



# Cannon Hill Catholic Parish

Incorporating

St Oliver Plunkett Church & Holy Family Church

Cannon Hill

Tingalpa

Under the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate



*The community of the Cannon Hill Catholic Parish acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10th December 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We continue our preparations for the coming of Jesus. That is, we are preparing to celebrate his coming among us as a new-born baby in Bethlehem. Therefore, it is a special time for us to remember with deep gratitude God's great love for us. As it is written in John's Gospel: **And the Word became flesh and lived among us** (John 1:14)...**For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son** (John 3:16).

This Sunday's Gospel tells us to prepare for that coming, that remembering, that celebrating. It does so by speaking about John the Baptist preparing people to welcome the coming of Jesus as his public life and mission begin. John had already become a famous person in his own right. That is clear from the number of people who came out to see him, and his attracting the attention of King Herod and of the religious leaders in Jerusalem. He led a very austere life in the desert, dressed in rough clothes made from the skins of camel...no designer clothes for him. He fed on locusts and wild honey and fasted as well.

John was clearly a man of God, and the people admired and trusted him as a person of holiness and integrity. He taught them, bluntly made them aware of their sinfulness, and called on them to **"repent"**. **"Repent"** (*Greek, metanoia*) here does not mean just being sorry for the past. It is a call for them to do much more than that, to change their ways. To **"repent"** in the Gospel involves a radical transformation in our way of living. It means a conversion, a real turning around, a re-directing of one's whole life.

There are two things we can learn here which are relevant to our Christmas preparation during the season of Advent. First, we ourselves need to prepare for the coming of Jesus. And not just by a pre-Christmas confession to tidy ourselves up and get rid of some of the things we regret having done in recent months.

Peter, in today's Second Reading, tells us that a **"day"** with the Lord can be a 1,000 years. This is probably directed at those who thought that the Lord was coming soon: The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. In other words, if the end of the world seems so slow in coming, it is to give people time to mend their ways, to redirect their lives. At the same time, he also warns that the coming can be very sudden, as we all know is very true. We all know people who have been taken away from us very suddenly, without warning. Therefore, while you are waiting for these things, we have to strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish. The coming of the Lord does not fill his friends with fear and anxiety, but rather with a kind of joyful anticipation of one friend to another. The fruit of our everyday living the Way of Jesus is a real interior peace that makes us ready to meet him at any time.

Second, John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus to come into our lives. The First Reading speaks about filling in valleys, smoothing out mountains and hills, transforming cliffs into plains, and ridges into valleys. In other words, removing all the obstacles that get in the way of our meeting with Jesus and *then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.*

That is also our role as Christians. It is only through what we say and do that others can come to know Jesus. So many people we know face many obstacles in getting to know the real Jesus. **Why do so many young people stop going to church and give up the practice of their faith? Where did they get the ideas of Christianity which they have – or don't have? Who is responsible?** I don't think we have to look very far to answer these questions. It is a fact that the negligence of Christians undermines faith in Christ far more effectively than the most savage persecution of the sworn enemies of Christ. The Church never thrives so vigorously as under persecution from outsiders. It is the betrayal of those who are inside which does the real damage. Each of us can reach people that no one else can reach – *our family members, relatives, work colleagues and other people who may come into our life.*

So, there are two wonderful ways for us to prepare for Christmas:

**Personal conversion:** What better present could I give myself?

**Leading someone else to know and experience the love of Jesus:** What better present could I give to another person?

**Have Blessed Sunday and I wish you all a grace-filled Season of Advent. Fr Basti OMI**

**Psalm:** Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

**Readings for next week:**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

**Psalm:** Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

**2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

## COMING MASSES, MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Regular Mass & Service Times:

#### Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 9am at St Oliver Plunkett  
Thursday - 9am at The Holy Family Church

#### Weekend Mass:

Saturday - 6pm at St Oliver Plunkett  
Sunday - 8am at The Holy Family Church  
Sunday - 9.30am at St Oliver Plunkett

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 5-5.30pm St Oliver Plunkett

**Eucharistic Adoration—1st Friday of the month**  
following 9.00am Mass, St Oliver Plunkett.

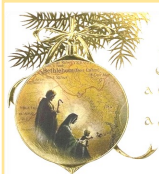
**Baptisms—2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month held during**  
9.30am Mass, St Oliver Plunkett.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word—1st Sunday of the month**  
during the 9.30am Mass, St Oliver Plunkett.

