

CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 July 2023

St Brigid's
Cnr Bancroft & Wilshire Sts, Dickson

St Patrick's
Cnr Donaldson & Cooyong Sts, Braddon

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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

Wed, Thurs & Sat: 9:00am (St Brigid's)

Tuesday to Friday: 12:30pm (St Patrick's)

Goodwin Village Ainslie Nursing Home: next Mass Tues 25 July 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: Watson have their weekday Tues–Fri Masses at 5.30pm.



Youth Group climb Mt Ainslie with visiting U-turn Youth Team from The Servants of Jesus from Sydney



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

This winter we are highlighting the increasing rate of older women who either are or are at risk of becoming homeless. Vinnies helps many older women in this situation and we are asking for your help to do more.

You can donate by filling in the envelopes in the Church and either posting them or giving to one of the Vinnies volunteers at Mass. As always thanks for your generosity.

Our Parish is covered by the Watson conference who are seeking new members, if you would like to find out about this ministry pls contact the parish office.

Leaves Working Bee: Please claim the date.
Our annual working bee to clear the leaves from the grounds of St Brigid's Church will be Saturday morning 29 July, starting at 8.00 am, or as you arrive.

New Life in God's Spirit Seminar: Is being run by Good Shepherd Prayer Group, and has commenced. This Week 7pm Wed Fr Emil has been invited to give the talk on *Jesus is Lord*. See Foyer for more info.

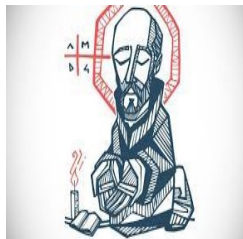
Archbishop's Letter Year of the Holy Spirit: Archbishop's Letter Year of the Holy Spirit: Copies of his latest Pastoral Letter with updates on re-establishing a Diocesan Pastoral Council are in the foyer. With this letter from the Archbishop there are also attached several documents. If you wish to receive any or all of the following, please contact via email the Parish office.

- *The Conversation in the Spirit
- *Evangelisation
- *Discerning our Spiritual Gifts
- *Archbishop Frank Carroll, 2004 SYNOD address
- *From Walking together to the Holy Spirit.

Join with others to celebrate the:

Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola at a short Ignatian Spirituality meditation at 5.40pm (before 6pm Mass) Saturday 29 July 2023, St Matthew's, Chewings St, Page or 11am (after 10am Mass) Sunday 30 July 2023, St Vincent's, Bindel St, Aranda.

More information on Ignatian Spirituality is available at: <https://www.clcaustralia.org.au/>



SHEPHERDS CORNER

I attended the National Vocations Directors conference during the week in Sydney (with Fr Josh) held at the Homebush Seminary. It was good to meet up with our three seminarians too.

The speakers were deeply insightful. One take away was the three elements that are pre-requisites before formation begins for a young man they are: having a stable and confident masculinity, sincerity, and generosity of heart. Other virtues like humility, Fortitude and Piety can grow significantly during formation but the former not so much.

Let us pray indeed that all young Catholic men are raised with these qualities. God's Blessings Fr Em

ROSTERS THIS WEEK 22/23 JULY

Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee
Readers Eileen Wignall, Marjorie Rego

Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Ashley Bawden
Readers Ray Toohey, Mary Boyle

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Gabrielle Messina
Readers Sue Hancock, Judith Hurditch

Counting Judith Hurditch, John Skene
Church Ling & Flora, Maria Lusiany
cleaning
Altar Society Barbara Anderson

ROSTERS THIS WEEK 29/30 JULY

Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Paulus Sukardi
Readers John Skene, Mairead Thomas

Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Michael Kelly
Readers Lindy Dugard, Carol Christopher

Altar Society Mary Boyle

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Gabrielle Messina
Readers Henry Lee, Ken Maher

Counting Ken Maher, Margaret McGee
Church Volunteers

cleaning

Naidoc Week: This year the theme is Our Elders, it will be celebrated from 17 July until 23 July. This year there will be a special Mass celebrated at St Christopher's Cathedral and various regions in the Archdiocese. More information go to naidoc.org.au

High Tea for The Farm, Galong: Sister Kate Cleary has been invited by a group of Parishioners to speak at a High Tea on 8th September, 12.30- 2.30pm at The Parish Hall, Campbell. For now claim the date, but this will be a fundraiser and awareness raising for the great work that is happening there to support women in need to get back on their feet. If you would like to help please contact Kim via the Campbell Parish office, on **0416 823 447**

Download the Qkr! App for Easy Giving

The Qkr! (pronounced Quicker) app is an easy and secure way to contribute to the First and Second Collections plus any special donations.

Step 1: **Download Qkr!** on your Android phone or iPhone. Go to *app store* & type in search area Qkr.

Step 2: **Register** Select your country of residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register.

Step 3: **Find your Parish** Our parish will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10 km of the parish, or search for our parish by name (Canberra Central Parish).

Step 4: **Register your debit card** When first accessing our parish, you will be prompted to add a profile. This allows you to make orders and payments.

Interchurch Day Hike 5 August 2023

If you are interested, please see notice board for more information.

Next Vocations discernment dinner on Thursday

10 August at Fr Josh's presbytery Queanbeyan
5:30pm Mass, 6pm Confessions & Adoration, 6:45 dinner, 7:45 Vocations discussion & 8:30 conclude with Night Prayer. For young men considering a call to the priesthood. To rsvp contact Fr Josh josh.scott@cg.org.au or Fr Emil 0414523036.

Please Pray for

The Sick

Brenda Currer, Joan Goodwin, Nadine Hartley, Gabriel Hengkiarto Indra, Mary O'Hanlon, Alphonsa Bankobsky, Dave Senior, Baby Remi Elliott, Tony Bandle, Joyce Thompson, Matthew Templeton

Recently Deceased:



Sisifo Gisa, Mother of Fr Lolesio,



Francis Harvey, John Day, John Kirkland,
Rex Carmody, Felicity William, John Mahon, Roslyn Tippetts,

Domingo Apolinar

Anniversary: Joseph Martin Lyons, Eva Arado, Sem Carbardo, Dorothy Olsen, Ricarte Polloso, Tin Nguyen, David Wignall,

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

Gathering 25-27 August at Galong for the Annual Retreat Weekend. A focus on the path of holiness as revealed by Catholic mystics. For more info. please contact Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au

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



Legion of Mary

Meets weekly in Dickson Parish hall. Legionaries are simply Mary's means of action in the world today! Come and join any time. For more information contact Sherree via text: 0407 610 526.

Parish Library – St Brigid's Hall

A large selection of Catholic books is available for borrowing in our Parish Library. One recommendation is book no. 22, *Walking With Mary. A biblical journey from Nazareth to the Cross* by Dr Edward Sri, an easy and insightful read about how Mary's own journey of faith applies to our daily lives. Books may be borrowed when the hall is open, eg. after Sunday Mass, or please contact Legion of Mary for access at other times.

Craft Group:

Craft Group on Wednesday fortnightly at 1pm in St. Brigid's Parish Hall. Enquiries Mary Boyle 0450 060 526

Parish Youth Group: The next Parish Youth Group Saturday 29 July . This is held regularly in the Dickson Parish Hall at 7.00pm. We provide pizza with fun activities. Next meeting we will watch a video on St Mary Magdalene to reflect on, more info see Bart or Fr Emil 0414 523 036.

First Reading Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

Child Safeguarding update: Did you know– the Archdiocese has a child protection policy? All volunteers in ministries are asked to sign a declaration they have read it. For more info. contact the parish office.

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

Second Reading Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

Please listen if longer version is read by the Priest....

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.