

# CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH

## Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

16 April 2023

**St Brigid's**  
Cnr Bancroft & Wilshire Sts, Dickson

**St Patrick's**  
Cnr Donaldson & Cooyong Sts, Braddon

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#### Priests

Fr Emil Milat

#### Parish Secretary

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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 18th April 10.30am note liturgy on other Tuesdays. Easter Sunday 11am Liturgy

### 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 & 5.30pm Fridays, Next Tues Mass tba.



**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 this Sunday 16 April –Divine Mercy Sunday

**Brown Scapular Ceremony:** for those that would like to be enrolled as a child of Our Lady of Mount Carmel through the devotion of wearing the Brown Scapular the Legion of Mary are providing them free after the 9:30am Mass this Sunday 16 April. Fr Emil will lead the formal prayers in this ceremony as part of the healing service.

This is a very traditional devotion with many promises attached from Our Lady. Just google The Brown Scapular for more info!

**Note:** no 12:30pm Mass St Patrick's Braddon on Tuesday 25 April, due to ANZAC public holiday– we encourage all to go to the cathedral 8am Mass– more info inside bulletin.



## Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday and the Divine Mercy image were given to us by Jesus through St Faustina. It is very important because St John Paul II revealed these are the times of God's Divine Mercy. It was made more evident when Pope Francis announced the extraordinary "Jubilee Year of Divine Mercy" in 2016.

We will hold the Divine Mercy Holy Hour, with Benediction, at St Brigid's Church: confessions from 1:30pm then 2pm-3pm devotions this Sunday 16th April.

Pamphlets in the foyer for those who would like to find out more about Divine Mercy.

### Archbishop Christopher's Easter Message and Chrism Mass

**Homily:** Copies of both are available in the church foyers.



### SHEPHERD'S CORNER

Thank you once again to all that helped with the Easter ceremonies. The flowers and church decor were stunning and attracted many comments, as did all the liturgies. The Easter Vigil with the Baptism of Neil and Confirmation of Stephanie and Tom were very faith affirming. The Holy Thursday washing of the feet/Lord's supper was our largest congregation for years (as with all the ceremonies). And on Good Friday people came forward to reverence the Cross with such devotion it went for 30 minutes- I felt giving some extra time was very appropriate for Good Friday. Last Saturday morning the car boot sale was on- I will report on that next week- but it was a huge effort from Fran and the team.

We raised about \$900 for the Good Friday Holy places appeal, and introducing the collection bags going around was a clear success, so we will continue with this from now on (like most parishes). This Sunday is the very graced Divine Mercy Holy hour on 2pm Sunday afternoon pls see notice in bulletin above for more info.

God's Divine Mercy blessings Fr Em

### ROSTERS THIS WEEK 15/16 APRIL

#### Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee  
Readers John Skene, Eileen Wignall

#### Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Michael Kelly  
Readers Shenelle Egbert  
Jenny Francis

#### Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Ken Maher  
Readers Marie-Connie Lowery, Sue Hancock  
Morning Tea Paul & Gabrielle Messina  
Counting Mary Boyle, Ros Wiley  
Church Fran & Delanie  
cleaning Carl & David Grace  
Altar Society Mary Boyle

### ROSTERS THIS WEEK 22/23 APRIL

#### Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee  
Readers Mairead Thomas, Elaine Larkin

#### Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Ashley Bawden  
Readers Theresa Okwudike, Michael Kelly  
Altar Society Ros Wiley

#### Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Gabrielle Messina  
Readers Henry Lee, Judith Hurditch  
Counting Anne Prendergast, Damien Smith  
Church Ling & Flora, Mithma Fernando, Maria Lusiany  
cleaning



### Thank you to all who donated toward Easter flowers

We received about \$400.00 for the Easter flowers, Fr Emil has offered the Easter Vigil Mass for your intentions.

## 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'.



**Merici College:** Merici College enrolling now for 2024 and beyond. 2023 Open Day – 3 May 2pm-7.30pm  
Be a Merici Girl Days – 28 April, 1 May, 8 May  
[www.merici.college](http://www.merici.college) for all information and online booking

### Please Pray for



#### The Sick



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

#### Recently Deceased:

John Mahon, Roslyn Tippett, Domingo Apolinar

**Anniversary:** Augustine Fonseka, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 7th May 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](mailto: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. An opportunity to knit, sew or work on any project, and enjoy good company with afternoon tea. Enquiries Mary Boyle 0450 060 526

### Parish Youth Group

The next Parish Youth Group tba. This is held in the Dickson Parish Hall at 7.00pm. We usually provide pizza with fun activities Then we might watch a video to reflect on. For more info see Fr Emil.

### The Military Ordinariate of Australia

Invites you and members of Your parish community to The National ANZAC Day Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka ACT at 8:00am on Tuesday 25 April 2023. Guests are asked to be seated by 7:45am



**If you could help** Belinda Thompson to be collected from Ainslie, and brought to Saturday evening Mass. Please call her if you can help. 02 6152 0545.

## First Reading Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

**R.** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R.**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

## Gospel Acclamation John 20:19-31

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

## Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:  
'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me,  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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