



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

Under the Care of Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (SSS)

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Parish Offices Opening Hours: Dickson St Brigid's 9am-1.00pm Tuesday, Campbell St Thomas More 9am-1.00pm Friday
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 - Maria Hicks (Manager) - Phone [02 6239 9806](tel:0262399806) - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) ipss@cg.org.au



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[https://cgatholic.org.au/
parishes/oconnor/](https://cgatholic.org.au/parishes/oconnor/)

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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.

REFLECTION: Today's Gospel contains the parable of the mustard seed. The use of parables was a masterly teaching technique of Jesus to convey truths and insights about the reign of God. Jesus used everyday realities and familiar occurrences to communicate his teaching to them. Narrative theology is a branch of study that considers how stories in the Bible employ different genres and literary features to communicate the authors intent (albeit inspired by the Holy Spirit) and how the historical and social factors of the time may have shaped these stories. This parable of the mustard seed is a timeless little narrative that speaks to us in our days of how important it is care for our creation. How can we plant seeds of hope in all the situations we will encounter this day? (From Gods Word, Daily Reflections 2024)

Entrance Antiphon — Cf. Ps 26: 7, 9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First Reading - Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain.

I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.

It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord.

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation — Jn15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Communion Antiphon — Ps 26: 4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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Introducing our PARISH YOUTH COORDINATORS

Parish Youth Coordinators (PYCs) exist to raise up a new generation in the life and mission of our Parish communities. PYCs are centred on a vision of discipleship and accompaniment within the parish. These roles nurture spaces in our Church where children, youth, young adults and families can belong to the Church, believe in Christ and become missionary disciples.

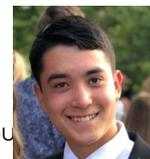
Naomi Siahaan (21) is a dedicated member of our parishes, spending time between St Patrick's (often involved in Sunday choir) and Holy Rosary. She is a member of the Singles for Christ community and has a passion to help young people connect with the church.



Andrea Rose Thomas (18) moved from Melbourne this year to study Law/International Relations at ANU. She is a member of Jesus Youth, and can often be spotted at St Joseph's and St Patrick's. Andrea is energetic and passionate about youth ministry. She looks forward to drawing university students and the unchurched to the parish and building up existing communities.



Zane Mason (21) is a dedicated member of the Campbell Parish, serving as an Acolyte and new member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Zane studies software engineering at UC. He is passionate about the Liturgy and youth ministry and is eager to work amongst our team of Youth Coordinators and Volunteers.



21-23 June | Consecrated Life Retreat

Come and discover the gift of consecrated life. Missionaries of God's Love Sisters invite young women (18+) to a weekend of prayer, sharing and sisterhood to help discern life direction and vocation. For more information or to RSVP please contact Therese on 0432 228 250 or mgl sisters@gmail.com

ARCHBISHOP'S MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE IN EDEN - Sat 3 Aug

Parishioners are invited to join Archbishop Christopher Prowse as he leads the annual Mary MacKillop pilgrimage in Eden on Saturday, August 3rd. This pilgrimage holds a special significance as it commemorates Australia's first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, at the very site she visited on two separate occasions, in 1899 and 1901.

The day will include a pilgrim's walk, Mass and a parish lunch. If you wish to attend, RSVP at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1228948?>

BLACKFRIARS PARISH

GangGang Café Catch-Up

Time to catch up again with fellow parishioners and others on Thursday 20/6 at 10-30 am at GangGang, Frencham Place Downer. A table indoors will be reserved for us. Trust you are all managing to fight off the winter chills and viruses. Stay warm.



Help Support THE FARM IN GALONG

The Farm is a not-for-profit charity located in Galong. It was established to support women recovering from alcohol and other drug misuse. The work of the Farm is underpinned by the belief that whatever has been lost in a person's life can be restored. For more info on The Farm go to <https://thefarmingalong.com.au>

They need our support to sustain their work with the women and children that need time in their therapeutic community. The Farm is an endorsed Deductible Gift Recipient under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*. Here are the bank account details for electronic funds transfer:

Account: The Farm in Galong Ltd
BSB: 633 000
Account number: 165 751 173

13 AUGUST | Marriage Preparation Courses

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: **FOCCUS** - Tues 13th August 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare.

Engaged Encounter- Sydney, Sat 17 & Sun 18 August.

