

CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14 Jan 2018

St Brigid's
Cnr Bancroft & Wilshire Sts, Dickson

St Patrick's
Cnr Donaldson & Cooyong Sts, Braddon Year B

To all who have joined us today. We hope that you feel 'at home' in our Parish Community. We are one Family.
We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands and waterways, the Ngunnawal people,
and thank them for their continued hospitality.

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Parish Secretary:

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Parish Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, Thu, 9 am-12 pm

MASS TIMES

Saturday

6.00pm St Brigid's

Sunday:

8:00 am St Patrick's

9:30 am St Brigid's

9.40am Children's Liturgy St Brigid's

10.00 am St Patrick's - German Mass

Weekday Masses:

Tues to Fri

9:00 am (St Brigid's)

12:30 pm (St Patrick's)

Saturday

9:00 am St Brigid's

Goodwin Homes: 1st Wed. 10.30 am

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 9:30 am - 10:00 am St Brigid's

Friday: 12:00-12:30 pm St Patrick's

Pray the Rosary

Tues to Sat 8.35am St Brigid's

MEETINGS

Community of the Risen Lord

Charismatic Prayer Group

Friday 7.00 - 9.30pm St Brigid's Hall

Youth Ministry Fellowship and Activities

3rd Saturday 3.45 -5.30pm St Brigid's Hall,

For 13 to 20 year olds, further information

call 0481566050

Friday Prayer Group - Fortnightly

(call 6241 7042 for next date if needed)

10-11.30am Parish Office

Craft Group- Fortnightly

(call 6161 5797 for next date if needed)

Wednesday 12.30pm St Brigid's Hall

Holy Hour

Thursday 10.00am The Gathering Place

Catholic Radio

The Journey Catholic Radio Program Sun 1pm

On 1 Way FM 91.9 Canb or Rhema FM 94.3



Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

To be read as the Priest starts to consume the host

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone who's visiting us today. Whether you're visiting Canberra, just having a look, or are searching out for a place to worship, we're delighted to have you here.

ROSTERS THIS WEEK 13/14 Jan

Saturday 6.00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Paul Stewart
 Altar Servers Group 2 Hycenth, Madhush, Emma
 Readers Janet Munro, Edsal Sequeira
 Offertory Mary Ryan, Ann Collins
 Chalice Joanne Janakan, Bill Meani

Sunday 8.00 am St Patrick's

Acolyte John Skene
 Readers Ray Toohey, Mary Boyle
 Offertory Vin Kane, Ros Wiley
 Chalice Vin Kane, Ashley Bawden
 Visitation Vin Kane
 Altar Society Audrey Healy

Sunday 9.30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Domenica Rossi
 Children's Liturgy In Recess until 11th Feb 2018
 Readers Judith Hurditch, Carmel Blake
 Offertory Lorraine Vahland, Damian Smith
 Chalice Carmel Blake, Ken Maher
 Visitation Edsal Sequeira
 Counting John Skene, Jim Maher
 Morning Tea no morning tea this weekend
 Altar Society Maureen Rogers, Barbara Spencer, Betty Tuohy

ROSTERS NEXT WEEK 20/21 Jan

Saturday 6.00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee
 Altar Servers Group 3 - Shirmali, Imanthi
 Readers Sasha Vukoja, Eileen Wignall
 Offertory Pam Cunningham, Joanne Janakan
 Chalice Janet Munro, Edsal Sequeira

Sunday 8.00 am St Patrick's

Acolyte Ashley Bawden
 Readers Shenelle Egbert, Michael Kelly
 Offertory Pat McCulloch, Mary Boyle
 Chalice Vin Kane, Chris Primmer
 Visitation Vin Kane
 Altar Society St Boniface committee

Sunday 9.30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Ken Maher
 Children's Liturgy In Recess until 11th Feb 2018
 Readers Liz Conway, Brenda Geddes
 Offertory Lorraine Vahland, Wai Ling Yau
 Chalice Jane Mann, Lorraine Vahland
 Visitation Bernadette Ellis Raya
 Counting Paul & Claudette Maher
 Morning Tea Morning tea resume weekend
 Altar Society Maureen Rogers, Barbara Spencer, Betty Tuohy

Please Pray for:



Brenda Currer, Helen Hordern, Pat Kaneally, Josephine Kinnidy, Frank Mines, Gabriel Hengkiarto Indra, Tony Patterson, Peter Peters, Maria Pizzano, David Rumble, Charles Ryan, Gail Sach, Ellalene (Lin) Seymour, Pat Sforcina, Nicola Sheehan, Brian Shoebridge, Marie Spencer, Ted Whiley

Please notify the Office when sick parishioners have recovered.



