Mass); Hospitality (after Mass); Oblate Youth Iona Encounter Night (see back page for more details).

**08 DEC - MON:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity) - Mass at 9am at SOP.

**10 DEC - WED:** Healing & Anointing Mass, 9.30am, SOP.

**11 DEC - THU:** Adore Program, 6:00pm, Parish Hall.

**14 DEC - SUN:** Baptisms.

**17 DEC - WED:** Final Parish Morning Tea for 2025.

**18 DEC - THU:** Adore Programme, 6:00pm, Parish Hall.

## REGULAR MEETINGS

**MON:** Cannon Hill St Vincent de Paul Conference  
Fortnightly at 6:15pm

Next meeting: **Monday, 8th December**

Contact: Paul 0418 750 367

**TUE:** Parish Leadership Team

Fortnightly at 6:00pm

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, 2nd December**

**WED:** Parish Liturgy Meeting

Monthly at 4:30pm

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, 10th December**

**THU:** Parish Finance Council Meeting

Bi-monthly at 4:30pm

Next Meeting: **Thursday, 12th February**

### Plate Collections - 23rd November

1st Collection (Oblates): **\$386.05** | 2nd Collection (Parish): **\$307.25**

*Thank you for your ongoing support.*

## THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL - MATT 24:37-44

*Stay awake, you must be ready.*

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.'

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

#### First Reading - Isaiah 2:1-5

*The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.*

#### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 121:

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

#### Second Reading - Romans 13:11-14

*The time has come, our salvation is near.*

#### Gospel Reading - Matthew 24:37-44

*Stay awake, you must be ready.*



*The truth is that none of us is perfect. St. Paul teaches that everyone has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. He tells us that in his Letter to the Romans. Because of original sin, we sometimes do the opposite of what we know is right. But there's good news. Sin never has the final word. Whenever we ask for God's mercy, he forgives us.*

Pope Leo XIV, digital encounter with teens at NCCY, 21/10/25

## Mass Intentions

### Week beginning 30th November - 9 am

02/12 Tuesday: Fr Provincial & Council

03/12 Wednesday: Beijing Community, PIMs

04/12 Thursday: MAMI & DMF

05/12 Friday: N.D. Parish & HK Schools

*Weekend Masses offered for the intentions of all in the Parish*



## Eucharist Adoration

### Friday, 5th December

(1st Friday of Every Month)

**St Oliver Plunkett Church at 9.30am**

*"Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

Matthew 11:28

## OBLATE ADORE PROGRAMME

Commencing **Thursday, 4th December** and continuing for the next 3 weeks, the Oblates Adore Programme will be held in the parish hall. Join us for dinner at 6pm, followed by a reflection based on the upcoming Sunday Gospel. Please bring a plate to share. If you cannot attend the meal, you are welcome to join the reflection at 7pm.

# PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### OUR SICK

Please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is sick and would appreciate a home visit.

**We pray for those in the community who are sick. May the healing spirit of Christ bring them comfort and hope.**

Marina Gilbert, Edgar Tan, Vincy Law Tan, Sam Swann, Athol Young, Ken Drego, Karen Marrinan, Carol-Ann Marrinan, Jeanette Hill, Lucia Giaccio, Rob Connolly, Ashley Anthony, Daniel Normyle, Jo Lorsch, Lani Clow, Carol Flannigan, Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika, Harry Lynas, Michael Simpson, John la Spina, Von Leeman, Imelda Khoo, Lorretta Stephenson, Brian Crimmins, Angela White, Mary Stevenson, Veronica Roberts, Melisa Duffy.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Rita Vardanega

*Names will remain on Our Sick list until advised otherwise. Please submit any items for the newsletter, including sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, by Thursday morning at the latest (preferably via email). Thank you.*



### Thanksgiving Mass.

Congratulations to our volunteers who were recognised last Sunday at the Thanksgiving Mass, and to all who joined us for the celebration. It was a wonderful opportunity to honour all those who generously share their time and talents in service to our Parish and the wider community.

