



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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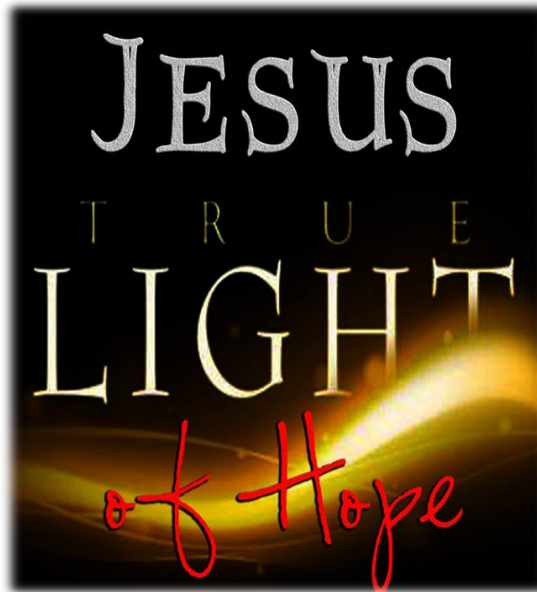
Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals: by Appointment contact the Parish Office

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



CANBERRA CENTRAL inc:
ST BRIGID'S 2 Bancroft St
Dickson ACT 2602

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Braddon ACT 2612

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Parish Offices Opening Hours

Dickson St Brigid's 9am-12.30pm Mondays
Campbell St Thomas More 9am – 12.30pm Tuesdays
O'Connor St Joseph's 9am-12.30pm Wednesdays
Watson Blackfriars 9am-12.30pm Fridays

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:

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- Maria Hicks (Manager)
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- Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) ipss@cg.org.au





Entrance Antiphon - Is 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First reading - 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - 136(137):1-6

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps.

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.'

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Cont... O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?

If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither!

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys!

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Second reading- Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - John 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel - John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon is Not recited when hymns are sung.

Communion Antiphon -

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
to praise the name of the Lord.

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BAPTISMS

Riley and Zara Tomas

will be baptised this weekend at Holy Rosary
and

Finn Mulligan

will be baptised this weekend at St Brigids

May their lves be filled with God's peace,
and her heart with God's love.
on this Baptism day and always.

ST JOSEPH'S IN O'CONNOR

St Joseph's Working Bee needs your talent, time or trailer!

Your talents, time and trailers are needed please, to tidy up St Joseph's grounds ahead of St Joseph's Feast Day and Easter on **Saturday 16 March from 10am to 12pm**. We have about 5 cubic metres of tree trimmings to be taken to Canberra Sand and Gravel, Parkwood Road (Belconnen; free) or CSG on Vicars Street (Mitchell; fee applies). Dusting, window and pew cleaning are some of the many tasks you could help with. If you are an electrician we have a couple of jobs for you too – please talk to Fr Thonn about these. Morning tea will be available. Please join us to beautify our church and grounds, Thank you from your Parish Pastoral Council.

Sacramental Program

St Joseph's Parish O'Connor is pleased to offer Sacramental Programs for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2024. The Sacramental Programs are facilitated by Kirstie Buckley, the Religious Education Coordinator at St Joseph's Primary School. For more information please email:

Kirstie Buckley kirstie.buckley@cg.catholic.edu.au

Amended Mass Times:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8.15-9.00am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Mass 9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Stations of the Cross Will be held on the Fridays of Lent at St Joseph's Church after the 9.15am mass.

All are welcome.

Readers required: Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass

UNPACKING THE CREED

The next session of this enlightening program will be held at the St Joseph's Parish Hall, O'Connor at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13 March.