Anniversary

Rienzie Benedict

IN RECESS

Children's Liturgy until 11th February 2018 at 9.40am
 Craft Group until 7th February at 12.30pm

PARISH MINISTRIES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chair, Bill Meani
 Barbara Anderson, Ann Collins, Liz Conway, Ursulla Gottlob, Remy Humphries, Shahandra Martino, Brian O'Donoghue, Fr Bernard Patterson, Dominica Rossi, Sr Genny Ryan, John Skene, Fr Joshua Scott Ray Toohey, Lorraine Vahland

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Paul Maher, Lincoln Gonzales
 Advisors: Bill Meani, Lorraine Vahland

PARISH LITURGY GROUP

1. LITURGY PLANNING GROUP
Cindy Li, Anne Derrick, Genny Ryan osu,
2. SUNDAY POWERPOINT SLIDE ARRANGEMENT
Doreen Tan, Carmel Blake
3. SUNDAY POWERPOINT OPERATOR
Wk 1: Henry Lee
Wk 2: Rosie Zielinski
Wk 3: Ryan Pranantyo
Wk 4: Manjula Angammana
4. MUSICIANS
Wk 1: Tony Johns
Wk 2: Maureen Dawes
Wk 3: Kevin Tee
Wk 4: Tony Johns
Wk 5 Music: Risen Lord Community
5. 3rd Wk 6pm Saturday/8:30am Sunday Mass
Karina Widjaja & Jimmy Kartadinata, Sr Genny Ryan osu

CHILDRENS LITURGY LEADERS

- Wk 1: Rachele Ralime
 Wk 2: Catherine Trinh
 Wk 3: Christine Kearney
 Wk 4: Rashmi Angammana
 Wk 5: Sr Genny Ryan

ROSTER CO-ORDINATOR

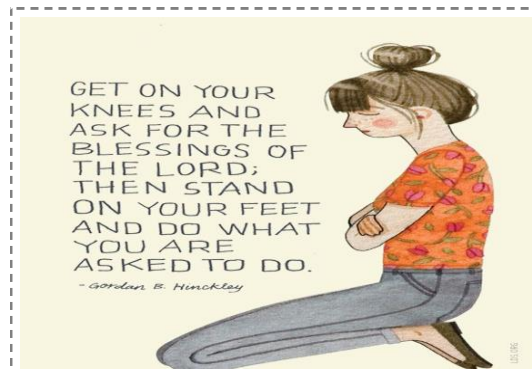
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ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Assisting people in need and combating social injustice in our community St Vincent de Paul representatives are:
 St Brigids - Ken Maher, Lorraine Vahland

*A Very Special
 "Thank You!"*

To all volunteers who spent time looking after the Christmas Crib outside Woolworths at the Dickson shopping Centre.



Thought of the Day:

Yesterday is history,
 Tomorrow is a mystery,
 Today is a gift,
 That is why it's called the present.

NOTICES

9 – 11 Feb **Seeking the Mind of Christ** Parishioners are invited to a living encounter and a life transforming experience with the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit from the 9th to the 11th February 2018.
9 February - St Monica's Church: Evatt from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.
10 February - St Brigid's Church: Dickson from 10.00am to 5.00pm.
11 February - St Brigid's Church: Dickson from 10.30am to 5.30pm.
Conducted by Brother Lalith Perera, Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Father Ken Barker with support from Fr Bernie Patterson and Loi Vivicente. Lunch will be available at a nominal price or BYO. A crèche will also be available for children. Contact: Shan 0412 310364; Karen 0402 160401; Sean 0448 510237.

The Australian Catholic University Watson will run a 4 week Short Course in Theology which will be held on Monday evenings: 26 Feb, 5 Mar, 19 Mar and 26 Mar. Time 6 - 8 pm (Refreshments from 6 pm, lecture starts at 6.30 pm).

The topic this semester is **"The Passion of Jesus"**.

This is an opportunity to understand the heart of the Gospels: How do each of the Gospels understand the Passion of Jesus? Why was Jesus tried and crucified? What is the meaning of Jesus' suffering? Why did Jesus die?

Topics include:

Mon 26 Feb: Introduction to the Passion Narratives, and the Passion Narrative in the Gospel of John

Mon 5 Mar: Passion Narrative in the Gospel of Luke

Mon 19 Mar: Passion Narrative in the Gospel of Mark

Mon 26 Mar: Passion Narrative in the Gospel of Matthew

Fees - \$50 attendance only. \$100 for those requiring a Certificate of Attendance. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses>

Registration is essential by 23 February.

