



# Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

Under the Care of Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (SSS)

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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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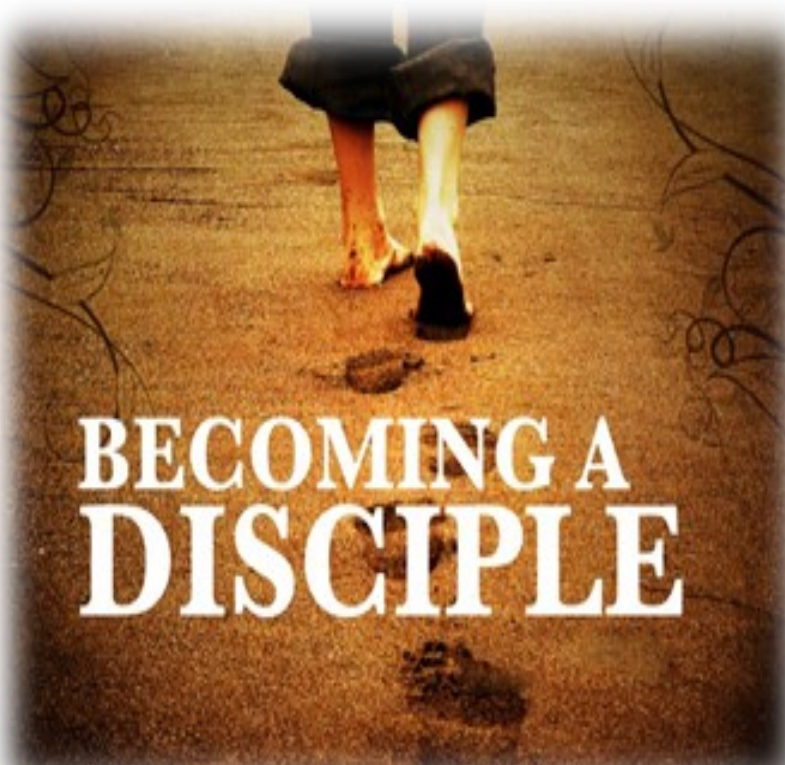
## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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### 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.

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## Second reading - 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 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!

## First Reading - 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm - - Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

**Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.

**Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I.

**Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart.

**Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord.

**Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

## Gospel Acclamation - John 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:  
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel - John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Communion Antiphon is Not recited when hymns are sung.**

**Communion Antiphon: Ps 65: 4**

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and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

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## PARISH OFFICES OPENING HOURS

**Dickson St Brigid's:** 9am-12.30pm - Monday

**Campbell St Thomas More:** 9am – 12.30pm - Tuesday

**O'Connor St Joseph's:** 9am – 12.30pm - Thursday

**Watson Blackfriars:** 9am -12.30pm - Wednesday & Friday

## INNER NORTH STEERING COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the Inner North Steering Committee was held on 14 December 2023. The Committee, which was convened by Fr Anthony, comprises two representatives from each of the parishes now under the care of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, typically drawn from each Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Council. It is to facilitate coordination between the parishes, each of which is to maintain their separate identity. A key issue is the name for this group of parishes. The views have been sought of each Parish Pastoral Council regarding three options:

1. Inner North Catholic Community
2. Catholics @ Inner North
3. Blessed Sacrament Community.

The Steering Committee will consider feedback at the next meeting and settle the name.

## GANG GANG CAFE

Time to resume our third Thursday gathering at 10-30am this week, 18/1/24 at 'GangGang cafe' in Frencham place, Downer. A table indoors has been reserved for parishioners from Canberra Inner North Catholic Community. This is a purely social event and it is not necessary to inform Carmel Lewis that you are coming. You just turn up and you will be welcome. Credit card payment is required when ordering your beverage etc.

## ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

### Please Note

If you attend Mass at St Joseph's O'Connor Please consider the local residents around the Church and not park on both sides of the streets and across T-intersections. As this makes it extremely difficult for cars to have clear vision and for residents to reverse out of their own driveway.

Please be mindful of parking elsewhere so as not to block Boronia drive and Belah St.

## WATSON VOLUNTEERS

The February to July Liturgy Roster will be prepared shortly. Acolytes / Senior Servers are needed at all Masses, training provided. If you would like to volunteer as Acolytes / Senior Servers / Reader / Data Projector please sign up on the form in the foyer or email [innorth@cg.org.au](mailto:innorth@cg.org.au) – **Subject Watson Roster.**

Volunteers are also needed for counting on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am. if you can help out please email [innorth@cg.org.au](mailto:innorth@cg.org.au) – **Subject Watson Counting.**

if you are available to set up the Church of Friday mornings (approximately 1 hour) – please contact the office on the above email – **Subject Watson set-up.**

## WATSON PARISH RENEWAL 2023/2024



This year has been one of considerable change in Blackfriars Parish: the withdrawal of the Dominican Order from the parish, the reduction of weekend Masses at Holy Rosary Church from four to three, the ongoing impacts of COVID on Mass attendance, and the retirements of Jacquie Cortese as parish secretary and Jim Smith as longstanding volunteer in the

parish office. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) was re-established mid-year, which was important as the parish also became part of the new parish arrangements for the Catholic community in Canberra's inner north that is now under the care of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (SSS). We farewelled Fr Mannes Tellis OP, and we welcomed Fr Renoir Oliver SSS to our parish.