WATSON BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP

Meets on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the Watson Parish Centre. For all enquiries call John Jarvis 6296 2001 or email jjarivis1@bigpond.net.au

ST THOMAS MORE IN CAMPBELL

ST. THOMAS MORE FORUM

(A pastoral initiative of the Parish of St. Thomas More Campbell)

Wednesday 20 March 2024 7.30 to 9pm
Holy Faith Hall, 30 White Crescent, CAMPBELL

Keynote Speaker: Greg Sheridan
Foreign Editor– The Australian Newspaper

Title "How Christianity Triumphs
in a Newly Pagan Society"

Bookings Open Now at
Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/stmf-200324> or
forum@sthomasmore.org.au or
0416823447

ST THOMAS MORE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

We are looking for some photos from the Parish to put together a historic display. If you have any items, photos, or documents you would like to share, please speak with Shannon Evans after the St Thomas More's 10am Sunday Mass, or contact via @ shanny9619@gmail.com

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

If you are wanting sacraments for your child and they are not in a Catholic School environment, please contact the Inner North Parish Office by email innernorth@cg.org.au to request this year's schedule. Please include the name of your parish in the subject line. Thank you.

PROJECT COMPASSION.

To ensure that Envelopes and Boxes with donations to Project Compassion can be processed as soon as possible please return them by Palm Sunday, by handing into the Sacristy or Office.

VOCATIONS DINNER AT PEARCE PRESBYTERY.

Thursday 14 March at 6pm. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

GANGGANG CAFE

We will celebrate Sr Veronica's 101st birthday at 10-30am at GangGang on Thursday 21st March which also happens to be 'Harmony Day'. Do join us to wish Sister many happy returns on her special day in the cafe at Frencham Place, Downer. Newcomers always welcome.'

CANBERRA CENTRAL YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Saturday 16th March 7pm
All high school aged students welcome!
Location details to be confirmed in next week's bulletin

CANBERRA GOULBURN WOMENS TASKFORCE

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED?

We are experimenting with a more flexible model of involvement. You can help out for one event or in one particular way or dive into everything. You will receive a great welcome! We don't have venues for some events yet. If you would like to nominate your parish or other location get in touch at email cgwomen@outlook.com Blessings, Andrea Dean

ST BRIGID'S 9.30 MASS CHOIR

Are you interested in singing or music? You are invited to join St Brigid's Dickson choir on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays. Practice starts at 9:10am before mass.

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.

Marie Docherty, sister of Fr Michael Burke
Anna Minh Nguyen (mother of Don Nguyen),
Merv Neale, Joan Percy, (Mother of Fr Tony),
David Ficken, Rowan Andrew, Shirley Dunn

IN LOVING MEMORY

Noel Falk, James Bergin , Christine Greenwood, Domenico and Catarina Barbaro, Kevin Nolan, Lirio Lukban, Silvio Rossi, Alvy Raymundo, Josie Simbulan, Jose Romeo Cabardo, Heather Pook, 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 4 pm 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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Christine Nguyen, Judith Martin, Evelyn Matriano, Davide Verri, Bedelia delos Santos, 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), Baby Remi Elliott, Tony Bandle, Clare Packer, Robyn Cross, Paul Thorpe, Joycelyn Maclean, & Kahren (daughter of Joycelyn), Mahsa Raoofian, Iris Thorpe, Lyn Mowbray, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Alphonsa & Maria Bankovsky, Carmel Slammon, Carol-Jayne McManus, Mary, Christine Greenwood

WEEKDAY & SATURDAY MORNING 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	9:00am	9:00am
St Joseph's (O'Connor)		9:15am	9:15am	9:15am	9:15am	8:30am
Holy Rosary (Watson)		5:30pm	5:30pm	5:30pm	5:30pm	
ACU-Signadou (Watson)			12:00 noon**			

* During school term, as advised when Classes attend.

** Wednesdays during University Terms (Term 1: 14/2/24-29/5/24; Term 2: 29/7/34-28/10/24)

SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES

	Saturday Vigil Mass	Sunday Morning & Evening Masses				
		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)	12:00pm - 12:30 Friday
St Brigid's (Dickson)	9:30am - 10:00am Saturday 5:30pm - 5:50pm Saturday
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	During Holy Hour 8:15am - 9:00am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 5:30pm - 6:00pm Saturday
Holy Rosary (Watson)	4:00pm - 4:30pm Saturday
	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St Patrick's (Braddon)	
St Brigid's (Dickson)	8:00am - 8:00pm Wednesday
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	8:15am - 9:15am Tuesday, Wednesday, 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