



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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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.

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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.

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Gospel Acclamation - Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 95: 1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

First reading - Jonah 3:1-5,10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second reading - 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel - Mark 1:14-2

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon is Not recited when hymns are sung.

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 33: 6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

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LIVE OF REPENTANCE

Third Sunday of the Year.

Fr Peter Harries OP ponders how we can share
in Christ's ministry of preaching repentance.

In today's gospel, Mark gets straight to the point, with little to distract us or set the scene. Today's passage is only the second scenario in the gospel, just after Mark has started his Gospel by telling us of the baptism of Jesus with the preaching of John the Baptist.

Jesus calls first Andrew and his brother Simon (Peter) from their fishing boat and then their colleagues James and John who abandon their father Zebedee. These first disciples were not landless labourers or social misfits. They were self-employed skilled workmen in family businesses, owning and repairing their boats and equipment, probably co-operating with each other. Galilee had a flourishing fish export trade, presumably including Jerusalem, which may account for Peter's familiarity there. But why did the apostles abandon the – admittedly limited – security of their livelihoods and follow Jesus with no apparent economic means of support?

John, in his Gospel, tells us that Andrew and Peter had been followers of John the Baptist. They had answered his call for repentance, admitted their sins and shortcomings and presumably had been baptised by John the Baptist. So it is reasonable to assume that all four of these fishermen had already responded to God's grace and were open to something more than a lifetime of heavy labour on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, along perhaps with marketing trips to Jerusalem.

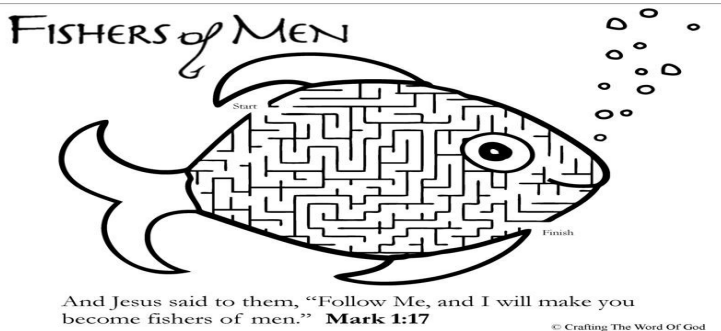
Jesus doesn't just invite them to join a mission of

Cont...preaching repentance. Repentance, turning away from evil and choosing good is the first step. We all know people who do try to turn away from some evil or another but fail. Indeed we ourselves often do so. There is further step: accepting the Good News, the Gospel of the Lord. Salvation is possible for you and for me. Jesus preached that the kingdom of God was close at hand. The apostles responded and preached from Galilee to far distant lands, that salvation had come, and that men and women could have their sins forgiven and live at peace with God and all creation. In our first reading, Jonah eventually, despite his initial fervent rejection of God's call, and his fantastic adventure with the whale, does go to Nineveh. There he preached repentance, and to his own amazement, is well received. The people repent of their sins. Disaster, we are told no longer falls upon that exceedingly great city.

We may caricature preaching repentance with the obnoxious guy outside the underground station blaring out a simplistic message on his loudspeaker to everyone's annoyance. Billboards are out of fashion these days.

However, may I suggest that we preach repentance best by living lives of simplicity and charity? How we do this will differ, depending on our family situations, our responsibilities, our jobs and our temperaments. In our second reading, Paul writing to the Corinthians gave some suggestions, although his suggestions are heavily influenced by his hope that the second coming of Jesus was imminent. But we can perhaps take some of them on board. A life dedicated to enjoyment, to pleasure, will leave us shallow beings unable to love deeply. A life dedicated to buying things, 'I shop therefore I am' – to misquote the famous philosopher Descartes – is an attachment to consumable things and not to virtue. And if Paul meant by a life of buying things, a mercantile life, then may I suggest that a mercantile life can be a life of service to others, providing necessities rather than yet more expensive fripperies. Paul completes the list by mentioning that those who deal in the world should not be engrossed by it. Our values must be true virtues and not the values of the world which too often allow exploitation of others, or the degradation of creation.

