



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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Parish Offices Opening Hours: Refer over for Christmas Times

Watson Blackfriars Thursday & Friday 9am-1.00pm | Dickson St Brigid's Tuesday & Wednesday 9am-1.00pm

O'Connor St Joseph's Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am-1.00pm

Campbell St Thomas More - Closed next week

Third Sunday of Advent | Year C | 15 December 2024

The Third Sunday of Advent is often known as Gaudete ('Rejoice!') Sunday, after the lines which appear in our second reading today, 'Rejoice in the Lord always: I shall say it again, rejoice!'. This exhortation to joy, while deeply encouraging and inspiring, can often seem to be difficult or impossible to put into practice. Perhaps there are things in our lives or our world which we cannot rejoice over, and which weigh our hearts down. But joy is, in fact, the natural human condition. God, as a loving Creator, wants us to be happy, both in this world and the next. Let us ask ourselves, 'What are the things in my life and heart which may be holding me back from happiness - pride, fear, unforgiveness, envy, ambition, resentment?' Let us open our hearts to Jesus, to come in with his winnowing fan and sweep them all away.

From God's Word, Daily Reflections, 2024

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 - Maria Hicks (Manager) - Phone 02 6239 9806 - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) ipss@cg.org.au

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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.

Entrance Antiphon - Phil 4: 4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading - Zephaniah 3: 14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm - Isaiah 12:2-6

*Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the
great and Holy One of Israel.*

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

*Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the
great and Holy One of Israel.*

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name.

*Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the
great and Holy One of Israel.*

Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds;
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

*Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the
great and Holy One of Israel.*

Second Reading Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation - Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

Communion Antiphon Is 35: 4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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Archdiocesan IT Issues

Please be advised that parishes across the Archdiocese are currently experiencing IT outages. This is affecting email accounts and other functionality. At the time of printing the parish office email (Innernorth@cg.org.au) is online but this is subject to change. The Priests emails are also affected. For time critical matters, please phone Kathie 0416 823 447 or Danielle 0412 128 038.

Inner North Parish Offices - Christmas Closures

24 December 2024 to 3 February 2025 - Secretaries available via phone and email from Tuesday 7 January 2025.

Baptisms

Congratulations to Ryan Stoneham and also Hannah and Liam Schofield who will be baptized at Blackfriars Holy Rosary in Watson and also to Ruiwen Guo who will be baptized and confirmed at St Brigid's in Dickson. 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.



CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

Christmas Singing - 24/25 December

Do you like Christmas carols? Are you interested in joining the choir singing on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day? Please contact Ling at lingwlyau@yahoo.com.hk for details. The more the merrier

Adoration - 18 December

Wednesday 8:30 am will be the last Adoration for 2024. Adoration will resume 5 February 2025.

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

CHRISTMAS EVENTS at Holy Cross Anglican / St Margaret's Uniting Church

Sunday 15 December @6.30pm - we will be hosting our usual ecumenical "Community BBQ and Carols

Thursday 19 December @ 7.00pm - we are holding a reflective "Blue Christmas" service of prayer and readings. This is a pastoral ecumenical service of healing and hope, especially for anyone for whom Christmas is a time of sad or painful memories.

Christmas is Coming!

A Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm will be held at Holy Rosary Church and we would like children to be involved in this Mass. If you are attending the Mass and have children who would like to be involved in the Liturgy – please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible. Further information to follow.

Archdiocesan Assembly 2024 – Synthesis Report seeks responses

As part of the Year of the Holy Spirit, over 550 people across the Archdiocese gathered on 19 October 2024 to discern 'what seems good to the Holy Spirit and us' (Acts 15:28). The Assembly was a step on a pilgrim journey of discernment, which you are invited to join as the journey continues. A synthesis report of the Assembly is available at <https://www.cgevangalisation.org.au/response/>. The report invites responses by 15 December 2024 to questions listed at page 20. Please read the report and consider responding. Copies of the questions will be left on the tables in the church foyers.

The Rosary

The Sorrowful Mysteries will be recited on Sunday 15/12/24 Seeking forgiveness of sins and reconciliation
The Joyful Mysteries will be recited at 09-30 prompt on Sunday 22/12 and the Intention 'Searching for Joy in a troubled world'.

Please consider leading the Rosary on one of the two Sundays left in December.

