



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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

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Watson Blackfriars 9am-1.00pm Thursday | Dickson St Brigid's 9am-1.00pm Tuesday
O'Connor St Joseph's 9am-1.00pm Wednesday | Campbell St Thomas More 9am-1.00pm Friday

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | 7 July 2024

REFLECTION: Familiarity breeds contempt. So the well-known saying goes. And we see it realised in today's Gospel. In one way the people of Jesus' home town knew him too well, but in essence they knew him too little. They knew a lot about him—his family background, his relatives, his trade, his education or rather lack of it. All of this blinded them to seeing who he really was—a prophet, someone through whom the word of God was being spoken and fulfilled.

In putting Jesus down, the people of Nazareth were putting themselves down as well. They had bought into the well-known saying, 'can anything good come from Nazareth?' It was beyond their comprehension that God would choose someone from Nazareth to be a prophet. Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith. Are we guilty of the same blindness? Does familiarity mean that we too fail to see the face of God in members of our family and local community, in the poor and outcast? Is Jesus amazed at our lack of faith also? (From *Gods 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.riosacg.org.au - Maria Hicks (Manager) - Phone 02 6239 9806 - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) ipsscgs.org.au

Parish Safeguarding Officers

Blackfriars Parish, Watson: Nicole watson.safeguardingcg.org.au

Canberra Central, Dickson & Braddon: Barbara & Catherine: CanberraCentral.Safeguardingcg.org.au

St Joseph's O'Connor: Fiona: occonnor.safeguardingcg.org.au

St Thomas More, Campbell: Monica: Campbell.safeguardingcg.org.au



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INNER NORTH

ALPHA—August/September

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
We are thrilled to announce that the Inner North Catholic Community will be hosting the Alpha Programme, a wonderful opportunity for *everyone* to explore the Christian faith, deepen their relationship with Jesus, and build meaningful friendships within our parish community.

📅 What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that create a space where people can discuss life's big questions and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. Whether you are new to Christianity or have been walking with Jesus for years, Alpha is for you!

📣 Exciting Endorsement!

We are also delighted to share that our beloved Archbishop has written a heartfelt letter endorsing the Alpha Programme! In his letter, he highlights the transformative impact of Alpha on individuals and communities, encouraging everyone to take part in this enriching experience.

📖 A Message from the Archbishop:

*"Dear Parishioners of the Inner North Catholic Community, ...I am delighted to hear that the parishes of the Canberra Inner North Catholic Community are planning to run a joint ALPHA Program, rotating the venue between the parishes. ALPHA is a great way to enter into our Archdiocesan focus on evangelisation and I strongly urge all parishioners to consider attending... and to ask your friends or relatives who may have separated from the Church, or who may in fact be totally unchurched, to **come and see**"*

💖 Join Us!

Come and be a part of this incredible journey with us. Invite your friends, family, neighbours, and anyone who might be searching for answers or a deeper connection with God.

📅 When: 4 August 2024

📍 Where: First session is at **Watson**

🔗 Register Here: innorth@cg.org.au (ALPHA in subject line) or just turn up!

Additionally, an information session will be held after Sunday Mass on 14 July at St Joseph's, where morning tea will be provided.

We can't wait to see you there and embark on this spiritual adventure together. Let's grow in faith, love, and community through the Alpha Programme!

📁 Planned Giving Envelopes

The 2024/25 Planned Giving Envelopes are now available for collection in the foyers of all our parish churches.

Blessed Sacrament Fathers Welcoming Mass - 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**. Please see letter below from Archbishop Prowse:



Archbishop's Office
GPO Box 3089
Canberra ACT 2601

19th June 2024

Dear Parishioners of the Canberra Inner North Catholic Community,

I have been delighted to hear how well you have welcomed the Blessed Sacrament Fathers. I hope you can join me to celebrate their arrival and formally welcome the Blessed Sacrament Fathers to your Community and the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn at Mass to be celebrated at Holy Rosary Church, Watson at 5.30pm on Thursday 12 September 2024 with a shared meal to follow.