A special thank you to the choir and musicians for their generous contribution, and to the Parish Leadership Team for organising this annual event.

### MAMI HEARTS FOR MISSION APPEAL 3rd Collection this Weekend

#### Turn Faith into Action


This weekend, we invite you to make a difference to our Missions which provide food, shelter and education to communities in need. For more info: [www.mamiomi.com.au](http://www.mamiomi.com.au) or see back page.

### KENYA MISSION

Paul Vorrasi is still collecting IT equipment and monetary donations for his mission trip to Kenya next month. If you have an unused laptop, PC or phone to donate, please drop it at the parish office. For enquiries or help, contact Paul on 0412 852 111.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 6th & 7th December

This year's **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** will take place next weekend. Every contribution will go directly towards supporting local families who are doing it tough, offering much-needed help and hope at this time of year. Your support is greatly appreciated. You can also donate directly: BSB: **064-786**, Account: **100026570**

Account Name: SVDP St Oliver Plunkett Conference Cannon Hill.  **St Vincent de Paul Society**  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA *good work!*

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Wednesday, 24th December: Christmas Eve Vigil**  
6pm at St Oliver Plunkett - Christmas Carols at 5.30pm.

**Thursday, 25th December: Christmas Day**  
7.30am at Holy Family Church; 9am at St Oliver Plunkett

**Saturday, 27th December & Sunday, 28th December:**  
*Feast of The Holy Family*, normal Mass times.

**Thursday, 1st January: New Year's Day Mass, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
9am at St Oliver Plunkett Church. **NB. NO 9AM MASSES ON 24TH, 25TH & 26TH DEC**



### St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Primary School

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### CANNON HILL CATHOLIC PARISH



### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00am - 2.30pm

### ADDRESS

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### FACEBOOK

Cannon Hill Catholic Parish

### PARISH TEAM

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**Local Safeguarding Rep:** Ronda Vorrasi  
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### Parish Leadership Team:

Sachin Rasquinha, Ronda Vorrasi, Guy Elliot, Aaron Tippetts, Michael Hill



From the moment the Oblates arrived in Fremantle in 1894, they have dedicated themselves to the mission of the Church in Australia. They dedicate themselves to serving the poor in parishes, schools, prisons, among the youth and with those on the streets. The Oblates preach Christ to the poor and the most abandoned and have served them in Australia for more than 100 years.

To learn more go to [www.omi.com.au](http://www.omi.com.au)

### DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

Thank you for your generous support, which impacts the lives of those we serve. Your donations directly foster the growth and prosperity of our community and sustain our ministries. Donations can be made via the EFTPOS terminal at the church entrance (split between 1st and 2nd collections) or through our secure online direct debit system (call the Parish Office to organise). Please consider including our *Perpetual Endowment Fund* in your Will to help continue our mission for future generations. For more Bequest info. contact the Catholic Foundation on 3324 3200 or call the Parish Office. Donate using the QR Code or go to <https://tinyurl.com/parish-donate>



# OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS





**Celebration of the**

**Blessing of the Pauline Fathers Monastery  
&  
Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians  
'Marian Valley'**

with

**A Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by**

**Most Reverend Krzysztof Nykiel,  
Bishop Regent of  
The Apostolic Penitentiary, Rome**

**&  
Most Reverend Columba Macbeth-Green,  
Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes**

on

**Saturday 13th December 2025  
at 11:00 am.**

Followed by festivities.


**Let us give thanks to God  
for His many blessings.**



# ENCOUNTER NIGHT

**SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER  
5:00PM-8:00PM  
IONA COLLEGE CHAPEL  
AGES 15-25**

**ACTIVITIES. FRIENDSHIP. COMMUNITY.  
SCRIPTURE. ADORATION. WORSHIP.**



**REGISTER NOW**

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