



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 OF LENT



CANBERRA CENTRAL inc:
ST BRIGID'S 2 Bancroft St
Dickson ACT 2602

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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—Romans 8:31-34 ·

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 26: 8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First reading - Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 115(116):10,15-19

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted,'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel - Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon is Not recited when hymns are sung.

Communion Antiphon - Mt 17: 5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION VIGIL AT ST JOSEPH'S

There will be a Eucharistic Adoration Vigil for the **Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary** on Friday 1 March 2024, between 5-10pm at St Joseph's parish centre.

Parish Offices Opening Hours

Dickson St Brigid's 9am-12.30pm Mondays
Campbell St Thomas More 9am – 12.30pm Tuesdays
O'Connor St Joseph's 9am-12.30pm Wednesdays
Watson Blackfriars 9am-12.30pm Fridays

BAPTISMS

Layla and Parker Bowen

will be baptised this weekend at Holy Rosary and

Magnus Nero Kiamzon-Magduga

will be baptised this weekend at St Brigid's

May their lives be filled with God's peace, and their hearts with God's love.



SAVE THE DATES

Marriage Preparation Courses

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples:

FOCCUS - Tues 9th April 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare.

SmartLoving – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you.

For more information or to register, go to www.marriagefamily.org.au Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

An Evening with Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP

Fr Timothy was Master of the Order of Preachers from 1992 to 2001. A member of the community at Blackfriars, Oxford UK, he is the author of several very popular books and an internationally reputed speaker and retreat-giver.

Date: Thursday 14 March 2024, **Place:** Merici College Wise Street Braddon **Time:** 5.30 -7.00pm. **Free Tickets:** <https://bit.ly/4bISurY>. **Fr Timothy** will also be speaking at Marist on 13 Mar. See <https://bit.ly/49h5sG3> for more info.

INNER NORTH STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Inner North Steering Committee (2 members from each parish plus the parish priests) met for the 2nd time on Tue 13 Feb. Amongst other items discussed, the committee:

- * adopted the name 'Canberra Inner North Catholic Community' following consultations with each Parish;
- * adopted Terms of Reference to guide its activities (email the Office if you'd like a copy, with TOR as the subject line);
- * agreed to examine collaboration to provide sacramental programs to young people who reside within our Community, but who do not attend Catholic schools within that area;
- * agreed to consider constructively and (preferably) respond collectively to a proposal to support an enhanced Youth Ministry across the Community (put forward by the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Manager, Christopher Gilroy);
- * agreed to work together to support an initiative to pursue adult faith formation through participation in an Alpha program in the second half of 2024, with participants from each parish and with each parish to provide the venue for 2 or 3 of the 11 sessions;
- * noted advice from the Moderator, Fr Anthony, that the priests plan to celebrate the Easter Triduum in all four parishes, with details to be finalised by each Parish Priest;
- * received information about evolving financial issues from the (Arch) Diocesan Financial Administrator.

The Committee is aware that this arrangement is a new one and is likely to evolve. Committee Members are working to discern where the Spirit invites us to go, respecting the right of each parish to respond to local circumstances while working in collaboration when that advances the common good.

Stephen Sedgwick, Chair, Steering Committee

WHAT'S ON AT ST THOMAS MORE

RECONCILIATION. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Sat 23 March. Administration day is this Sunday 25 Feb.

PARISH AND SCHOOL WORKING BEE. The working bee is on Sat 2 March from 10am-12noon. Pls come along and assist.

ROSTER VOLUNTEER NEEDED. The Parish needs a volunteer to assist with arranging the roster (even on a temporary basis). Help is also needed with the Project Compassion appeal.

ST. THOMAS MORE FORUM (A pastoral initiative of St. Thomas More Parish)

Wednesday 20 March 2024 7.30 to 9pm

Holy Faith Hall, 30 White Crescent, CAMPBELL

Keynote Speaker: Greg Sheridan, Foreign Editor- The Australian Newspaper, Title "How Christianity Triumphs in a Newly Pagan Society"

Bookings Open Now at Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/stmf-200324> or forum@sthomasmore.org.au or 041 6823447

ST BRIGID'S 9:30 MASS CHOIR

Are you interested in singing or music? You are invited to join St Brigid's Dickson choir on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays. Practice starts at 9:10am before mass.

All are welcomed.

Contact Ling at lingwlyau@yahoo.com.hk.