Pamphlets are available if you need guidance at a cost of \$2 after the 10 am mass or from the Parish Office. The microphone by the piano is to be used'

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord:

Margaret Cahill, Steve Sedgwick, Harold (Phil) Harris, Sr Paulinus Croker, Janina Hebda, Henry Gurney, James Tran, Una Ford, Peter Tormey, Patrick O'Hagen, Nola Gundry.

IN LOVING MEMORY

John Anthony Anderson, Margherita Serge, Gabriel Savas, Paula Savas, Ivan Klaric, Maria Cuc, Edward Pook, Helen Zobec, Elizabeth (Lil) Tisdell, Vanda Godfrey, Ashley La'Porte, Bro Harrison, Fr Rafael Cabezon, Joe Monteen.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Peter Catlin, Garry Collett, Aderito Kearney, Scott Allberry, Sue King, Robin Lees, Maggie McKeon, Noel Tanzer, Wendy Altamore.

Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for four weeks. You are welcome to email the parish office if you would like to renew your prayer request.

ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

Parish Office will be closed Tuesday 17 December

Flower Ministry - 23 December

We would welcome women and men who could spare an hour or two on Monday 23 December to help collect, unload, strip and condition flowers. This would greatly reduce the load which currently rests on one person. Anyone with even a little expertise in floral decorating using (eco-)foam or vases would also be most welcome to help with the final phase of arranging flowers and decorating the Sanctuary. Please contact (Danielle at the office).

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

Parish Office will be closed Thursday 19 & Friday 20 December

STM Parish 60th Anniversary

The STM PPC would like to thank all those who helped with and attended the recent 60th birthday anniversary Mass. Mass was celebrated by Vicar General Fr Richard Thompson who concelebrated with our Parish Priest Fr Anthony Riosa, Fr Bernie Patterson representing our Past Priests and Fr Bernie Hennessy representing Priests from the Military Ordinariate. Over 250 people from the Parish, School and surrounds celebrated Mass together and then enjoyed a sumptuous BBQ brunch, outdoor lawn games, a treasure hunt and a photographic/ videographic trip down memory lane. Attendees were presented with a commemorative Mass card and lapel pin designed by St Thomas More students Harry and Siara. We look forward to our 70th celebrations.... in 7 years time (ask a member of the STM PPC about the Maths involved).

STM Outdoor Christmas Eve Mass - help

needed - The PPC is inviting musicians and singers to help out with the music for our Christmas Eve Outdoor Mass at 6:30pm. Also needed are volunteers to help set up from 4pm on Christmas Eve. We can promise lots of Christmas cheer and good will, and maybe a glass of sparkling or two after Mass as a reward. Contact Joanne joannegale28@gmail.com if you are able to help.



Contribute to the First Collection:

Account Name: Central Presbytery Fund
 BSB: 062-786 - Bank Account: 00029248
 Reference: Your parish location, name and intention (e.g. Campbell Smith 1st collect)

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Canberra Central : A/C Name Canberra Central Parish
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MASS, SACRAMENT & DEVOTION TIMES - week ending 15 December

	Blackfriars, Watson	St Brigid's, Dickson	St Joseph's, O'Connor	St Patricks, Braddon	St Thomas More, Campbell
Mass					
Sunday	10.00am 5.00pm	9.30am 5.00pm Vietnamese Mass - 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month	8.30am With Children's Liturgy	8.00am	10.00am
Monday 9 Dec		9.00am	9.15am	12.30pm	
Tuesday to Thursday	5.30pm	9.00am	9.15am	12.30pm	
Friday	5.30pm	9.00am	9.15am	12.30pm	11.45am - 1st & 3rd Friday of the month
Saturday	5.00pm (vigil)	9.00am 6.00pm (vigil)	8.30am 6.00pm (vigil)		
Reconciliation					
Friday			8.15 - 9.00am - during Holy Hour	12.00 - 12.30pm	
Saturday	4.00 - 4.30pm	9.30 - 10.00am 5.30 - 5.50pm	5.15 - 5.45pm		
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament					
Tuesday			8.15 - 9.10am		
Wednesday		8.00am - 8.00pm			
Thursday					
Friday	6.00 - 7.00pm				11.30am - 12.30pm
Saturday		9.30 - 10.00am			
Anointing of the Sick					
Sunday		After 9.30am Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month			11.15am - 1st Sunday of the month
Saturday			Within 8.30am Mass - 1st Saturday of the month		
Rosary Prayers					
Tuesday to Friday		8.30am	After 9.15am Mass		
Saturday		8.30am	8.15am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help		