**Welcome Mass for Families receiving Baptism—**  
1st Sunday of the month at 9.30am, St Oliver Plunkett,  
followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Hall.

**Wednesday 13th December**, Advent Reflection, 6.30pm,  
St Oliver Plunkett Church.

**Tuesday 12th Dec Anointing & Healing Mass**, 9am, St Oliver  
Plunkett Church.



### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve**

Christmas Vigil Mass, 6pm, St Oliver Plunkett  
Church, Carols start 5.30pm.

**Monday 25th December Christmas Day**

Church of the Holy Family, Mass 7.30am.  
St Oliver Plunkett Church, Mass 9am.

**Tuesday 26th December Feast of St Stephen**

St Oliver Plunkett Church, Mass 9am.

**Sat. 30th & Sunday 31st December Feast of the Holy Family**

Vigil Mass, 6pm, St Oliver Plunkett  
Church of the Holy Family, 8am. St Oliver Plunkett Ch. 9.30am

**Monday 1 January New Year's Day** Mass for Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God, Mass 9am, St Oliver Plunkett Church.

### REGULAR MEETINGS

**Mon: Cannon Hill St Vincent de Paul Conference—**  
Fortnightly @ 6.15pm Contact Paul 0418 750 367

**Tue: Parish Leadership Team—Fortnightly at 6.30pm**  
Next Meeting: 6.30pm, 12th December 2023

**Wed: Parish Liturgy Meeting—Monthly at 4.30pm**  
Next Meeting: 4.30pm, 31st January 2024

**Thu: Parish Finance Council Meeting—Bimonthly at 4.30pm**  
Next Meeting: 4.30pm, 15th February 2024



“Here is a good program for Advent: to encounter Jesus coming in every brother and sister who needs us and to share with them what we can: listening, time, concrete assistance.”

- Pope Francis @ Pontifex, 3 December, 2023

## GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

**A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord**

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;  
he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’

## MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL TWIGG

Dear Parishioners,



After three years of service as Administrator and Parish Priest, Fr Basti has been required to finish his ministry here in the Parish in order to serve in the Oblate Parish at Fremantle as Rector of St. Patrick's Basilica.

The Oblates of Mary Immaculate have pastoral care of many parishes across Australia and at times, circumstances require movements at irregular times.

The Parish Priest at Fremantle has family and personal renewal that has arisen recently and Fr Basti is needed to minister there.

Parishes that are supported by Religious Orders will sometimes see appointments made that are outside the regular time frames.

This is the case for Fr Basti's move to Western Australia.

The weekend of January 27/28 will be Fr Basti's last week for Sunday Masses and we will look for an appropriate way to say thank you.

Fr Christian Fini OMI, the Oblate Provincial, has nominated Fr. Vasanthan OMI to the Archbishop as Parish Priest of Cannon Hill Catholic Parish and we thank you in advance for your welcome and care of him.

The Oblate Province gives thanks to God for Fr Basti's care and service and we thank the people of the Parish who care for our Oblates and your ongoing understanding.

**Fr. Michael Twigg OMI**

“Your light must shine before all so that they may see goodness in your acts.” (Matthew 5:16) We should view our giving in gratitude to God by considering how blessed we are...using our gifts and talents for the good of others. A gift in any amount given through your Will benefits future generations of the faithful. For more information on naming Cannon Hill Parish or our perpetual endowment fund in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.



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# PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



## OUR SICK

Contact Parish Office for names to be included in this list. Names will be taken off after a short time unless otherwise instructed.