So how do we imitate the apostles and follow after Jesus? The simple answer is by trusting in God and in his mercy. Yes we may be tested by bereavement, by illness, by violence against us. But Jesus tells us that we will not be tempted beyond our endurance. So let us be faithful in little things, by small acts of kindness and self-denial, so we can pick up our cross and follow after him to Calvary and then to the resurrection from the dead and eternal life with Jesus in heaven. Or we may be called to more dramatic ways.



SAVE THE DATE

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

Fr Emil's Farewell 25 Feb 10am Mass
And morning tea after Mass

PLEASE HELP

A young catholic professional woman is moving to Canberra for work and is looking for a flat share / granny flat to reside. A room in Barton, Kingston, Griffith, Forrest or Campbell is preferable with a flexible budget of approximately \$280-\$340 (open to consideration). Contact Jacinta on 0468 496 03.

ST VINNIES

THANK YOU FROM VINNIES.

The Vinnies Conference thanks Watson Parishioners for their generous contribution to December's Christmas Appeal. Over \$6970 was raised to assist the needy in our region. Vinnies as ever appreciates the assistance of the Watson parish. With your support and the support of the school community we also delivered Christmas hampers to 25 needy households in our North Canberra area as well as assistance to Samaritan House at Hackett.

ST JOSEPH'S

Please Note

If you attend Mass at St Joseph's O'Connor Please consider the local residents around the Church and not park on both sides of the streets and across T-intersections. As this makes it extremely difficult for cars to have clear vision and for residents to reverse out of their own driveway. Please be mindful of parking elsewhere so as not to block Boronia drive and Belah St.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

ST BRIGID'S PARISH

A meet and greet and a cuppa with Fr Emil, And the Blessed Sacrament Fathers and the Eucharistic Adoration Volunteers will be after Mass on Saturday 10 February, All welcome



PRAYER

Grant, we pray,
O Lord our God,
that as the Cross shines
in our southern skies,
so may Christ bring light
to our nation,
to its peoples old and
new, and by saving grace,
transform our lives.

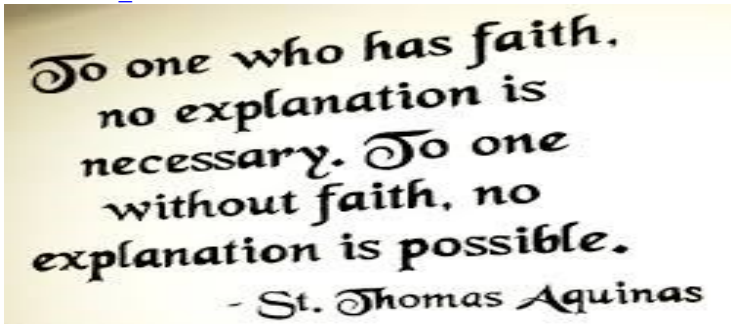
**AUSTRALIA DAY MASS
FRIDAY AT 9.00AM**



Jesus Recruits His Faction

Modern believers are amazed that the people Jesus invites to join him seem to drop everything and follow him immediately. It is all the more amazing if this is the first time they have met each other. Cultural background and information shed light on the story. It is highly likely that Jesus and the four followers he summons here are not strangers. If they have not personally met each other before this time, they were aware of each other's aspirations and objectives. News travelled quickly in the ancient world thanks to gossip networks.

http://liturgy.slu.edu/3OrdB012515/theword_cultural.html



OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.
 Shirley Dunn, Geraldine Conlon, Brian Mahoney, Margaret Byrne, Marguerite Serge

IN LOVING MEMORY

Romeo Cabardo, John Collett, Jack O'Brien, Alice McDonald

CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIEST & PARISH

Contribute to the First Collection.

Account Name: Central Presbytery Fund
 BSB: 062-786 - Bank Account: 000029248
 Reference: Use your Parish Location to assist in correct allocation & Your Name (e.g. Campbell Smith)

Planned Giving: Planned Giving is a weekly, fortnightly or monthly contribution to the first and/or second collection via cash, direct Debit or credit card. By contributing set amounts regularly you help the parish to forecast and budget its ongoing expenses. If you are new to Planned Giving and would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.

