

CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH

The Ascension of the Lord

21st May 2023

St Brigid's
Cnr Bancroft & Wilshire Sts, Dickson

St Patrick's
Cnr Donaldson & Cooyong Sts, Braddon

Year A

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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 20 June 10.30am note liturgy on other Tuesdays.

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 usually 9.15am at O'Connor; and Watson have their weekday Tues-Fri Masses at 5.30pm



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Prayer Vigil Information on back page

Vocations Dinner at Fr Josh's Presbytery in Queanbeyan Thursday 1 June at 6pm. Claim the date, more info next week or contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

Claim the Date: St Thomas More Forum and Parish Dinner Friday 23rd June at Mecure Hotel Ainslie, with our speaker this year Madeline Brennan KC.

Madeline Brennan KC is a barrister practising in the Federal and Queensland State jurisdictions in administrative, taxation and revenue matters. Madeline was first a secondary school teacher before having a family of five, studying law part time and being admitted to the bar on 3 June 1996.

Register now at <https://bit.ly/stm-230623> by 11am Friday 16 June 2023. For more info. email forum@stthomasmore.org.au. Cost \$90.00 (*Dinner and wine*). You can contact the Parish Office, if you would prefer or if you would like to be on a Parish table.

Fear vs Faith Singles for Christ— youth adults faith sharing group/course. Commenced 11 May in Campbell Church for 9 consecutive weeks

RSVP or call for more information Vi-Vien 0422 890 097 Vinnie 0402 610 804 Jaynel 0403 846 718

Rosters

The current Ministry Roster for readers, acolyte, counters, church vacuum cleaners is due to expire shortly. Thank you to those who give their time generously. if you are new to the Parish or now have more opportunity to help in these ministries, please complete the ministry form found in the foyer (or see Fr Emil) and please email to Ros wiley@netspeed.com.au. Please for those who may be away on holidays and not able to help, please also advise either to Ros or contact the office

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

The Petition to save Calvary hospital is on the Bulletin front page also info. of a prayer vigil next Wednesday. We are getting some good media coverage: Fr Tony Percy on Sky News, Fr Alex Osbourne on front page of Canberra Times, and in CBR Weekly. Pls join in with the Novena to St Joseph *Protector of the Church* – copies in foyer.

It was great to have the visitation of *The Pilgrim Statute of Our Lady of Fatima*, last weekend. The Srs went to several homes with smaller statues to make the family consecration. God's blessings Fr Em.

ROSTERS THIS WEEK 20/21 MAY

Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee
Readers Eileen Wignall,
Mairead Thomas

Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Marc Adorni-Braccesi
Readers Theresa Okwudike, Michael Kelly

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Catherine Bandle
Readers Judith Hurditch, Sue Hancock
Morning Tea Paul & Gabrielle Messina
Counting Anne Prendergast, Damien Smith
Church Fran & Delani, Carl & David Grace
cleaning Ros Wiley
Altar Society

ROSTERS THIS WEEK 27/28 MAY

Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Paulus Sukardi
Readers Emma & Grace Howse

Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Michael Kelly
Readers Ray Toohey, Mary Boyle
Altar Society Barbara Anderson

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Gabrielle Messina
Readers Henry Lee, Ken Maher
Counting Judith Hurditch, John Skene
Church Ling & Flora, Maria Lusiany
cleaning

Catholic Men's Breakfast claim the date: will be held on Tuesday, 23 May, from 7am to 8.45am, at St Christopher's Pastoral Centre. New York-based Catholic author and entertainer Christopher Padgett will speak at the event. Cost: \$38 Enquiries Frank Stanford-

fstanford200@gmail.com 110 664 0417

Registration:<https://bit.ly/ChrisPadgett> . Also cocktail dinner that night at ACU \$45. Tables of 8 for schools only @\$220. enquiries can be directed to Lara Kirk lara.kirk@cg.org.au See flyer in foyer.

Planned Giving

We have returned to passing the collection bags around as this has significantly increased the collections. Thankyou to all those collectors who are helping. Thanks again to those giving electronically Eft or using the tap machines.

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'.



May Rosary:
next Saturday
5.35pm the

youth will lead the rosary before 6.00pm Mass at St Brigids

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:

Rex Carmody, Felicity William, John Mahon, Roslyn Tippetts, Domingo Apolinar

Anniversary: Augustine Fonseka, Silvio Rossi, Carmelina & Mario Russo

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 June 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. 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 Saturday 20 May. This is held in the Dickson Parish Hall at 7.00pm. We will provide pizza with fun activities Then we will watch a video to reflect on. For more info see Fr Emil 0414 523 036.

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: every 1st Saturday of the month at St Brigid's Church 10am. Includes Rosary and Consecration to Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: usually for children in year 3 or older. Enrolment has started The actual Sacrament is being celebrated 9:30am Mass Sunday 18 June. The Retreat day will be held 14 June at St Thomas More Primary School. For more info contact the Parish Office or Fr Emil.

PROJECT COMPASSION : For those who have requested a receipt , please collect from the foyer.

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse invites all to a Prayer Vigil for Calvary Hospital at St Christopher's Cathedral **Wednesday May 24 beginning at 7.30pm**. The evening will include a decade of the Rosary, Benediction, songs of worship and short inputs from Archbishop Prowse and Fr Tony Percy. Bishop Bartholomew of Charioupolis, Greek Orthodox and Rev David Campbell, ACT Churches Council & St Andrew's Presbyterian Church will join us.

The Vigil will also be livestreamed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfVBDW_ADYE