

Under the Care of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers

Canberra Inner North Catholic Communities

Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (SSS)

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First Sunday of Advent



**ST BRIGID'S & ST PATRICK'S
CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH**

2 Bancroft Street,
Dickson ACT 2602

Fr Sebastian Luistro SSS

Website:

<http://cg.org.au/canberracentral>

Mass Times

Saturday:

St Brigid's 6.00pm

Sunday

St Patrick's - 8.00am

German Mass - 10.00am

St Brigid's - 9.30am

Vietnamese Mass - 5.00pm
(odd Sundays)



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

61 Boronia Drive,
O'Connor ACT 2602

Fr Anthony Riosa SSS

Mass Times

Saturday - 6.00pm (Vigil)

Sunday - 8.30am



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.*



BLACKFRIARS PARISH
Cnr Phillip Avenue &
Antill Street, WATSON ACT
2602

Fr Renoir Oliver Jr SSS

Website:

www.cg.org.au/watson

Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/Holy-
Rosary-Parish-Watson](https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Rosary-Parish-Watson)

Mass Times

Saturday - 5.00pm (Vigil)

Sunday - 10am & 5.00pm



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

30 White Crescent
Campbell ACT 2612

Fr Anthony Riosa SSS

Website:

www.stthomasmore.org.au

Facebook:

[facebook.com/
st.thomasmore.campbell](https://facebook.com/st.thomasmore.campbell)

Mass Time

Sunday - 10.00am

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

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 Mat 18:1-3.

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MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses

St Brigid's	9.00am - Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday
St Joseph's	9.15am - Tuesday & Thursday 8.00am - Wednesday 8.30am - Friday
St Patrick's	12.30pm - Tuesday to Friday
St Thomas More	10.00am - During School Term, as advised when class attends.
Goodwin Village Ainslie ILU	10.30am - Tuesday 19th Dec. 10.30am - 5th December
Holy Rosary Church ACU Signadou	5.30pm - Tuesday to Friday 12.00noon - First Wednesday during Uni term

Reconciliation

St Brigid's	9.30am - 10.00am Saturday 5.30pm - 5.50pm Saturday
St Patrick's	12.00noon - Friday
Holy Rosary Church	4.00pm - 4.30pm Saturday
St Joseph's	5.30pm - Saturday Available during Adoration

Adoration - Holy Hour

St Joseph's	8.15am - Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Holy Rosary Church	6.00pm - 7.00pm Friday

Pray the Rosary

St Brigid's	8.35am - Tuesday to Saturday
St Joseph's	Tuesday, Wednesday (Cenacle), Thursday & Friday - After Mass
Holy Rosary Church	Before 10.00am Mass First & Third Sundays

Anointing of the Sick

St Joseph's	8.30am - First Saturday of the month
St Thomas More	9.00am First Sunday of the month

Regional Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Next meeting

7.30pm Thursday 14 Dec in the Parish Centre Dickson. For those seeking to begin or complete the Sacraments and initiation into the Catholic faith, or those seeking to deepen their Faith. If you like to be on the team to walk with the enquirers you most welcome. For more info. Pls Contact Fr Emil or Fr Anthony sss



STAY AWAKE! BE READY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Psalm 24:1-3

To you, I lift my soul, O my God.
In you I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me.
And let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm: 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face
and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see,
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face
and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation: Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon is NOT recited when hymns are sung.

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

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CANBERRA INNER NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



Throughout 2023 a series of meetings, consultations and discussions in each of the parishes of the inner north namely: St. Joseph's (O'Connor), St. Brigid's (Dickson), Holy Rosary (Watson) and St. Thomas More (Campbell) together with St. Patrick's Church (Braddon) have considered various ways of increasing collaboration and sharing of ministries, personnel and resources. These consultations have brought about a tangible outcome in the form of a reconfiguration. Starting on the 3rd of December, 2023 (1st Week of Advent), these Canberra Inner North Parishes will be administered by the Blessed Sacrament Fathers (Philippine Province).



While each parish will maintain its parochial identity, Frs. Sebastian Luistro, SSS, Renoir Oliver, Jr., SSS and Anthony (Thonn) Riosa, SSS will be working together in their sacramental and administrative role attending to the needs of the faithful of each parishes. For practical reasons a number of aspects of administration, such as a common bulletin, will evolve over coming months. I will share more information about what will change and what will stay the same in future bulletins.



What is the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament and who is their Founder?

The Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament is a religious congregation within the Roman Catholic Church, founded in 1856 in Paris, France by St. Peter Julian Eymard. It is a clerical religious Institute of pontifical right, composed of priests, deacons and brothers with members in 29 countries on 5 continents. The abbreviation SSS attached to the individual religious name stands for Latin words *Societas Sanctissimi Sacramenti*, which means Society of the Blessed Sacrament or Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. Its central government, the General Council is based in Rome, Italy. Its charism is the Eucharist having the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as the extension of the Eucharistic celebration. In Australia, two communities are present in Sydney (St. Peter Julian Catholic Church, George St., Haymarket) and in Melbourne (St. Francis Church, Lonsdale Street).

St. Peter Julian Eymard, whose feast is celebrated in the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church every 2nd of August, was born in La Mure, France on 4 February, 1811. His great passion and zeal for Jesus in the Eucharist led him in the foundation of the Congregation for men and likewise the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament for women, promoting the devotion and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. He says: *"Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament (Eucharist), everybody to Him!"* He was canonized by St. John XXIII on 9 December, 1962 at the beginning of the Second Vatican Council and called the "Apostle of the Eucharist."

May this reconfiguration of the Canberra Inner North Parishes lead the faithful towards spiritual maturity, communion and friendship with the Eucharistic Lord Jesus.

"Adveniat Regnum Tuum Eucharisticum!"
("May Your Eucharistic Kingdom come!")

In Christ, the Eucharistic Lord,
Fr. Anthony (Thonn) C. Riosa, SSS (Moderator)
St. Joseph's Parish Administrator

FR EMIL'S SHEPHERD'S CORNER

This Week as we begin Advent which marks expectation and new beginnings in God, we are in expectation as to how the new Inner North arrangement's will evolve.

I am still here until January to help the Blessed Sacrament Fathers. I will find out this Friday the next stage of the Lord's plan for me.

*May Mary and Joseph intercede for us
that we experience Emmanuel,
God-with-us.*

God's Blessing Fr Em.

THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

The new Church liturgical year has begun. As with the secular change to a calendar year many of us make resolutions to be 'better'. We want to put the mistakes of the past year behind us and to look forward to the new year with hope.

During Advent we keep those who are displaced and marginalised in our hearts, encouraging them to hope that one day God will come into the world and they will be able to live full lives.

Advent itself is a time of waiting – 'a way of life in which we wait on God's Word, a space for reflection in the business of our daily lives'.

NORTH CANBERRA ECUMENICAL FESTIVITIES

7th to 11th DEC - Exhibition of 200 Nativity scenes - an entrée to family discussion on the true meaning of Christmas. Opening Hours: Thursday 7th to Monday 11th: 10:00am to 5:00pm. St Margaret's Hall, Cnr Antill St & Phillip Ave, Hackett. Contact: Keith at linard.keith@gmail.com

Sat 9th Dec - Family Christmas Concert - Initiative of Holy Rosary Catholic, Holy Cross Anglican & St Margaret's Uniting Churches Sat 9th, 5:30pm Holy Cross Anglican Church, Hackett

Sun 10th Dec @ 6:30pm - Free Community BBQ / Sausage Sizzle (& Nativities Viewing) followed @ **7:30pm** by Carols by Candlelight. Venue: St Margaret's & Holy Cross Church Grounds, Hackett. Initiative of Holy Rosary Catholic, Holy Cross Anglican & St Margaret's Uniting Churches

7 DEC | ARCHDIOCESAN ROUNDTABLES

In preparation for our Archdiocesan Assembly in Oct 2024 you are invited to a series of prayerful listening & discussion 'roundtables'. In person (St Christopher's Pastoral Centre) or online (Zoom) -7:00pm - 8:30pm. Info at www.cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables/ Register at <https://tally.so/r/3xJdY9>

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

2nd RITE OF RECONCILIATION

19th December - 6.30pm - St Brigid's Church
Four Priest's will be available

CHRISTMAS EVE 24th December

- 5.00pm - Holy Rosary Church, Watson
- 9.00pm - Holy Rosary Church, Watson
- 6.00pm - St Thomas More, Campbell
- 6.00pm - St Joseph's Church, O'Connor
- 9.00pm - St Joseph's Church, O'Connor

CHRISTMAS DAY—25th December

- 8.00am - St Patrick's Church, Braddon
- 9.30am - St Brigid's Church, Dickson
- 9.00am - St Joseph's Church, O'Connor
- 10.00am - Holy Rosary Church, Watson

HOLY ROSARY WATSON

FAREWELL AND WELCOME. Archbishop Prowse will celebrate a Mass with the Dominican Provincial, Fr Mannes, Fr Renior SSS and several other priests to farewell the Dominican Fathers and welcome the Blessed Sacrament Fathers. The Mass will be followed by food and refreshments in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

THANKS to Fr Mannes and Dominican Fathers

Fr Mannes' and the Dominican Fathers' ministry to our parish will end after 60 years with the 10am Mass.

