



# Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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Sacrament (SSS)

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Tuesday to Friday 9am to 1pm

Physical offices re-open from Tuesday 4 February

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C | 19 January 2025

The wedding feast at Cana engages us as a story of family dynamics, hospitality and festivities. It also contains theologically-loaded words. For example, the wedding takes place on the 'third-day' which, in biblical symbolism suggests the entry of divine power into the narrative—something 'big' is at work here! 'Woman' might seem a rude form of address for a son to his mother; however, in John's gospel 'woman' is used in a revelatory sense, calling to mind the first woman in the creation story, Eve. We are led to understand that creative, and recreative, divine power is at work, and we learn that this is the first of Jesus' signs that 'revealed his glory'. Let's pause to reflect on the human setting for this miracle: a wedding feast. Haven't we all witnessed the innate sacredness of a wedding celebration? That tingling awareness that something incredibly precious is at hand as we witness a bride and groom declaring their life commitment to one another, with family and friends rejoicing? Amid human frailties, the power of love shines through. Weddings are special places and times for divine presence to be manifested and celebrated.

From God's Word, Daily Reflections, 2025

### 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. Enquiries or concerns please contact: Fr Anthony Riosa SSS—[anthony.riosa@cg.org.au](mailto:anthony.riosa@cg.org.au) - Maria Hicks (Manager) - Phone **02 6239 9806** - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) [ipss@cg.org.au](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au)

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#### ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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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.

**Entrance Antiphon - Ps 65: 4**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

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**First Reading - Isaiah 62:1-5**

About Zion I will not be silent,  
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,  
until her integrity shines out like the dawn  
and her salvation flames like a torch.  
The nations then will see your integrity,  
all the kings your glory,  
and you will be called by a new name,  
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.  
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the  
Lord,  
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;  
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',  
nor your land 'Abandoned',  
but you shall be called 'My Delight'  
and your land 'The Wedded';  
for the Lord takes delight in you  
and your land will have its wedding.  
Like a young man marrying a virgin,  
so will the one who built you wed you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,  
so will your God rejoice in you.

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**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 95(96):1-3,7-10**

*Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.*

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

*Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.*

Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples.

*Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.*

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name.

*Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.*

Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

*Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.*

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**Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit;  
there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to  
the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in  
different people, it is the same God who is working in all  
of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to  
each person is for a good purpose. One may have the  
gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit;  
another may have the gift of preaching instruction  
given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of  
faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of  
healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of  
miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of  
recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and  
another the ability to interpret them. All these are the  
work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes  
different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

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**Gospel Acclamation - cf. 2 Thess 2:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

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**Gospel - John 2:1-11**

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of  
Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also  
been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine  
provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of  
Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said  
'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.'  
His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells  
you.' There were six stone water jars standing there,  
meant for the ablutions that are customary among the  
Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus  
said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they  
filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told  
them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the  
steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine.  
Having no idea where it came from – only the servants  
who had drawn the water knew – the steward called  
the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the  
best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests  
have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best  
wine till now.'  
This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given  
at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his  
disciples believed in him.

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**Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 22: 5**

You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my  
thirst.

## INNER NORTH

### Baptisms

Congratulations to Donald and Finlay McKay who will be baptized at St Joseph's O'Connor this weekend. May their lives be filled with God's peace and their hearts with God's love, on this Baptismal day and all days to come.



### Parish Secretary Position- Inner North Parishes

People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Secretary, Inner North Parishes (encompassing Campbell, Canberra Central, O'Connor & Watson). This is a part-time position of 30 hours (subject to review in 6 & 12 months).

Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. Please email [innorth@cg.org.au](mailto:innorth@cg.org.au) for a detailed copy of the duty statement and selection criteria. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria with attached resume to Fr Anthony Riosa, SSS, [anthony.riosa@cg.org.au](mailto:anthony.riosa@cg.org.au) must be received by Friday 7 February 2025.

### RCIA - 21 January

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) resumes 21 January, 6.30pm in St Brigid's Parish Hall, Dickson.

### Who Am I in God? Discovering our Christian Identity - A book by Fr Michael Lim and Dr Sunny Hong

Identity is a major focus of the social, psychological, political and philosophical discourse of our time. The rejection of Judeo-Christian identity in westernised cultures has left an entire generation questioning: "Who am I?"

Our own Inner North Parishioner, Dr Sunny Hong, together with Fr Michael Lim (Parish Priest, Goulburn) provide answers to this defining question in their newly published book, available now at the Canberra Catholic Book Shop.

The official book launch will be held at **11am on Saturday 8 February at the Canberra Catholic Bookshop**, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest.

## CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

### The Feast of St Brigid - 1 February

We are preparing for the Feast of St Brigid. More information to follow.

### New & Existing Acolyte Training - from 22 January

For all those interested in becoming acolytes to assist in serving at masses at St Brigid's and St Patrick's parishes and any existing acolytes who would like a refresher course, training courses will be held over the course of the next three Wednesday's starting at 6pm on the 22nd & 29th January and the 5th February 2025. A certificate of completion will be issued at the conclusion of the training. If you would like to register your interest, please email Hugh on [hajones1981@outlook.com](mailto:hajones1981@outlook.com). Training sessions will be at St Brigid's church. Thank you.

## OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord:

Sr Dawn Carey, Marco Falzarano, Edith Recinos, Steve Sedgwick,

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Florina Cabardo, Emilia Klaric, John Collett, Bernardo Altamirano, Tony Boyle, John Anthony Anderson,

### THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Peter Catlin, Deulinda Lial, Harry Buckland (age 4), Colleen Lees, Sue King, Robin Lees, Maggie McKeon, Noel Tanzer, Wendy Altamore.

*Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for four weeks. You are welcome to email the parish office if you would like to renew your prayer request.*

## BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

### The Rosary - 9.30am Sundays

Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary will now continue through February at 9-30 am every Sunday before the 10 am mass. This is due to more parishioners stepping forward to lead. Help is available. We still need more parishioners to attend at this time to join in saying the Rosary, support the leader and each other. A roster for Sundays in February will be displayed in the church porch from the 11th and 12th of January.

### While Fr Renoir is on leave

### Reconciliation 1 & 8 February -

There will be no Reconciliation on these dates

**Mass Times - 2 February - 10.30am**

**Mass Times - 9 February - 10.00 am**

## ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

### Vinnies @ St Joseph's

St Joseph's Vinnies finished the year strongly with the delivery of Christmas hampers and children's presents to 52 homes in O'Connor and Lyneham, including McKillop House and its residents. This was a great effort from the parishioners who have volunteered to help rebuild Vinnies @ St Josephs and have been providing regular assistance to those most in need in our local community over the last 3 months. Special thanks also to St Joseph's Primary School - once again the contributions for hampers and presents was outstanding and this year we have been able to provide additional assistance to the McKillop House Family Outreach program.

## ARCHDIOCESE

### Parish Secretary Positions - Bungendore, North Woden & South Tuggeranong

Parish Secretary positions are available in Bungendore, North Woden and South Tuggeranong Parishes.

**North Woden** is a part-time permanent position (Monday 9am to 3.30pm, Wednesday 9am to 4.30pm and Friday 9am to 3.30pm). Please phone 02-6281 3999 for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above with attached resume to the Parish Priest, Fr James Antony

[james.antony@cg.org.au](mailto:james.antony@cg.org.au) must be received by **Friday 24 January 2025**.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO CLERGY & PARISH**

**South Tuggeranong** is a part-time, three month contract, 15.2 hours per week. There is a possibility of contract extension. Please email the Parish Office [tuggeranongsouth@cg.org.au](mailto:tuggeranongsouth@cg.org.au) for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above with attached resume to Fr Simon Falk, Parish Priest [simon.falk@cg.org.au](mailto:simon.falk@cg.org.au) must be received by cob 7 February 2025.

**Eucharistic Celebration of Religious Life - 9 February**

Come and celebrate the contribution of 30 different religious orders across our Archdiocese. **11am, Sunday 9 February at St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka.**  
Celebrated by Archbishop Prowse.

**Contribute to the First Collection:**

Account Name: Central Presbytery Fund  
BSB: 062-786 - Bank Account: 00029248  
Reference: Your parish location, name and intention (e.g. Campbell Smith 1st collect)

**Contribute to your parish via the "Qkr!" mobile app or direct deposit:**

**Canberra Central** : A/C Name Canberra Central Parish  
BSB: 062786 A/C: 00013150 Ref: Name & Giving Number.

**Blackfriars**: A/C Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson  
BSB: 062786 A/C: 00013341 Ref: Name & Giving Number.

**St Joseph's**: A/C Name: St Joseph's Parish  
BSB: 062 786 A/C: 00012798 Ref: Name & Giving Number.

**St Thomas More**: A/C Name: St Thomas More Parish BSB: 062786 A/C: 00014869 Ref: Name & Giving Number.

**MASS, SACRAMENT & DEVOTION TIMES - week ending 26 January**

	Blackfriars, Watson	St Brigid's, Dickson	St Joseph's, O'Connor	St Patricks, Braddon	St Thomas More, Campbell
<b>Mass</b>					
Sunday	10.00am 5.00pm	9.30am 5.00pm Vietnamese Mass - 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month	8.30am	8.00am	10.00am
Tuesday to Thursday	5.30pm	9.00am	9.15am	12.30pm	
Friday	5.30pm	9.00am	9.15am	12.30pm	11.45am Resumes 7 Feb
Saturday	5.00pm (vigil)	9.00am 6.00pm (vigil)	8.30am 6.00pm (vigil)		
<b>Reconciliation</b>					
Friday			8.15 - 9.00am - during Holy Hour	11.30 - 12.30pm	
Saturday	4.00 - 4.30pm	9.30 - 10.00am 5.30 - 5.50pm	5.15 - 5.45pm		
<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>					
Tuesday			8.15 - 9.10am		
Wednesday		9.30 to 10.30 am* Regular 8.00am – 8.00pm resumes 5th February			
Thursday					
Friday	6.00 - 7.00pm			11.30am - 12.30pm	
Saturday		9.30 - 10.00am			
<b>Anointing of the Sick</b>					
Sunday		After 9.30am Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month			11.15am - 1st Sunday of the month
Saturday			Within 8.30am Mass - 1st Saturday of the month		
<b>Rosary Prayers</b>					
Tuesday to Friday		8.30am	After 9.15am Mass	12.10pm	