



# Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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

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Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals: by Appointment contact the Parish Office

## 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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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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

**ST PATRICK'S** 1 Donaldson St  
Braddon ACT 2612

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**ST THOMAS MORE PARISH**  
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## 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

## 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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O'Connor ACT 2602

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## Gospel Acclamation - John 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Entrance Antiphon - Ps 42: 1-2

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

## First reading - Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm - Ps 50(51):3-4,12-15

*Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
that I may teach transgressors your ways  
and sinners may return to you.

*Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

## Second reading- Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

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## Gospel - John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour?  
But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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

## Communion Antiphon -

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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## BAPTISMS

*Elyssa Frugtneit*

will be baptised this weekend at St Joseph's  
and

*Maxine Elliot Peden*

will be baptised this weekend at St Christopher's

May their lives be filled with God's peace,  
and their hearts with God's love.  
on their Baptism day and always.



## ST JOSEPH'S IN O'CONNOR

### St Joseph's Feast Day Mass 6pm, 19<sup>th</sup> March at St Joseph's Church, O'Connor and Raffle

Please support the PPC's raffle of a handcrafted and home baked cake kindly donated by a dedicated parishioner of St Joseph's Parish. We are raising funds to cover costs associated with the St Joseph's Feast Day mass on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm. PPC members will be selling tickets before and after this Saturday night's vigil mass and Sunday mass this weekend. Thanks for your generous support. \$5 per ticket – Tap and Go can be used if needed – please bring cash if possible. St Joseph's PPC.

#### Sacramental Program

St Joseph's Parish O'Connor is pleased to offer Sacramental Programs for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2024. The Sacramental Programs are facilitated by Kirstie Buckley, the Religious Education Coordinator at St Joseph's Primary School. For more information please email:

Kirstie Buckley [kirstie.buckley@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kirstie.buckley@cg.catholic.edu.au)

#### Amended Mass Times:

##### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8.15-9.00am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

**Mass** 9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
**Stations of the Cross** Will be held on the Fridays of Lent at St Joseph's Church after the 9.15am mass.  
All are welcome.

**Readers required:** Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass

## menALIVE WEEKEND

**25-26 May — Mary Help of Christians, PEARCE.**

The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and encourage them to be an active force within the Church.

See the flyers in church foyers for more detail.

## WATSON BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP

Meets on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the Watson Parish Centre. For all enquiries call John Jarvis 6296 2001 or email [jjarivis1@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jjarivis1@bigpond.net.au)

## CRAFT MORNINGS

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



The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus. After this, there is nothing more but Heaven itself

– Peter Julian Eymard

## ST THOMAS MORE IN CAMPBELL

### ST. THOMAS MORE FORUM

(A pastoral initiative of the Parish of St. Thomas More Campbell)

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](mailto:forum@sthomasmore.org.au) or 0416823447

### WEEKDAY MASS WITH THE SCHOOL

Please join us for mass with our school community on 1st and 3rd Friday's at 11.45am

## ST THOMAS MORE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

We are looking for some photos from the Parish to put together a historic display. If you have any items, photos, or documents you would like to share, please speak with Shannon Evans after the St Thomas More's 10am Sunday Mass, or contact via @ [shanny9619@gmail.com](mailto:shanny9619@gmail.com)

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

If you are wanting sacraments for your child and they are not in a Catholic School environment, please contact the Inner North Parish Office by email [innernorth@cg.org.au](mailto:innernorth@cg.org.au) to request this year's schedule. Please include the name of your parish in the subject line. Thank you.



### PROJECT COMPASSION.

To ensure that Envelopes and Boxes with donations to Project Compassion can be processed as soon as possible please return them by Palm Sunday, by handing into the Sacristy or Office.

## GANGGANG CAFE

### Sr Veronica Dunphy will celebrate her 101st birthday this week.

We will celebrate her birthday at 10-30am at Gang-Gang on Thursday 21st March which also happens to be 'Harmony Day'.

Do join us to wish Sister many happy returns on her special day in the cafe at Frencham Place, Downer. New-comers always welcome.'

### Regional Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

**Next meeting** For those seeking to begin or complete the Sacraments and initiation into the Catholic faith, or those seeking to deepen their Faith. If you would like to be on the team to walk with the enquirers you are most welcome. For more info. Please Contact - Fr Anthony SSS

## CANBERRA GOULBURN WOMENS TASKFORCE

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED?

We are experimenting with a more flexible model of involvement. You can help out for one event or in one particular way or dive into everything. You will receive a great welcome! We don't have venues for some events yet. If you would like to nominate your parish or other location get in touch at email [cgwomen@outlook.com](mailto:cgwomen@outlook.com) Blessings, Andrea Dean

### 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.

### OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Bob Witherden, Domenico Perre, Ann Moran, Mariannina Giusto (Emilia Ciampas' nonna), Marie Docherty (sister of Fr Michael Burke), Anna Minh Nguyen (mother of Don Nguyen), Merv Neale,

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Noel Falk, James Bergin, Christine Greenwood, Domenico and Catarina Barbaro, Kevin Nolan, Lirio Lukban, Silvio Rossi, Alvy Raymundo, Josie Simbulan, Jose Romeo Cabardo, Heather Pook, John Collett

## 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](mailto:innernorth@cg.org.au)**

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

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Joseph Nguyen, Christine Nguyen, 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 Pollard, Philip Cruz, Maureen Blood, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Una Ford, Robin Lees, Elizabeth Webster, Colleen Brackett (& friend Jackie), Baby Remi Elliott, Tony Bandle, Clare Packer, Robyn Cross, Paul Thorpe, Kahren (daughter of Joycelyn), Mahsa Raoofian, Iris Thorpe, Lyn Mowbray, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Alphonsa & Maria Bankovsky, Carmel Slammon, Carol-Jayne McManus, Mary, Christine Greenwood

### 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	9:15am	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: 29/7/34-28/10/24)

### 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 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Wednesday, Thursday & 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 Wednesday
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	8:15am - 9:15am Tuesday, Wednesday, 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