



# 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

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C | 26 January 2025

Luke's Gospel tells us that Jesus returns to Nazareth, 'where he had been brought up'. We can imagine the familiarity of sights and sounds, people and voices. We learn that, as an observant Jew, it was Jesus' custom to go to synagogue on the Sabbath. The scriptures he read that day were part of the ritual rhythms of his Jewish community. Notice the small moment-by-moment details as Jesus stands, unrolls the scroll, finds the text, returns the scroll, and sits down, with all eyes 'fixed on him'. Why do you think Luke goes to such lengths to 'slow down' the action and take us through such tiny details? How does it contribute to the heightened tension of the narrative and to its meaning? Can you imagine dramatising this scene? Which word or phrase especially resonates with you, as one who receives the word of God?  
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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### 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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**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.

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**First Reading - Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10**

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!' Then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people, said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

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**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 18(19):8-10,15**

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
my rescuer, my rock!

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**Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:12-30**

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you', nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

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**Gospel Acclamation - Luke 4:18**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor  
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

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**Gospel - Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21**

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

### Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 33: 6

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

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## INNER NORTH

### 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 [innernorth@cg.org.au](mailto:innernorth@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.

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

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.

## ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

### READERS (LECTORS) – TRAINING - Saturday mornings

We are seeking new readers, including teens and young people, to join our Liturgy Team. Donna will be providing reader training and practice to anyone interested on Saturday mornings after the 8:30am Mass (9:00am).

## OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Fr John Ryan, Sr Dawn Carey, Marco Falzarano, Edith Recinos

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Heather Pook, Suzanne Stafford, Jack( John Joseph) O'Brien, Alice McDonald, Florina Cabardo, Emilia Klaric, John Collett, Bernardo Altamirano, Tony Boyle

## THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Jenny Hodges, Peter Catlin, Deulinda Lial, Colleen Lees, 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.*

## CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

### FEAST OF ST BRIGID'S 1 FEBRUARY– NOVENA

#### Dates and Times

23-25 January - 9.00am

26 January - 9.30am

27 Australia Day holiday - 9.00am

28 - 31 January - 9.00am

1 February - Feast Day - 9.00am

2 February - Presentation of the Lord with Parish morning tea to follow in honour of St Brigid.

All are welcome.

### SAVE THE DATE - 19TH OCTOBER 90th

#### Anniversary St Patrick's Church

We will have more information to follow on how you can help to mark this very special occasion.

### Lost Photo St Brigid's

This treasured photo is very special to Ann and was on the alter in St Brigid's Church in November. If you know where it might be please contact Ann **0428 498 029** or the Parish Office.

## BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

### Mass & Reconciliation timetable changes - 1– 9 February

While Fr Renoir is on leave the following timetable changes will apply:

#### Reconciliation 1 & 8 February -

There will be no Reconciliation on these dates

#### Sunday Mass times will be -

2 February - 10.30am

9 February - 10.00 am

### The Rosary - 9.30am Sundays

**Please note Sunday 2 February** The Rosary Recitation will be at **10.00 am for that Sunday only.**

We still need more Parishioners to join in reciting the Rosary each Sunday to support the leader, each other and to honour our Blessed Mother. Please see the roster in the foyer of the Church, if you would like to include your name.

**ARCHDIOCESE**

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE 4 FEBRUARY**

**St Christopher's Cathedral 7.15 am** - On behalf of Archbishop Christopher you are warmly invited to attend this special Mass. This is to mark the commencement of the Australian Parliament for 2025 - An opportunity to remember the privileges and responsibilities we bear before God and to ask for blessings on our nation.

**Eucharistic Celebration of Religious Life - 9 February - Pilgrims of Hope for over 165 years**  
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 2 February**

	<b>Blackfriars, Watson</b>	<b>St Brigid's, Dickson</b>	<b>St Joseph's, O'Connor</b>	<b>St Patricks, Braddon</b>	<b>St Thomas More, Campbell</b>
<b>Mass</b>					
<b>Sunday</b>	<del>10.00am</del> <b>10.30am</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>5.00pm Vietnamese Mass</b> - 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
Tuesday to Thursday	5.30pm	9.00am	9.15am	12.30pm	
Friday	5.30pm	9.00am	9.15am	12.30pm	<del>11.45am</del> Resumes 7 Feb
Saturday	<b>5.00pm (vigil)</b>	9.00am <b>6.00pm (vigil)</b>	8.30am <b>6.00pm (vigil)</b>		
<b>Reconciliation</b>					
Friday			8.15 - 9.00am - during Holy Hour	11.30 - 12.30pm	
Saturday	<del>4.00 - 4.30pm</del>	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* (8.00am - 8.00pm resumes 5th Feb )			
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	
Saturday		8.30am	8.15am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help		