

CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th July 2023

St Brigid's
Cnr Bancroft & Wilshire Sts, Dickson

St Patrick's
Cnr Donaldson & Cooyong Sts, Braddon

Year A

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Priests

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Parish Office Hours

Away on Annual Leave until 6 September.

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 (1st and 3rd 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 22 August 10.30am note liturgy on other weeks.

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.



World Youth Day Logo—We pray for our Archdiocese Pilgrims

Canberra World You Day Events:

Are being held at St Christopher's Cathedral -

- Monday with catechesis with Fr Alex 6:30pm
 - Wed 6:30pm Pope's opening mass homily
 - Thursday 6pm confessions then view Fatima movie & pizzas
 - Friday 6pm Way of the cross then drinks
 - Saturday 2pm sports/games, 4:30 Virgil Prayers
- For more info see notice board flyer.

Sacrament of Confirmation: The enrolment will be on 10 September at the 9.30 am Mass, at St Thomas Parish. This sacrament is for those in year 6, usually (12 years and older), with the actual Sacrament celebrated Sunday 29 October at the 9.30 Mass, at St Thomas More Parish.

New Life in God's Spirit Seminar : Is being run by Good Shepherd Prayer Group. 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.

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.

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

There is an exciting initiative that a new choir is trying to start up for the 9:30am Mass at St Brigid's. Practice is after the Mass this Sunday. If anyone could loan a guitar or donate the money for one pls contact me on 0414523036.

Our Parish Secretary Kathie is going on leave to London for the month of August, we wish her a well earned trip to see family. We tried to streamline the office duties in her absence and Elena will come in Wed mornings to do the bulletin. Communication might be slower than usual in August and we ask for patience and prayer!

Thanks to all those who helped at the leaves annual working be at Dickson on Saturday, we usually take about 2 tons to the tip!

And we pray for the 26 WYD Portugal Pilgrims from our Archdiocese; note the local synchronized events at the Cathedral on front of bulletin.

God's blessing Fr Em

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

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Gabrielle Messina
Readers Henry Lee & Ken Maher
Counting Ken Maher, Margaret McGee
Church Volunteer
cleaning
Altar Society Mary Boyle

ROSTERS THIS WEEK 5/6 AUGUST

Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee
Readers Emma & Grace Howse

Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Ashley Bawden
Readers Jenny Francis & Shenelle Egbert
Morning Tea Bernadette & Najib Raya
Altar Society Barbara Anderson

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Dominica Rossi
Readers Fernando family
Counting Mary Boyle, Ros Wiley
Church Paul Sukardi & Co.
cleaning

High Tea for TheFarm, Galong: Sister Kate Cleary has been invited by a group of Campbell 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, via email at Campbell@cg.org.au

A New Choir for Sunday St Brigid's 9:30 Mass is starting: Practice starts next week after Mass 6 Aug, then they will sing for us on the 13th August. For more info. contact Ling: lingwlyau@yahoo.com.hk

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'.

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.

Save the Date: Marymead Card Day: August 14 at Royal Canberra Golf Club Commencing at 10.00 am.

Cost is \$50 which includes a hot lunch, glass of wine, soft drink, tea, coffee, petit fours and there will be craft and preserves for sale.

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:



Fr Laurie Beath brother of Fr Greg Beath, Fr Raphael Cabezon OP, Sisifo Gisa, Mother of Fr Lolesio,



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

Domingo Apolinar

Anniversary: Marjorie Eileen Lyons, 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

Next Zoom meeting Sunday 2pm 6 August. Annual gathering 25-27 August at Galong for the Annual Retreat Weekend. For more info. please contact Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au

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.

Interchurch Day Hike 5 August 2023

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

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **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.

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Second Reading Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.