SmartLoving – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au Enquiries: Text Helena Zobeck on **0405 440 463**

SAVE THE DATE - THURS 12 SEPT

The Archbishop will celebrate Mass to formally welcome the Blessed Sacrament Fathers to the Inner North Catholic Community and the Archdiocese at 5.30pm on Thursday 12 Sept, at Holy Rosary Church, Watson.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON AND DICKSON

Healing Service

Every 3rd Sunday 9.30am Mass will be followed by a Healing Service at St Brigid's Church.



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.

Fundraising Event - DECOUPAGE WORKSHOP

Sunday 23rd June straight after mass – around 10.45 am—in St Brigid's Parish Hall. Come along and learn how to make beautiful things out of old jars! We have an experienced teacher who will show us how to make vases and candleholders.

What to bring: A clean jar to make your candle holder or vase.

How much: \$20 adult, \$5 child, \$30 Family

How to book: Put your name on the list after mass on Saturday night or Sunday Morning, please pay by Sunday 16th June.

ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PASTORAL /FINANCE COUNCILS

Positions on the St Joseph's Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council are open for self-nomination by members of our parish and school from 1 July. Father Thonn needs a reliable group of people to help with the organisation and improvement of our parish. The councils currently meet monthly at 6pm on a Tuesday in the parish centre.

If you have skills that you would like to put to work in service of St Joseph's parishioners, please email Father Thonn Anthony. riosaa@cg.org.au with your name, and a brief description of the gifts and talents you would like to share with the parish.



CLINICAL PASTORAL CARE PROGRAM

A Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) 5-day course. This course is excellent for Eucharistic Ministers visiting homes, volunteers in Aged Care, schools or prisons, or anyone contemplating a career change to Pastoral Care. The course runs Wednesdays, July 10-Aug 7, 9-5pm in Deakin, cost is \$450. It is followed by a longer CPE unit for those interested in more in-depth training in spiritual care. Enrolments by end May. Please contact Susanne Schmidt on 0431 243 486 or at susannecpe@gmail.com

22 JUNE | Cultural Competency Workshop

The ACG Catholic Women's Taskforce presents a 1-day workshop on Cultural Competency: Ngunnawal Context, facilitated by Kylie Shea. The workshop will be held at St Vincent de Paul's Parish Centre, 7 Bindel St Aranda ACT. Registrations are essential and available at cgwomen.com.au

CHURCH POSITION ON ACT VAD LAWS

STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN REGARDING A.C.T. LEGISLATION ON EUTHANASIA (VAD)

The legislation at present in the A.C.T. Assembly is based on a MISTAKEN COMPASSION. Compassion/love never kills but stays alongside the terminally ill sufferer. By closeness and tenderness, we accompany those who struggle with their finiteness and care for them.

The ascendancy of narratives based on euthanasia generate despair and a complete lack of genuine hope and accompaniment of our beloved dying.

Genuine Palliative care is the best and most compassionate response to the dying. It is to be uppermost in our considerations. It is to be better resourced and widely available, especially for those in rural areas.

More recent discussions on extending Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD), through the use of Power of Attorney, is a most troubling development. It crosses the line of legislation aimed at the terminally ill and is unambiguously aimed, as a form of State sanctioned suicide, at those who are not terminally ill.

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OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Alfred Mercieca, Paula West, Annette Brackett, Rita Paul (Roger's mother), Anita Hobbs (Kate Hobbs sister-in-law),

IN LOVING MEMORY

Athol Collins, Peter Peters, Mario and Carmelina Russo, Philip Bui, Barbara Ann Avis, Joseph Grzic, Tom Petry

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 WEDNESDAY
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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George Fearon, Ligia Kulesa, Pat Turnbull, Hugh Zochling, Ray Hempel, Joseph Nguyen, Christine Nguyen, Evelyn Matriano, Davide Verri, Bedelia delos Santos, Sabina 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), Remi Elliott, Tony Bandle, Clare Packer, Robyn Cross, Paul Thorpe, Joycelyn and Kahren Maclean, 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**			

* Every 1st and 3rd Friday at 11.45 am (Note: School attends this Mass during term)

** 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 (1st & 3rd 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)	11:30am – 12:30pm Friday
St Brigid's (Dickson)	8:00am – 8:00pm Wednesday 9:30am – 10:00am Saturday
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, Wednesday, Thursday (Cenacle), Friday 8:15am Sat before Mass (Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)
Holy Rosary (Watson)	Before 10:00am Mass, 1 st & 3 rd Sundays
Anointing of the Sick	
St Brigid's (Dickson)	After 9:30am Mass every 3 rd Sunday
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	8:30am First Saturday of the month
St Thomas More (Campbell)	11:15am First Sunday of the month