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I am particularly excited that you have decided to run this ALPHA as a collaborative venture between the four parishes of the Canberra Inner North Catholic Community. I have felt for some time that we have to abolish the silos that divide us, the silos that separate parishes, even the silos that separate people in the same parish who attend different Masses. This initiative is one of a number that I understand are in train that can help build a true Christian community in the Inner North where your unity based on mutual love will be a beacon to the secular world around you.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

Vinnies Campbell Clothing/ Blanket Drive

In conjunction with the St Thomas More's school we are holding a winter clothing/blanket drive. Please bring along your unwanted clean winter clothing and blankets and we will ensure they get to our stores to raise money for our programs or to companions in need.

ST JOSEPH'S, O'CONNOR

Unpacking the Creed

As usual, we will be meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, that is, Wednesday 10 July at 7.30pm, at St Joseph's, in the parish hall. All welcome. For more information, contact Anna Wierzbicka: Anna.Wierzbicka@anu.edu.au.

Prayer & Eucharistic Adoration Vigil

On Friday, 12th July, 2024 from 5pm until 10pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre, O'Connor (next to the church), there will be a Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration Vigil for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

All are welcome to stay from 5pm to 10pm or come and go during the evening.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

Healing Service St Brigid Church, Dickson

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

Meets weekly on a Friday. Meeting commences with Holy Mass at 7.00pm followed by a live message and live adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

ARCHDIOCESE

Poetry, Presence & Payday: Aquinas on the Eucharist St Thomas Aquinas School, Charnwood

To mark the 750th anniversary of the death of St Thomas Aquinas and to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the founding of the parish of St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood, a commemorative talk will be presented by **Rev Dr Joseph Vnuk OP, July 18, 2024, 7pm**, at Thomas Aquinas Primary School Hall, 25 Lhotsky St, Charnwood. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. **RSVP** charnwood@cg.org.au by 10 July, 2024.

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *Evenings for the Engaged*,

Sat 13 & 20 July. **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 Zobec on **0405 440 463**

Mary Mackillop Pilgrimage, Sat 3 August

Please join Archbishop Christopher Prowse and the Parish of St Peter's Pambula, in commemorating Australia's first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. **11.00am** (optional) Pilgrim's walk from Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Refreshments will be available at Church. **12.00 noon** Concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Christopher Prowse and visiting priests **1.00 pm** Lunch will be provided by the Parish of Pambula.

An occasion to share fellowship with other pilgrims. If there are any special dietary requirements, please make these known to us, by emailing our parish office at pambula@cg.org.au Please book in via following link [Archbishop's Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage](#)

Vocations to the Priesthood dinner at

Queanbeyan Presbytery. Thursday, 11 July; 5:30pm Mass then 6pm dinner. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

Priesthood vocations dinner & lunch with the Archdiocese seminarians

Friday 19 July, 5:30pm evening prayer in Sacred Heart Church 115 Hodgson St Pearce (pearce Prebytery) and 6pm dinner with our three seminarians- sharing their experiences. Then **Saturday 20 July. 12noon** a talk on the formation process by Fr John Armstrong, Spiritual Director of Homebush seminary, followed by a light lunch. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.
Helen Robson (formerly worked for the Archdiocese)
Joan Goodwin, Francesco Macor, Alfred Mercieca, Paula West

IN LOVING MEMORY

Geoff Gale, Kevin Pereira, Matt Dwyer, Athol Collins, Peter Peters, Mario & Carmelina Russo, Philip Bui, Joseph Grzic, Dorothy Olsen, Katey Tuite.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

George Fearon, Ligia Kulesa, 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, Pat Turnbull, Paul Thorpe, Joycelyn and Kahren Maclean, Ernst Willheim, Mahsa Raoofian, Lyn Mowbray, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Carmel Slammon, Alphonsa & Maria Bankovsky

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CLERGY & 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)

Contribute to your parish:

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 12 pm WEDNESDAY
Ph: 0416 823 447 email: innernorth@cg.org.au

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, O God, Like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading - Ezekiel 2:2-5

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 122(123)

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel Acclamation - cf. 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 - Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon - Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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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

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. **Our Coordinators can be reached at Youth.Innernorth@cg.org.au**

Naomi Siahann(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 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.

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.