CRAFT AFTERNOONS

If you are interested in joining in with lovely ladies for enjoyable conversation and lots of laughter, we have 2 craft groups in our Inner North Community. You would be most welcome to attend either group.

Dickson Parish Centre - will commence again 14 Feb and then fortnightly Wednesdays from 1.15pm. For more information call Mary Boyle on 0450 060 256

Watson Parish Centre - 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays of each month, from 12-4pm. For more information contact Pat Savas on 6248 0470

A CELEBRATION OF RESILIENCE

Canberra and Goulburn Catholic Women's Taskforce hosts a Breakfast for International Women's Day each year. This year, our guest speaker is Ms Selina Walker, who has been named ACT Local Hero for 2024, recognising her work in the community to improve outcomes for First Nations people.

Pls join us on **Thursday 7 March** from 7.30am at Ainslie Football Club, 52 Wakefield Ave, Ainslie. Link to purchase tickets is on our website (flyer also available there) or you can go straight to the booking site here.

Pls help us to promote this event: a celebration of resilience and a testament to the power of unity. If you can't come, can you host an event where you are? Bringing women together is powerful and empowering! If you would like more information about our plans for the year please email cgwomen@outlook.com.



Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising appeal, **Project Compassion**, has commenced once again. The theme for Project Compassion is **For All Future Generations**. Inspired by the Bible's story of the burning bush (Exodus 3:1-20), this theme reminds us that the good we do today will create a lasting impact for generations to come.

You can help end poverty, promote justice, and uphold the dignity of all people by making a donation through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Anna Minh Nguyen (mother of Don Nguyen),
Merv Neale, Joan Percy, (Mother of Fr Tony),
David Ficken, Rowan Andrew, Shirley Dunn,
Geraldine Conlon, Brian Mahoney

IN LOVING MEMORY

Kevin Bourke, Chimere Mercieca, Carmelo Mercieca,
Domenico and Catarina Barbaro, Kevin Nolan,
Lirio Lukban, Silvio Rossi, Alvy Raymundo,
Josie Simbulan, Jose Rico, Romeo Cabardo,

UNPACKING THE CREED

The next session of this enlightening program will be held at the St Joseph's Parish Hall, O'Connor at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13 March.

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 4 pm TUESDAY
Ph: 0416 823 447 email: innernorth@cg.org.au
or Email: innernorth@cg.org.au

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

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Judith Martin, Evelyn Matriano, Davide Verri, Bedelia delos Santos, 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 Polard, Philip Cruz, Maureen Blood, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Una Ford, Robin Lees, Elizabeth Webster, Ann Moran, Colleen Brackett (& friend Jackie), Baby Remi Elliott, Tony Bandle, Clare Packer, Robyn Cross, Paul Thorpe, Joycelyn Maclean, & Kahren (daughter of Joycelyn), Mahsa Raoofian, Christopher Douglas, Lyn Mowbray Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Alphonsa & Maria Bankovsky, Carmel Slammon, Carol - Jayne McManus, Mary

WEEKDAY & SATURDAY MORNING 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	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)			12:00 noon**			

* During school term, as advised when Classes attend.

** Wednesdays during University Terms (Term 1: 14/2/24-29/5/24; Term 2: 29/7/24-28/10/24)

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 (1st & 3rd Sundays)

ADORATION & SACRAMENTS

	Reconciliation
St Patrick's (Braddon)	12:00pm - 12:30 Friday
St Brigid's (Dickson)	9:30am - 10:00am Saturday 5:30pm - 5:50pm Saturday
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	During Holy Hour 8:15am - 9:00am Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 5:30pm - 6:00pm Saturday
Holy Rosary (Watson)	4:00pm - 4:30pm Saturday
	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St Patrick's (Braddon)	
St Brigid's (Dickson)	8:00am - 8:00pm <u>Wednesday</u>
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	8:15am - 9:00am <u>Tuesday</u> , Thursday & Friday
Holy Rosary (Watson)	6:00pm - 7:00pm <u>Friday</u>
	Pray the Rosary
St Brigid's (Dickson)	8:30am <u>Tuesday</u> to Saturday
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	After morning Mass Tuesday, Wed (Cenacle), Thursday, Friday
Holy Rosary (Watson)	Before 10:00am Mass, 1 st & 3 rd Sundays
	Anointing of the Sick
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	8:30am <u>First</u> Saturday of the month
St Thomas More (Campbell)	11:15am <u>First</u> Sunday of the month