Marion White, Carmel Pender, Michael Simpson, Mary Stevenson, John la Spina, Lani Clow, Darryl McNally, Rob Connolly, Beryl McNally, Von Leeman, Brian McGrath, Gabriel Adams, Darren Wilson, Lorretta Stephenson, Imelda Khoo, Brian Crimmins, Danni Manix, Veronica Roberts, Angela White, Robbin Firth, Sigrid Russell, Jo Lohrisch, Ken Drego, Robin McComb, Melisa Duffy

Please contact the Parish Office 3899 2837 if you or someone you know is sick and would appreciate a visit by Fr Basti.

Please leave a message if the office is unattended or for an urgent response call Fr Basti 0493 096 073.

## RECENTLY DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES

Iris Moulden

### Mass Intentions - Week beginning 12th December 2023

Tuesday 9am - Anointing & Healing Mass  
Wednesday 9am - For action on Climate Change  
Thursday 9am - For the Sick and those in Aged Care  
Friday 9am - For World Peace

Weekend Masses offered for the intentions of all in the Parish

**\*\* Mass intentions to be advised the week prior to request \*\***

## ANOINTING AND HEALING MASS

to be held this **Tuesday 12th December, 9am, St Oliver Plunkett Church**. As this mass we pray for physical, spiritual and emotional healing for the sick and elderly.



**MAMI Christmas Gift Cards** now on sale in support of the overseas works of the Oblate Missions who provide aid to poor families under their care. Gift Cards available at main doors. Thank you for any support you can give.

**ADVENT REFLECTION** You are warmly invited to join the Parish Advent Reflection at St Oliver Plunkett Church **EACH Wednesday in December leading up to Christmas.** Next reflection **Wednesday 13th Dec., 6.30pm** **A TIME TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND FIND A DEEPER MEANING OF THE SEASON.**

**CATHOLIC LEADER** From 2024 the print edition of the Catholic Leader will move to a home delivery subscription-only model. To subscribe contact the Catholic Leader phone 3324 3555 or on-line at <https://catholicleader.com.au/subscribe/> or Subscription Envelopes also available at the main doors. Thank you for your faithful support of the work of The Catholic Leader

## Tinnies for Vinnies CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Many thanks to those who have given a great variety of food for the Christmas hampers over the last few weekends. Special thanks also to St Ollie's school children and families for toys donated.

An estimated 45 to 50 hampers will be packed and delivered during the week 11th to 15th December.

The conference is taking time off from 15th December and retuning on 15th January 2024.

Much thanks for your support of the SVDP Appeal last weekend. The amount raised will be available next weekend. **Thank you. We wish you a very Happy Christmas & Peaceful New Year**



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** during Christmas & New Year period. The Office will close from Friday 23 Dec. to Tuesday 23 Jan. However, the office will open on Wednesdays during this period, Jan 3, Jan 10th & Jan 17th, 9am-12pm. Normal hours resume Tuesday 23 Jan. Fr Basti will be available at all times via Parish mobile on 0493 096 073.

## The National Oblate Youth Encounter is back again in January 2024!

The theme for this NOYE will be "You are the light of the world". We invite young people (yr 12-30 years old) to come and explore this theme whilst sharing in the charism of St Eugene & the Oblates.

**WHEN:** 4th-7th Jan, 2024

**WHERE:** Mazenod College, Victoria

**COST:** \$100—Victorians, \$50 Interstate



**FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER VISIT:**  
**WWW.OBLATEYOUTH.COM.AU**

## VOLUNTEER FOCUS—HOSPITALITY



Our Parish has earned a well-deserved reputation for being generous and welcoming which is due in large part to the work of the two hospitality teams. Michael and Kaye do a wonderful job at

Tingalpa and Paul and Ronda are taking the reins from Aaron and Anisa at Cannon Hill.

