



# Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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O'Connor St Joseph's 9am-1.00pm Wednesday, Watson Blackfriars 9am-1.00pm Thursday

## 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. Enquiries or concerns please contact: Fr Anthony Riosa SSS—[anthony.riosa@cg.org.au](mailto:anthony.riosa@cg.org.au) - Maria Hicks (Manager) - Phone **02 6239 9806** - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) [ipss@cg.org.au](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au)

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# Ascension of the Lord

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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.

## REMINDER: IMPACT OF CLERGY ASSEMBLY ON WEEKDAY MASSES

There will be a Clergy Assembly from 13-16 May at Galong. There will be **NO WEEKDAY MASSES** between 14-16 May at Blackfriars Watson, St Brigid's Dickson and St Joseph's O'Connor. St Patrick's Braddon will have masses as usual.

**REFLECTION:** We read in Acts and Mark's Gospel, that Jesus had shown himself to the apostles after his Passion. We can imagine the conversations they had with Jesus. What conversations do you need to have with Jesus about what's happening in your life and in our world. Sit with the apostles and Jesus and hear Jesus say to you, "Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation." (From God's Word Daily Reflections 2024)



## Entrance Antiphon - Acts 1: 11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

## 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 - Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9

*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.

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.

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.

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

## Second Reading - Ephesians 4:1-13

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, **one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same** hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

**2nd Reading Cont:** Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would:

*When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners,  
he gave gifts to men.*

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

*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 - Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them:

'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

## Communion Antiphon—Mt 28: 20

Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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## BAPTISMS

*Lincoln, MacKenzie &  
Charlotte Roland*

who will be baptised at  
St Joseph's O'Connor

*and*

*Mia Fairclough*

who will be baptised at Holy Rosary Watson  
this weekend.

May their lives be filled with God's peace and their hearts with God's love, on this Baptismal day and all days to come.



## PARISH SECRETARY—INNER NORTH PARISHES

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary, Inner North Parishes (encompassing Campbell, Canberra Central, O'Connor & Watson). This is a part-time position of 25 hours (subject to review in 6 & 12 months)

### Essential Requirements:

- Experience with database packages.
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction.
- Understand and administer areas of regulatory compliance (eg. WHS, child protection, copyright)
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching
- Current experience in an office environment and competent in Microsoft Suite.

Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. Pls email Deborah.foote@cg.org.au for a detailed copy of the duty statement and Selection Criteria. Applications addressing the Criteria with attached resume to Fr Anthony Riosa, SSS, anthony.riosa@cam.org.au must be received by Fri 17 May 2023.

## ARCHDIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

As part of the Year of the Holy Spirit and leading into an Archdiocesan Assembly later this year, please join others from across the Archdiocese for prayerful dialogue in the spirit of synodality (walking together). Do this by participating in one or more sessions of a Roundtable Series that is currently underway.

Future topics: Our Common Home: Justice, Outreach and Integral Ecology (24 May); Seek the City: Faith in the Public Sphere (22 June); Reconciliation and First Nations: Healing Wounds, Receiving Gifts (7 July); Roundtable on Women (1 Aug); The Voice of the Child: Safeguarding the Gift of our Children and Vulnerable (4 Sept). For more info and to register, go to <https://www.cgevangalisation.org.au/roundtables/>. If you want to connect with others in our inner north community interested in this series, please contact Emily at [emilykathrynhall@gmail.com](mailto:emilykathrynhall@gmail.com).

## BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

### Training, Formation and Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers for Blackfriars on 25/26 May

We thank all those who responded to the call for volunteers at Blackfriars. Father Renoir will be conducting training, formation and commissioning for Liturgical Ministers at Holy Rosary church over the weekend of 25/26 May. All current and new Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Volunteers who visit the sick and housebound are invited to attend:

- \* A training and formation session after the 5pm Mass at Watson on Saturday 25 May; and
- \* Commissioning during the 10am Mass at Watson on Sunday 26 May.

After commissioning, Liturgical Ministers are invited to the Blackfriars BBQ and morning tea with fellow parishioners. *Please ensure that you have a current Working With Vulnerable People Card and also signed the Archdiocesan Code of Conduct prior to 25 May.*

## GANGGANG CAFÉ GET TOGETHER

Time to gather again at GangGang cafe in Frencham Place, Downer on the third Thursday of the month 16/5 at 10-30 am. A table will be reserved indoors during these winter months. New comers welcome.

## CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON AND DICKSON

### Inner North Alpha – St Brigid's & St Patrick's Parish Representative

An Inner North Alpha course is being planned for later this year, to be organised and run by the Blackfriars Parish Renewal Team working with a representative of each of the other Inner North parishes. St Brigid's & St Patrick's is seeking a parishioner who would like to undertake this role.

Alpha is a way of building community and helping people discover, renew or deepen their faith. It's an opportunity to explore life and Christianity in a friendly, open and informal environment. Meetings provide a space for conversations about faith, life and God. It is a place where friends can be invited to 'come and see'.

Alpha is typically an 11 week course (which can be shortened) involving food, a talk or video, and conversation. The plan is to hold the sessions on a Sunday at 2.30pm, starting 4 August 2024, and rotate the venue among the four Inner North parishes.

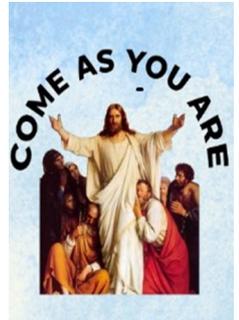
If you'd like to be the St Brigid's & St Patrick's representative for this Alpha, please let Bill Meani ([blink52@tpg.com.au](mailto:blink52@tpg.com.au)) know.

### St Brigid's Healing Service—19 May

3rd Sunday 9.30am mass will be followed by the healing service supported by the Community of the Risen Lord.

### St Brigid's Community of the Risen Lord Weekly Meeting

Every Friday, meeting commences with Holy Mass at 7.00pm followed by a live message and live adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



## ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

### CHURCH REPAIRS - CALL FOR QUOTES

We are seeking tradespeople referrals for repairing and making good the presbytery garage roof/ceiling following water damage. Please contact Fr Anthony 'Thonn' Riosa for details.

### 12 MAY—MOTHERS' DAY MORNING TEA

A Mother's Day Morning Tea will be held at St Joseph's church on Sunday, 12 May after the 9am mass. Please bring a plate to share and celebrate with your mothers, grandmothers, special aunt or friend of the family.

## ARCHDIOCESE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

### 18 May | Marriage Preparation Courses

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *Engaged Encounter*- Sydney, Sat 18 & Sun 19 May. *FOCCUS* - Tues 11<sup>th</sup> June 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. *Evenings for the Engaged*- Sat 13 & 20 July. *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au) Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

## VINNIES WINTER APPEAL—1-2 JUNE

Vinnies helps for more than 330 individuals and families in need across the Inner North Community Parishes. We will be holding a retiring collection after Masses on the weekend of 1-2 June to support the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Further details to follow in the coming weeks.

# TAIZÉ PRAYER

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024



Jointly hosted by:

St Margaret's Uniting Church, Hackett  
Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Watson  
Holy Cross Anglican Church, Hackett



Holy Cross Church, Hackett  
Sunday 12 May, 6.00pm



## OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Stephen Hall, Carmel Ford, Fr Thomas P Brophy (brother of Maureen Quaine), Kathy Honor, Jose Rico, Ralph Booker,

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Tom Petry, Maria Lucy Condemi, Albertina and Luis Dos Santos, Edna O'Brien, Carmelo Strazzeri, Margaret Baker

## 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

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

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Hugh Zochling, Ray Hempel, Joseph Nguyen, Christine Nguyen, Evelyn Matriano, Davide Verri, Bedelia delos Santos, Sabina - Mary Coles, Mary Pavey, Anne Corver, Sue King, Barbara Wilson, Una Bell, Philip Bailey, Peter Catlin, Rosa Maria Santos, Gloria Sibley, Beth Delos Santos, Fr Ellis Clifford, Una Ford, June Pollard, Philip Cruz, Maureen Blood, Robin Lees, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Elizabeth Webster, Colleen Brackett (& friend Jackie), Baby Remi Elliott, Tony Bandle, Clare Packer, Robyn Cross, Paul Thorpe, Kahren Maclean (daughter of Joycelyn), Ernst Willheim, Mahsa Raoofian, Lyn Mowbray, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Carmel Slammon, Alphonsa & Maria Bankovsky

## 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)					11:45am*	
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