We celebrated 60 years of the parish with the blessing of St Dominic's garden and statue, and enjoyment of a delicious morning tea. It was an opportunity to hear about aspects of the parish's history such as stories of the contribution of parishioners to the life of the parish, and the surrounding community that has included Blackfriars Priory and Signadou (now part of the Australian Catholic University) and Rosary Primary School. Amongst these changes, parish renewal continued through various initiatives and the active participation of the Parish Renewal Team (PRT) members in organising various parish events. Early in the year, PRT members met with the Vicar General, Fr Richard Thompson, and the Chancellor, Patrick McArdle, to discuss the new parish arrangements, offering to work together on the changes. This was followed shortly after by the parish meeting on the new Mass schedule and on parish renewal.

PRT members have facilitated Lenten and Advent preparation programs, and organised a Called and Gifted seminar series that explained the gifts of the Holy Spirit (charisms) and helped participants discern their gifts. In a spirit of collaboration, an invitation was extended beyond the parish.

In September, a partnership of Holy Cross Anglican, Holy Rosary and St Margaret's Uniting Churches ('Holy Roundabout') organised an ecumenical Celebration of Creation, where we prayed and responded to the cry of creation. Another ecumenical event was this month's Nativity Festival, where children and adults alike were able to witness nativity scenes from around the world.

The PRT, working closely with the PPC, hopes – with your input an

d support – to continue the renewal process in conjunction with the inner north Christian community next year and as part of the Archdiocesan Year of the Holy Spirit 2023-2024. More on this and other matters affecting the parish to come. We take this opportunity to welcome Kathie Guillester, the new parish secretary, and Julie Barnes, the new parish manager, as together we navigate the changes.

We wish you a very happy, safe and holy Christmas and a joyous and peaceful New Year.

Parish Renewal Team [and Parish Pastoral Council]

**HOPE**  
is the little voice you  
hear whisper "maybe"  
when it seems the entire  
world is shouting "no!"

## ORDINARY TIME

Last week we began what is called "Ordinary time" in the Church calendar. Ordinary does not mean plain or simple. It means "numbered" as in first, second, etc, the ordinal numbers. This was the original sense of the word. Since we are not celebrating major feasts like Christmas or Easter, this title has come to represent a less spectacular or more "average" period in Church celebrations. Because of the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we do not hold a specific 1st Sunday in Ordinary time. It is used for the weekday Masses where no feast or memorial is observed. The numbers are meant to remind us that we are working toward a goal. Our life has a purpose. We are moving toward an ultimate Sunday. That will be observed in heaven when we are joined with the whole company of the saints and angels.

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## BAPTISM

### Olivia Rosemary Graham

will be baptised this weekend.  
May her life be filled with God's peace,  
and her heart with God's love...  
on this Baptism day and always.



## OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Raymond Finnegan, (Father of Maria Hicks,)  
Jocelyn Devine, Geraldine Conlon, Brian Mahoney,  
Margaret Byrne, Marguerite Serge

## 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 #. a pm TUESDAY**  
**Ph:** 0416 823 447 **email:** [innernorth@cg.org.au](mailto:innernorth@cg.org.au)

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

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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), Brenda Curren, Joan Goodwin, Nadine Hartley, Gabriel Hengkiarto Indra, Mary O'Hanlon, Baby Remi Elliott, Tony Bandle, Clare Packer, Joycelyn Maclean, Mahsa Raoofian, Christopher Douglas, Kahren, daughter of Joycelyn, Lyn Mowbray Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Alphonsa & Maria Bankovsky, Carmel Slammon, Carol - Jayne McManus

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

\* During school term, as advised when Classes attend.

\*\* First Wednesday of month during University Terms

## 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 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)

## ADORATION & SACRAMENTS

	Reconciliation
St Patrick's (Braddon)	12:00 noon Friday
St Brigid's (Dickson)	9:30am - 10:00am Saturday 5:30pm - 5:50pm Saturday
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	5:30pm - Saturday (during Holy Hour)
Holy Rosary (Watson)	4:00pm - 4:30pm Saturday
	Adoration of the Eucharist
St Brigid's (Dickson)	9:30am - 8:00pm Wednesday
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	8:15am - 9:15am Tuesday, 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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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