Hospitality is offered after Mass on the first Sunday of every month except January and we have a major BBQ after our Thanksgiving Mass in November. The Cannon Hill team will be meeting in January to plan a roster of volunteers for the year. We are hoping that each volunteer will only be required to help a few times a year. If you are able to prepare freshly made goodies, set up, serve or clean up, please speak to Paul, Ronda or the Parish office.

## Hospitality

**After 8.00am Mass at Tingalpa - 1st Sunday of the month**

**After 9.30am Mass Cannon Hill - 1st Sunday of the month**

**After 9.00am Mass Cannon Hill - Wednesdays**

**Every Wednesday Morning.**



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**Advent Sale - ends 31 December.**

For 50% off use coupon code: **Advent**







## Missionary Oblates Of Mary Immaculate

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Meno Basti Jayantha OMI (pp.cannonhill@bne.catholic.net.au)

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SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: Ronda Vorrasi (Ph: 0456 535 091)

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM: Sachin Rasquinha, Paul Vorrasi, Briony Russell, Aaron Tippetts, Norma Martiri, Ronda Vorrasi



## CANNON HILL CATHOLIC PARISH

Yuggera and Turrbal Country.

St Oliver Plunkett Church & Parish Centre: 21 Beauvardia St, Cannon Hill Q 4170

Holy Family Church: 41 Belmont Rd, Tingalpa Q 4173 (enter via 56 Palgrave St, Tingalpa)

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9.00am - 2.30pm

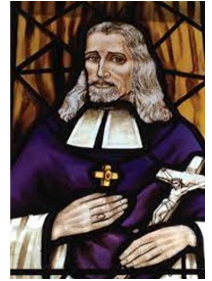
Phone: (07) 3899 2837 | Mobile: 0493 096 073 (after hours)

Web Page: <https://www.cannonhillparish.org.au/>

Facebook Page: Cannon Hill Catholic Parish | WhatsApp: 0493 096 073

MASS & RECONCILIATION TIMES as per the left hand on the inside page

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS: by appointment only at St Oliver Plunkett Church



**ADVENT** This Second Sunday of Advent, we light the second of four candles, the Candle of PEACE. During Advent we celebrate and prepare to remember Jesus' entry into the world

at Christmas and the hope that He brings to the world.

### OUR GIFT TO YOU: NOVENA OF MASSES CHRISTMAS 2023



Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate

As we look forward to celebrating the great Feast of Christmas our hope is that we can join with family and friends to give thanks and share of the many gifts we have received over the year. Let us think too of the many people throughout the world whose lives have been torn apart by war and conflict.

As the spiritual Fathers of our Family, the priests of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate want to support you at this time and offer the gift of a Christmas Novena of Masses. This is our way of thanking you for your support of our common missionary endeavours.

You are invited to place your special intentions and prayers of thanksgiving, particularly for the members of your family that have gone to God this year, in a message [HERE](#).

You can also forward you intentions to:

MAMI Office, P.O. Box 384, Camberwell VIC 3124. You can also find these details at the main doors.

All intentions will be placed in the Camberwell chapel, Victoria where Masses will be offered from 16th Dec. to Christmas Day.

Fr. Eric Alleaume OMI

**Advent Concert Series**  
**St Stephen's Cathedral**  
**December 2023**

5pm Saturday 2nd  
Advent Vespers  
Cathedral Schola #

5pm Sunday 3rd  
Dominic Perissinotto  
(pipe organ) \*

5pm Sunday 10th  
Christopher Trikilis  
(pipe organ) \*

5pm Sunday 17th  
(in the Chapel)  
Susan Collins (violin) \*

3pm Saturday 23rd  
Christmas Carol Service #

# Free Admission  
\* Ticketed Admission

### Iona College Catholic Boys College

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Rector: Fr. Michael Twigg

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### St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Primary School

Principal: Mr. Greg Cran

APRE: Ms Hannah Goodwin

Phone: (07) 3902 2100

Out of School Hours Care: Phone: (07) 3899 0952



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Policy available at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/privacy-policy/> or on request.