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The call of today's Gospel is beautifully captured in the Gospel acclamation verse from Philippians. Using the imagery of light, we are invited to 'shine in the world' in the way that stars light up the dark night sky. Our mission is not to be judges of others, assessing their behaviour. Instead, we are called to develop a clarity of vision through the guidance of trusted teachers.

The wisdom which Jesus shares with us in this parable illumines the pattern of our own psychological structure. That is, in being judgemental towards another we are often projecting something of the shadow side of ourselves onto that person. Jesus wisely advises us that before we cast judgement on another's failings, we firstly examine the intentions of our own heart. Then with God's grace we are empowered to draw from the store of goodness dwelling within us.

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.riosacg.org.au - Maria Hicks (Manager) - Phone **02 6239 9806** - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) ipsscg.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.

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 17: 19-20

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

First Reading - Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:45-48

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability,
and when this mortal nature has put on immortality,
then the words of scripture will come true: *Death is
swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting?* Now the sting of death is sin,
and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God
for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit
defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always,
knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in
vain.

Gospel Acclamation - Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind
man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The
disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained
disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you
observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never
notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your
brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in
your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own?
Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and
then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter
that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor
again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every
tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs
from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good
man draws what is good from the store of goodness in
his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store
of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his
heart.'

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 12: 6

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

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INNER NORTH

ASH WEDNESDAY - 5 March

To usher in the season of Lent the Mass times in each
Church are as follows

Blackfriars Holy Rosary -

10am (School Mass) and 6pm

Signadou Chapel 12pm - 2.30 pm (Building 302, 223
Antill St)

St Brigid's - 9.00am and 5.30pm

St Patrick's - 12.30pm

St Joseph's - 9.15am with the School and 6pm

St Thomas More's - 11.45pm with the School

**The Rite of Election and Enrolment 2025 -
9 March at 10am Hayden Hall, Forest.**

The Rite of Election and Enrolment will take place on
Sunday 9 March 2025 at 10am in the Hayden Hall with
Mass to follow at 11.00am. All Catechumens and
Candidates, along with their families, sponsors and RCIA
team members, are invited to attend Following the Rite,
our Catechumens and Candidates will be formally
welcomed by the Archbishop at the 11.00am Mass.
Please advise if you are attending via email
Innernorth@cg.org.au by Tuesday 4th March 2025.

Eucharistic Encounter Catechesis - Each Tuesday
evening at 5pm prior to our RCIA meetings. All are very
welcome.

Dr Kevin Tee - Requiem Mass 5 March

Our beloved St Brigid's parishioner, acolyte and organist Dr Kevin Tee entered into eternal life Thursday 21 February. His requiem Mass will be held on 5 March at 2.00pm at St Brigid's Church, Dickson.

Teens Youth Group – Saturday, March 1

Our next Teens Youth Group is coming up on **Saturday, 1st of March, at St Brigid's Parish Hall in Dickson**. With Lent on approach, we have lots to discuss over some games and pizza! All teenagers are welcome. For more information, send us an email at youth.innernorth@cg.org.au.

2025 Jubilee Year of Hope:

Every 25 years, pilgrims from all over the world flock to Rome for a jubilee year to walk through a special door on the north side of St. Peter's Basilica--the Holy Door. This bronze Holy Door uniquely depicts the salvation story, from the dawn of creation to the present, through sixteen panels that inspire the faithful to connect their lives to the timeless story of Jesus Christ. Join us as we embark on an armchair pilgrimage from home, reading Joan Watson's "Opening the Holy Door" with scriptural reflections that provide a meaningful way to celebrate the Year of Hope. Starting **Thursday 6 March @ 8pm online**. For more information contact Emily at emilykathrynhall@gmail.com.

Bishop-Elect Tony Percy farewell: You are warmly invited to join Archbishop Christopher and the Archdiocese for a special farewell Mass for Fr Tony Percy. This will take place at 5.00pm on the Solemnity of St Joseph, Wednesday 19 March 2025, at St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest ACT. Following the Mass, light refreshments will be served in Haydon Hall at 6.00pm.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

St. Patrick's Day Monday, 17 March, 2025.

The feast of the Patron Saint will be celebrated with Mass at St Patrick's Church Braddon at 12:30 PM followed by refreshments and a cup of tea. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate to share after Mass. Food that reflects the Parishes multicultural congregation will be most welcome.

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

Cuppa and a Biscuit after Mass.

