CANNON HILL CATHOLIC PARISH
Under the pastoral care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

The call of Jesus Christ, heard within the Church through people's need for salvation, draws us together as Missionary Oblates of Mary.' (Oblate Constitution 1)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | YEAR B

29TH NOVEMBER

Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.



Weihnachts-Kalender, Im Lande des Christkinds, (Christmas Calendar, In the Land of the Christ Child)
Drawn and issued by Richard Ernst Kepler (1851-1930), Colour print on cardboard paper, Issued in 1903.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasises the need to watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

Source: Loyola Press



Feast of Saint Andrew - 30th November

Andrew, one of the first disciples called by Jesus, was the brother of St Peter. Before becoming an Apostle, Andrew was a disciple of St John the Baptist. When Andrew encountered Jesus, he was so convinced that he had found the Messiah that he immediately went to tell his brother Peter: "We have found the Messiah." Andrew was a fisherman by trade, and he is therefore honoured as the patron saint of fishermen. He is also the patron saint of Scotland, whose national flag bears the cross associated with him.
Andrew reminds us that faith is not something we keep to ourselves. Having encountered Christ, he brought others to Him, beginning with his own family. As we celebrate his feast, may we ask for his intercession, that we too may recognise Christ, follow Him faithfully, and joyfully share the Good News with others.
Learn more here: https://tinyurl.com/54n6xc73

This Week's Readings

First Reading - Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8
Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.
Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 79
R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.
Gospel Reading - Mark 13:33-37
Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

This Week's Mass Intentions

29/11: St Alfred's, Shatin
30/11: Australian OMIs abroad
01/11: Fr. General & Council
02/11: Fr. Provincial & Council
03/11: Beijing Community , PIMs
04/11: MAMI & DMF
05/11: N.D. Parish & H.K. Schools



OUR VISION - TO BE AN EXCITED, TRUE TO ITSELF, WELCOMING COMMUNITY, UNIFIED BY GOD'S LOVE.
OUR MISSION - GO MAKE DISCIPLES EVERYWHERE.

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: every Saturday, 5:00pm - 5:30pm at St Oliver Plunkett Church.

Eucharistic Adoration: *Commencing January 2027:* 1st Friday of every month following 9:00am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church.

Anointing and Healing: 1st Wednesday of every month, 9:00am at St Oliver Plunkett Church.

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays of most months, 9:30am at St Oliver Plunkett Church.

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

Hospitality - Parish Morning Tea: 1st Sunday every month following Mass at both churches; every Wednesday following 9:00am Mass in the Parish Hall.

THIS WEEKEND...

29 NOV - SUN: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

COMING UP...

30 NOV - MON: Feast of St Andrew, apostle.
03 DEC - THU: St Francis Xavier (Memorial).
04 DEC - FRI: Eucharist Adoration, 9.00am, St Oliver Plunkett Church.
05/06 DEC - SAT/SUN: ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL.
06 DEC - SUN: Children's Liturgy (CLOW); Hospitality.
07 DEC - MON: St Ambrose (Memorial).
08 DEC - TUE: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity), 9:00am Mass, SOPC.
13 DEC - SUN: Gaudete Sunday *(Rejoice in the Lord always.)*
15 DEC - TUE: Advent Penance Service, 6pm, SOPC.
24 DEC - THU: Parish Office closes for 2 weeks.
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES - See p. 2 (below) for details.

REGULAR MEETINGS

MON: **Cannon Hill St Vincent de Paul Conference**
Fortnightly at 6:15pm
Next meeting: **Monday, 7th December**
Contact: Paul 0418 750 367

TUE: **Parish Leadership Team**
Fortnightly at 6:00pm
Next Meeting: **Tuesday, 8th December**

WED: **Parish Liturgy Meeting**
Monthly at 4:30pm
Next Meeting: **Monday, 18th January**

THU: **Parish Finance Council Meeting**
Bi-monthly at 4:30pm
Next Meeting: **Thursday, 3rd December**

Last Weekend's Plate Collections

First (Oblates): **$494.75** | Second (Parish): **$376.80**

Thank you for your ongoing support.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

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!'

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
First Reading - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Prepare the way for the Lord.
Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 84:9-14
R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
Second Reading - 2 Peter 3:8-14
We wait for new heavens and a new earth.
Gospel Reading - Mark 1:1-8
Make straight the paths of the Lord.

A Reflection
Don't wake up, stay awake!

Don't wake up, stay awake! This weekend, we begin the season of Advent. If you look at this through the eyes of a child living in today's world, there is so much excitement. Christmas brings celebration, the tree, fireworks, concerts, Santa Claus, presents. There's joy all around.

It makes sense to stay up and enjoy the festivities.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks directly to our spirit, reminding us that our flesh may sleep but our spirit is on a journey of constant wakefulness and watchfulness for His return. All these things of the world (the good and the bad) will pass but the spirit will endure forever.