2018 Lenten video resource: "Good News in Tough Times"

The Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn invite you to share in the 2018 Lenten journey. During the six weeks of Lent, Archbishop Christopher Prowse will present a series of reflections on the Gospel readings. This resource is perfect for parish-based groups, families and individuals and presents a great opportunity for all to withdraw from week-in, week-out busyness. To pre-order online: www.faithresources.org.au \$9.95 or call the Bookshop 02 6239 9888

Saints, Memorials and Feasts of the Week

17 Jan Memorial Anthony, Abbot

Born in 251 in upper Egypt. Died in 356. At an early age he gave away his possessions and sought the austere life and solitude in the desert. Yet he remained involved in the theological controversies of his day, defending the divinity of Christ. He attracted disciples who formed communities of hermits. The account of his life by Saint Athanasius was extremely influential in the development and spread of monasticism. Remembered as the father of monasticism.



20 Jan Optional Memorial Fabian, Pope, Martyr
Died as one of the first victims of the persecution under the emperor Decius in 250. In spite of being "a layman and a stranger" (Eusebius), he became bishop of Rome in 236. Reorganised the Church in Rome. Remembered by his contemporary, Saint Cyprian, as a man incomparable in the holiness of his life and the glory of his death.



20 Jan Optional Memorial Sebastian, Martyr
Died perhaps in the late third century. Nothing of his life is known for certain. May have been a soldier who was martyred after sustaining others in their trials. Venerated in Rome since the fourth century.



In our First Reading from the Book of Samuel we hear of how Samuel answered the call of God.

His response has become the subject of numerous hymns and other writings. Twice Samuel says "Here I am," and then declares (once he is aware that it is God Who is speaking to him), "Speak, for your servant is listening." One of the more popular hymns has as its refrain, "Here I am Lord; is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart." Just as the reading from 1 Samuel captures the essence of what our response to God's call should be, this hymn does as well. Do we respond as definitely as Samuel does? That is what we are called to do.

In the Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, Paul confirms that we (as Samuel realized) are completely God's. Paul indicates that just as the Church as a whole is a temple of the Holy Spirit, that is also true, especially in a spiritual sense, of each of us as Christians. We belong to God; our bodies belong to God, and not to ourselves. We are not our own for Christ has purchased us with the price of His sacrifice. It is human nature perhaps to take better care of something that does not belong to us.

Although Paul is making reference to sexual conduct, he is making a more important point. If our bodies belong to Jesus, we should not be idle with or wasteful with what belongs to Him. Our purpose is to respond to the Lord (as Samuel did) and to glorify God ("Therefore, glorify God in your body.").

Our Gospel Reading comes to us from the Gospel of St. John. You may recall that Matthew, Mark, and Luke are considered the synoptic Gospels — that is, "synoptic" is a Greek word that means "to see together." The synoptic Gospels present the life, Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus in a similar way.

The Gospel according to John is quite different. It is (at least according to scholars) more literary and more symbolic. It does not follow the same order as the synoptic Gospels, nor does it include the same stories. It was quite likely the last of the Gospels written. Today's Gospel Reading affirms and confirms what we have heard in the first two readings.

Jesus asks these first two disciples an important and a logical question: "What are you looking for?" It is the same question He asks of all of us. For the answer the Lord directed them, as He does us as well, to Himself – to live with Him, to "Come and...see." Those disciples followed Him. They do this at the urging of John the Baptist. Their willingness to follow Jesus fulfills John the Baptist's ministry.

From our First Reading to our Second Reading to this Gospel we are all called to do the same. We are called to be Christ's disciples. People come to faith in the Lord through invitation. Andrew invites and introduces his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. If we truly believe in the Lord, and wish to share that belief, we do invite others to join with us. That is part of our calling.

- Catholic Stewardship Consultants

"Speak, for your servant is listening." With those few words Samuel humbles himself and declares his loyalty and obedience to God. There are perhaps for many of us challenges in those words. Initially Samuel responds "Here I am," but thinks it was Eli who called him. The idea of being a servant and the willingness to serve are what may be trials for us in terms of how we live. Samuel does not recognize the voice of the Lord. That, too, may be a problem for us. First we need to be listening. Are we, or are we merely going through the motions? Responding to God with "Here I am" is a magnificent way to react to God. It is not that God does not know where we are, but saying that can serve as a reminder to us that we are stewards, servants to Him, and it implies we are prepared to hear what He wants us to do.

"Here I am" is said numerous times by those in the Old Testament including Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Isaiah, and by Ananias in the New Testament. When Jesus says, "Come follow me," as He does to us, do we hear Him, and even more important do we respond and do we follow? In order to do that properly we have to be prepared to serve Him and others. Thus, like Samuel, we need to listen, and then we need to serve.

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1st Reading 1 Samuel 3:3-10. 19

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening"'. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 39: 2. 4. 7-10

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **R.**

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

.Alleluia!

GOSPEL JOHN 1:35-42

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,'- which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord