

CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH

Fourth Sunday of Lent

19 March 2023

St Brigid's
Cnr Bancroft & Wilshire Sts, Dickson

St Patrick's
Cnr Donaldson & Cooyong Sts, Braddon

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Wed 9.30 –4.00pm,
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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 Watson 8am Tuesdays & Fridays, 5.30pm. Next Tues Mass on 25 March



'Healing of the Man Born Blind' (El Greco)

Entrance Antiphon

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

Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.

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 21 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

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 **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. All welcome to planning meeting 11am this Sunday in the Dickson Hall.

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

A big thank you to those who generously donated to the painting and carpets re the house keepers Flat in the Presbytery- we have enough to cover all the work now!

Also, we are advertising for an employment music coordinator or singer(s) pls see notice adjacent.

And, sadly Frs Josh and Tony can only help once a month with the 9.30am Sunday Mass from now on, across Campbell and here.

This makes urgent the discussion mooted about the Inner North Mass times across the four Parishes. So I will have an open Parish meeting 4.30-5.30pm Saturday 1 April to discuss, in the Dickson Hall. I hope to have the Vicar General or Chancellor there. I will also shortly try and organise a survey of Parishioners (Central Canberra & Campbell) soon re Mass change options. More on this next week. I feel like the blind man in today's Gospel in knowing God's will on issues like this but I pray after the discussions we can all see God's Divine will & way forward. Bless Fr Emil.

ROSTERS 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

Morning Tea Paul & Gabrielle Messina
Acolyte Michael Kelly
Readers Theresa Okwudike ,
Jenny Francis

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
Altar Society Grace
Volunteer

ROSTER THIS WEEK 25/26 MARCH

Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Paulus Sukardi
Readers Elaine Larkin, Marjorie Rego

Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Ashley Bawden
Readers Michael Kelly, Mary Boyle
Altar Society Barbara Anderson

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Gabrielle Messina
Readers Dominica Rossi, Janet Munro
Counting Anne Prendergast, Damien Smith
Church cleaning Ling & Flora, Mithma Fernando,
Maria Lusiany

Parish & Lenten Pilgrimage Sunday 26 March

The (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, for more info, contact Fr Emil 0414 523 036

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 @7.30pm in Holy Faith, STM School Hall. the topic is Freedom of Religion Developments. Our key-note 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-20323> rsvp 20 March. See flyer in Foyer for more info.

Healing Service: after several requests we will restart the monthly parish healing service, with the CRL *Community of the Risen Lord*, after the 9:30am Mass on the 2nd or 3rd Sunday of the Month. The next service will be Sunday 16 April –Divine Mercy Sunday.



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 Apolinar, Isaac Hampton, Vin Kane

Anniversary: Silvio Rossi, Helen Olsen

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 4th March 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 anytime. 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.

Employment position Music Coordinator/singer(s):

The parish has secured a funding donation to build a choir for 9:30am Mass Sunday morning at Dickson. The duties will be for three hours each Sunday: 8:30-9:30am practise time, then singing/playing during the 9:30am Mass until 11am, with 30 minutes weekly planning time. The rate is \$25-\$30 per hour- negotiable. Skills needed are Christian worship singing ability &/or ability to play a musical instrument and work as a team. An emphasis will be to employ youth/young adults, and acapella worship singing. For a duty statement & selection criteria, closing 10 April, pls contact Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au or 0414 523 036.

First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22

R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.
Live as children of light-
for the fruit of the light is found
in all that is good and right and true.

Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.
Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness,
but instead expose them.
For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly;
but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,
for everything that becomes visible is light.
Therefore it is said,
"Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet', replied the man.
'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!'
And they drove him away...*Please listen to remaining*