

CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH

Third Sunday of Lent

12 March 2023

St Brigid's
Cnr Bancroft & Wilshire Sts, Dickson

St Patrick's
Cnr Donaldson & Cooyong Sts, Braddon

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Parish Office Hours

Wed 9.30 – 4.00pm,
Fri 1.00 – 4.00pm

MASS TIMES

Saturday

6:00pm St Brigid's

Sunday

8:00am St Patrick's

9:30am St Brigid's

10:00am German Mass, St Patrick's

5:00pm Vietnamese Mass, St Brigid's (odd Sun's)

Weekday Masses (see weekly updates below)

Tuesday to Saturday: 9:00am (St Brigid's)

Tuesday to Friday: 12:30pm (St Patrick's)

Goodwin Village Ainslie

Nursing Home: next Mass Tues 21st March

10.30am ILUs: next Mass TBA

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Brigid's Dickson

Saturday

9:30am-10:00am

5:30-5:50pm (before Vigil Mass)

St Patrick's, Braddon: Friday 12.00 noon

Pray the Rosary

Tuesday to Saturday 8:35am St Brigid's Church

Please Note: No 9am Mass Tues & Friday (only a liturgy) at Dickson until further notice. There is a 9.15am at O'Connor and 5.30pm at Watson on Tuesday and Fridays. Next Tues Mass on 28 March



From Fr Don Calloway's Book

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

FEAST DAY for St Joseph:

Will be celebrated liturgically on Monday 20th March. There will be a Mass 9.00am on this day to celebrate and seek the intercession of this great Saint, in St Brigid's Church

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Continues ,with the next meeting Tuesday 14th March @7:30pm in the Dickson Parish Hall. We continue our journey exploring the Catholic Faith with a current resource *Evangelium*. All welcome. For more info contact Fr Emil at emil.milat@cg.org.au or 0414 523 036.

New Parishioners Welcome Morning Tea Sunday 19 March 10.30 am

We invite all new Parishioners to put their names on the sheet in the foyer. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) would like to welcome you with a special morning tea. All parishioners are invited to come along after the 9.30am Mass to welcome them- you might bring something to share! **Note** : this is also the Feast Day of St Joseph!

CAR BOOT SALE: Claim the date Saturday 15th April in Dickson St Brigid's car park. More info to follow.

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

Their were great reports from our RCIA candidates about the Rite of Election ceremony at the Cathedral. Some of the candidates shared very movingly why they wanted to become Catholic.

The New Parishioner morning tea is on next Sunday, I encourage all those who have joined us at Sunday Mass to pls put their names on the list in the foyer so we can formally welcome you. The room where Frs Josh and Andrew were living in the Dickson presbytery needs painting and carpet cleaning, it will cost about \$1000. If anyone would like to contribute for this purpose, pls contact me or the parish office. That will be greatly appreciated as we were \$800 in the red as a parish year. God's blessing Fr Em

Parish & Lenten Pilgrimage Sunday 26 March

The Community of the Risen Lord group (CRL) will host a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy Penrose Park, 45 Minutes north of Goulburn. Australia's largest Marian shrine. It will be a picnic lunch, 3pm Mass then Rosary procession to the grotto. All welcome, with more details to follow.

ROSTERS THIS WEEK 11 / 12 MARCH

Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee
Readers Marjorie Rego & John Skene

Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Marc Adorni-Braccesi
Readers Ray Toohey & Shenelle Egbert

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Ken Maher
Readers Sue Hancock & Judith Hurditch
Counting, Church cleaning Ken Maher, Margaret McGee
Men Alive
Altar Society Glynis Linehan

ROSTER THIS WEEK 18 / 19 MARCH

Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee
Readers Eileen Wignall
Mairead Thomas

Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Marc Adorni-Braccesi
Readers Ray Toohey & Shenelle Egbert
Morning Tea Paul & Gabrielle Messina
Altar Ros Wiley

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Catherine Bandle
Readers Henry Lee & Ken Maher
Counting John Skene, Judith Hurditch
Church cleaning Fran & Delani, Carl & David Grace

BRIAN WELSH STREET MINISTRY:

Kerygma training course on Saturday March 18th starting 9.30am, a full day at St Benedict's Parish Narrabundah. For more info see flyers in foyer or contact Brian 0409126804

Planned Giving

Thanks again to those giving electronically. We will have the collection box in front of the altar like before lockdown, so please feel free to bring your envelopes. The Dickson church is now open during the day and the tap machines on if you would like to make a donation that way also.

Account details for EFT contributions to collections

First Collection (for priests)

Central Presbytery Fund

BSB: 062 786

Account Number: 000029248

Please include the name of the parish in the reference field and your surname e.g. 'CANBERRA CENTRAL BLOGGS' or just 'CENTRAL BLOGGS'.

Second Collection (for parish)

Canberra Central Parish

BSB: 062-786

Account Number: 000013150

Please include your Planned Giving number in the reference field (if you have one): e.g. 'BROWN EN V111'.

ST THOMAS MORE FORUM: Wednesday 22 March 2023 @ 7.30 pm in Holy Faith, STM School Hall. The Topic is Freedom of Religion Developments. Our keynote Speaker is Andrew Wallace MP. The current media attention is renewed and this is a crucial issue for our Church. We are looking for volunteers to set up the hall and arranging supper afterwards. If you can help with this Ministry please contact Parish office- Campbell@cg.org.au or 0416 823 447. Bookings via Eventbrite \$15.00 concession \$8.00 now available <https://bit.ly/stmf-220323> **rsvp 17 March.**

See flyer in Foyer for more info.



Please Pray for



The Sick

Brenda Curren, Joan Goodwin, Nadine Hartley, Gabriel Hengkiarto Indra, Mary O'Hanlon, Theresa Okwudike, Alphonsa Bankobsky, Dave Senior, Baby Remi Elliott, Tony Bandle

Recently Deceased : Domingo Apolar, Isaac Hampton, Vin Kane

Anniversary: Silvio Rossi

Regular Parish Groups/Meetings

Charismatic Prayer Group

In Dickson Parish Hall each Friday, Mass, worship, talk & prayers at 7:00pm-9:30pm. For more details contact Shan at shahandra777@gmail.com

Eucharistic Adoration: Twelve Hours for the Lord

Weekly Adoration, every Wednesday in Dickson church, from 8:00am to 8:30pm, with Benediction at 8:20pm. For enquiries to help on the roster pls see Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au. **Please Note:** Adoration continues in 2023 also each Saturday 9.30- 10.00

Living in God's Divine Will Prayer Group

We meet in the Parish Hall - next meeting 2nd April 2-3pm. and also with a zoom option. Zoom ID 6486731697 and passcode 2602.

For more info. please contact Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au



Legion of Mary

Meets every Saturday at Dickson Parish Hall; time 11.00am. Legionaries are simply Mary's means of action in the world today! Come and join any-time. For more information contact Sherree on 0407 610 526.

Craft Group

Craft Group on Wednesday, fortnightly at 1pm in St. Brigid's Parish Hall. New members welcome. An opportunity to knit, sew or work on any project, and enjoy good company with afternoon tea. Enquiries Mary Boyle 0450 060 526

Courtesy of Australia Needs Fatima

Parish Youth Group

The next Parish Youth Group will Saturday 25 March at 7pm in the Dickson Parish Hall. There will be pizza provided with fun activities and we will watch and reflect on a video about the Annunciation, Mary's great feast day. For more info see Fr Emil.

St Christopher Cathedral's 50 Anniversary all are warmly invited to Mass (5pm) and Dinner in Celebration at 7pm in Hayden hall on **March 17th, 2023.**

Tickets can be purchased individually or in Tables of 8. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1017990&>

Join us as we celebrate this significant milestone in the 75th Year of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

For more information please contact: scc50thanniversary@gmail.com

First Reading *Exodus 17:3-7*

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 94:1-2, 6-9*

R. If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Gospel Acclamation *cf John 4:42, 15*

R. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Second Reading *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel *Matthew John 4:5-42*

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his children and his flocks drank from it?"

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty...*Please listen to remaining*