*We give thanks for their stewardship
and pray for God's blessings on their
future Ministry.*

WELCOME Fr Renoir SSS

Fr Renoir Oliver has now commenced as priest in charge at Holy Rosary. Please make him welcome. A formal welcoming ceremony will be held in the new year.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL. The St Vincent de Paul Society Watson is holding its annual Christmas Appeal as a leaving collection at Masses **THIS** weekend. For cash donations, please donate into the donation buckets. If you require a receipt, please donate to our volunteers in the foyer. For electronic donations, an eftpos machine is in the foyer. If you want to donate online, you can make an internet donation as follows:

BSB: 062786 - Account no: 14760
- Account name: St Vincent de Paul Society
- Description: [Donor name] [Watson] [Christmas Appeal]

There are also envelopes in the foyer for those unable to donate on the day. These can be returned next week.

CENTRAL CANBERRA - BRADDON AND DICKSON

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL. Vinnies Watson will hold a Christmas Appeal as a leaving collection at Masses at Braddon and Dickson on the weekend of 9-10 December. Cash donations will be welcomed and information about on-line donations will be available next week.

DICKSON PARISH YOUTH GROUP: The next Parish Youth Group, 2pm Sunday arvo 3 Dec and also 9 Dec. at Brian's house. For more info see Fr Emil 0414 523 036.

ST THOMAS MORE CAMPBELL

Working Bee Campbell: on Saturday 16 December 9-11am, all welcome to come along with a few garden tools and cleaning products to polish up the carpark, grounds and church for Christmas.

Christmas Outdoor Mass & Set up: on Sunday 24 Dec 2pm there will be a set up for the 6pm outdoor Mass that evening, held next to St Thomas More Church in School under cover area. All welcome to help set up. If you would like your child to be a Character in the nativity or anyone who would like sing in the Choir pls contact Jo from the PPC joannegale28@gmail.com or the Campbell parish office.

END OF YEAR ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL & Yr 6 GRADUATION MASS: Friday 8 Dec 9:30am (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) in STM Church all welcome.
NEXT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday 13 December 6:30pm in the church.

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

Liturgy volunteers please let the office know if you would like to volunteer as soon as possible. The new roster is being prepared.

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

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Jim and Liz Smith, Mary Pavey, Anne Corver, Sue King, Barbara Wilson, Philip Bailey, Una Bell, 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, Dave Senior, Nadine Hartley, Gabriel Hengkiarto Indra, Mary O'Hanlon, Baby Remi Elliott, Tony Bandle, Clare Packer, Mahsa Raoofian, Christopher Douglas, Kahren, daughter of Joycelyn, Lyn Mowbray Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Alphonsa & Maria Bankovsky, Carmel Slammon,

Our recently Deceased

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

Fr David Halsted OP, Ursula Ramsay, Jerina Junokovic, Ashley La'Porte, Colin Dwyer, Paul Finn, Peter Stubbs, Janet Uhr, John Kirkland, Frank Boyle, Gail Flegg, Mary Flood, Guiseppe Mangeruca, Rex Sutherland, Doug Senior, Michael Morrisroe, Van Minh Hugnh, Aidan Moore, Patricia Beesley, Cornelius Romer, Patrick Gleeson aka Patty, Sr Mary Geraldine Agnew, John Dimichael (son of Tony & Margaret), Joyce Thomson, Louisa van Staden,

In Loving Memory

Elizabeth 'Lil' Tisdell, Bill Dominguez, Eleanor Griffiths, Wilfredo Baylin, Isabella D'Souza, Max D'Souza, William Goodwin, Joyce Schwinghamer

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

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 via planned giving you help by the parish to forecast and budget its ongoing expenses.

If you would like to contribute to your parish's planned giving program, please contact the Parish Office.

Canberra Central Parish - Account Name: Canberra Central Parish
BSB: 062786 - A/C: 000013150 - Reference: Name & Giving Number

Blackfriars Parish - Account Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson
BSB: 062786 - A/C: 000013341 - Reference: Name & Giving Number

St Joseph's Parish - Account Name: St Joseph's Parish
BSB: 062 786 No: 000012798 Reference: Parish & Name

St Thomas More Parish - Account Name: St Thomas More Parish
BSB: 062786 - A/C: 000014869 - Reference: Campbell/Surname