As a Church, today is the beginning of a new journey together through the seasons of the Liturgical year. And it begins with our spirit hoping and longing for the coming of our Saviour. We are more than flesh and bone, we are beings of spirit. ~ John



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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL
CHRISTMAS APPEAL - 5TH & 6TH DECEMBER

A special collection for the **St Vinnie's Christmas Appeal** will be taken up **next weekend at all Masses.** Thank you for your support.
Donations can also be made by DD: BSB: **064-786,** Acc. No: **100026570,** Acc. Name: **SVDP St Oliver Plunkett Conference Cannon Hill.**

Eucharist Adoration

Eucharist Adoration will held next **Friday, 4th December** at St Oliver Plunkett Church following the 9:00am Mass.

"Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Thursday, 24th December: Christmas Eve Vigil
Christmas Carols at 5.30pm then . 6:00pm at St Oliver Plunkett
Friday, 25th December: Christmas Day
7.30am at Holy Family Church; **9:00am** at St Oliver Plunkett Ch

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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.

Steven Scougall, Denise Power, Deborah Sirett, Tony Vorrasi, Keenan Wiltshire, Baby Margaret Rose; Ed Pender, Mary-Jane McAuliffe, Anna Slawek, Gary Smith, Lameki Eketi, Eli Jorna, Marina Gilbert, Vincy Law Tan, Athol Young, Ken Drego, Karen Marrinan, Carol-Ann Marrinan, Jeanette Hill, Lucia Giaccio, Rob Connolly, Ashley Anthony, Daniel Normyle, Carol Flannigan, Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika, Harry Lynas, Michael Simpson, Imelda Khoo, Lorretta Stephenson, Brian Crimmins, Angela White, Mary Stevenson, Veronica Roberts, Melisa Duffy.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kerry Mills; Patricia *Ann* Hanley

ANNIVERSARIES: Ailsa O'Rourke; Rita Vardanega.

Annual Parish Thanksgiving Mass

Congratulations to our wonderful volunteers who were recognised last Sunday at the Thanksgiving Mass, and thank you 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.
Photos can be viewed here: https://cannonhillparish.org.au/our-parish/gallery





- **MAMI CHRISTMAS CARDS:** cards are on sale this weekend. Support the Oblate Missions overseas with a tax-deductible donation to "buy" a gift such as chickens, a goat, a toolbox and education. A special Christmas card will be provided to show a gift has been given on someone's behalf. A meaningful Christmas gift! Min: $10 (cash only or QR code available).
- **HOLY CHRISTMAS CARDS:** on sales this weekend for $3 for a pack of 8 holy cards. Available in the foyer. *N.B. these cards are not associated with St Vincent de Paul.*
- **TINNIES FOR VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:** Thank you for your generous response over the last couple of weeks. This week we are seeking **jelly, chips, corn chips, pretzels, popcorn and fruit cake** and any festive items you would like to see in a hamper. Donations be left in bin/basket in the foyer.
- **PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS BREAK:** the Parish Office will close from Christmas Eve and will reopen on Tuesday, 14th January. Father John Patrick will be available at all times via the Parish after hours number 0493 096 073. *N.B. there will be no newsletter during this time.*
- **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** there will be a special Mass held **Tuesday, 8th December at 9am** at St Oliver Plunkett Church. Please join us to celebrate.
- **ADVENT SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION** will be held on **Tuesday, 15th December at 6:00pm at St Oliver Plunkett Church.** Experience the Forgiveness of Christ.
- **THANK YOU!** Our lovely Cannon Hill parishioner **Maureen,** would like to express her deepest gratitude for the many beautiful wishes on the occasion of her **96th birthday.** Maureen was truly touched by your love and generosity. May God bless her with many more to come.



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OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday - Friday: 9.00am - 2.30pm

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DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and faithful support. Your contributions play a vital role in sustaining our parish ministries and enriching the lives of those we serve.
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 facility (please contact the Parish Office to arrange).
For information regarding Bequests, contact the **Catholic Foundation** on **3324 3200** or the Parish Office on 3853 7490.
Donate using the QR Code or *https://tinyurl.com/parish-donate*

The community of Cannon Hill Catholic Parish and surrounds acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands. We pay our respects to the Yuggera and Turrbal people especially the elders past, present and emerging.

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS







For the Children







🎄 Get Ready for Advent!

Advent is here, which means Christmas is just around the corner! It's a special time to get our hearts ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Jesus came into the world long ago in Bethlehem, and He continues to come to us today, especially when we gather together at Mass and receive Him in Holy Communion. So, let's use Advent to prepare our hearts and get ready for Christmas!

📅 Pick up a **Kids' Advent Calendar** and follow along each day as we count down to Christmas.

✏️ Grab your colouring pencils too! Our **Kids' Bulletin** is packed with fun activities, puzzles and colouring to help you learn more about Advent and Christmas.

And did you know? **The Kids' Bulletin** is available **every week, all year round**! Pick up your copy from the foyer each Sunday. Have a happy and holy Advent! ⭐

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A copy of the Safeguarding Policy is situated in the foyer of the church. STOPLINE CONTACT: P: 1300 304 400 | E: AOB@stopline.com.au