Stop off for a chat, cuppa and a biscuit after the three weekend Masses let's get to know each other better. Would love to hear from anyone who would like to help set up occasionally, there is a sign up sheet in the foyer

The Rosary - 9.30am Sundays

Thank you to those parishioners who have offered to lead the Rosary at 9-30 am for the Sundays in March. More parishioners are needed to support the leader and voice the responses at this time. A roster for April will soon be available in the church foyer. Rosary booklets are available from the Parish Office on Friday mornings for the low cost of \$2 Carmel

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Joseph 'Joe' Quigley, Barry Collis, Kevin Tee, Fr Kevin Flynn, Br Matt McKeon, Sr Elaine McCusker, William (Bill) John Moore, Anne Whelan, Fr John Ryan

IN LOVING MEMORY

Felix Dennis Anderson, Kate Dwyer, James Bergin, Domingo Apolinar, Mary Thomas, Matthew Thomas, Silvio Rossi, Romeo Cabardo, Florina Cabardo, Kevin Nolan, Rodney Sleba, Gerald Tuohy, Heather Pook, Suzanne Stafford, Jack(John Joseph) O'Brien, Alice McDonald, Emilia Klaric, John Collett.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Errol Whitson, Colin Duggan, Karen Mobbs, Patricia Brown, Robin Lees, Maggie McKeown, Jenny Hodges, Peter Catlin, Colleen & Robin 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.

YOUTH GROUP NEAR YOU

Vessels, Year 3-6, Holy Rosary, Watson (Sunday Night monthly)

Vessels, Year 3-6, After School or Lunch Time (Weekdays every 2nd week of the month)

Youth Group, Year 7-12, St Brigid's Dickson (Saturday Nights Fortnightly) PYCs: Andrea, Naomi, Zane, E: youth.innernorth@cg.org.au

Taizé – Prayer, Silence, Meditative Song

Sunday, 6pm. Holy Cross Anglican / St Margaret's Uniting. 2 March, 6 April, 4 May, 1 June.

ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

Friday, 7th March, 2025 from 5pm till 10pm,

There will be a Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration Vigil for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary at St Joseph's Parish Hall (next to the church).

All are welcome to stay or come and go at any time during the evening. For more information please

CONTACT: Rosalyn Apolloni ph0497797117

Sacramental Program with St Joseph Primary

School - Commencing with Reconciliation - 4 March For more details please email Innernorth@cg.org.au or sjo.act.edu.au

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday during Lent after the 9.15 am Mass instead of Holy Rosary

Unpacking the Creed

As usual, we will be meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, that is, Wednesday 12 March at 7.30pm, at St Joseph's, in the parish hall. All welcome. For more information, contact Anna @ Ana.Wierzbicka@anu.edu.au

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

STM Parish and School Working Bee 15 March 9am to 11am. Come join the hive of activity!

St Thomas More Forum - 26 March 7.30-9pm

Venue Holy Faith Hall, 30 White Crescent , Campbell

Cost \$20 and \$10 (Student/Concession)

Keynote Speaker Dr Trudy Dantis -

National Coordinator for the Synod in Australia, was active in Synodal consultations from the start and participated at all levels, eventually attending both Assemblies as a representative from the Oceania region. She reflects on the journey, providing insights into the consultative processes at each stage and sharing her experience at the global assemblies that assisted Church leaders in living communion, increasing participation, and preparing for ministry and mission in a Synodal Church.

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:

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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 9 March

	Blackfriars, Watson	St Brigid's, Dickson	St Joseph's, O'Connor	St Patricks, Braddon	St Thomas More, Campbell	
Mass						
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 1st & 3rd Friday of the Month	
Saturday	5.00pm (vigil)	9.00am 6.00pm (vigil)	8.30am 6.00pm (vigil)			
Reconciliation						
Friday			8.15 - 9.00am - during Holy Hour	11.30 - 12.30pm	11.00-11.30 1st & 3rd Friday of the Month	
Saturday	4.00 - 4.30pm	9.30 - 10.00am 5.30 - 5.50pm	5.15 - 5.45pm			
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament						
Tuesday			8.15 - 9.10am			
Wednesday		8.00am - 8.00pm				
Thursday						
Friday	6.00 - 7.00pm				11.30am - 12.30pm	
Saturday		9.30 - 10.00am				
Anointing of the Sick						
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			
Rosary Prayers						
Tuesday to Friday		8.30am	After 9.15am Mass	12.10pm		
Saturday		8.30am	8.15am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help			