PLEASE NOTE: Existing Planned Giving arrangements have not changed. If you have established a regular deduction, that will continue. For information, Planned Giving account details for each Parish follow. These can be used to set up new regular deductions.

Canberra Central : A/C Name Canberra Central Parish
BSB: 062786 **A/C:** 000013150 **Ref:** Name & Giving Number

Blackfriars: A/C Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson
BSB: 062786 **A/C:** 000013341 **Ref:** Name & Giving Number

St Joseph's: A/C Name: St Joseph's Parish
BSB: 062 786 **A/C:** 000012798 **Reference:** Parish & Name

St Thomas More: A/C Name: St Thomas More Parish
BSB: 062786 **A/C:** 000014869 **Ref:** Campbell/Surname

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is 3.00pm TUESDAY
Ph: 0416 823 447 email: innernorth@cg.org.au

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

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Sabina –Mary Coles, Mary Pavey, Anne Corver, Sue King, Barbara Wilson, Una Bell, Philip Bailey, Peter Catlin, Veronica Cornelly, Rosa Maria Santos, Gloria Sibley, Beth Delos Santos, Fr Ellis Clifford, June Pollard, Philip Cruz, Maureen Blood, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Una Ford, Robin Lees, Elizabeth Webster, Ann Moran, Colleen Brackett (& friend Jackie), Brenda Curren, Joan Goodwin, Nadine Hartley, Gabriel Hengkiarto Indra, Mary O'Hanlon, Baby Remi Elliott, Tony Bandle, Clare Packer, Joycelyn Maclean, Mahsa Raoofian, Christopher Douglas, Kahren, daughter of Joycelyn, Lyn Mowbray Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Alphonsa & Maria Bankovsky, Carmel Slammon, Carol - Jayne McManus

WEEKDAY MASSES

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
St Patrick's (Braddon)		12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	
St Thomas More's (Campbell)					10:00am*	
St Brigid's (Dickson)			9:00am	9:00am		9:00am
St Joseph's (O'Connor)		9:15am	8:00am	9:15am	9:15am	8:30am
Holy Rosary (Watson)		5:30pm	5:30pm	5:30pm	5:30pm	
ACU-Signadou (Watson)			12:00noon**			

* During school term, as advised when Classes attend.

** First Wednesday of month during University Terms

SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES

	Saturday	Sunday Morning & Evening Masses				
	Vigil Mass	8:00am	8:30am	9:30am	10:00am	5:00pm
St Patrick's (Braddon)		8:00am			10:00am *	
St Thomas More's (Campbell)					10:00am	
St Brigid's (Dickson)	6:00pm			9:30am		5:00pm**
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	6:00pm		8:30am			
Holy Rosary (Watson)	5:00pm				10:00am	5:00pm
ACU-Signadou (Watson)						

* German Mass

** Vietnamese Mass (1st & 3rd Sundays)

ADORATION & SACRAMENTS

	Reconciliation
St Patrick's (Braddon)	12:00 noon Friday
St Brigid's (Dickson)	9:30am - 10:00am Saturday 5:30pm - 5:50pm Saturday
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	5:30pm - Saturday (during Holy Hour)
Holy Rosary (Watson)	4:00pm - 4:30pm Saturday
Adoration of the Eucharist	
St Brigid's (Dickson)	9:30am - 8:00pm Wednesday
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	8:15am - 9:15am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Holy Rosary (Watson)	6:00pm - 7:00pm Friday
Pray the Rosary	
St Brigid's (Dickson)	8:30am Tuesday to Saturday
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	After morning Mass Tuesday, Wed (Cenacle), Thursday, Friday
Holy Rosary (Watson)	Before 10:00am Mass, 1 st & 3 rd Sundays
Anointing of the Sick	
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	8:30am First Saturday of the month
St Thomas More (Campbell)	11:15am First Sunday of the month