

# CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd September 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

Wed 9:30-3pm, Fri 1-4pm.

#### 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 10.30am Tues 19 Sept, 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

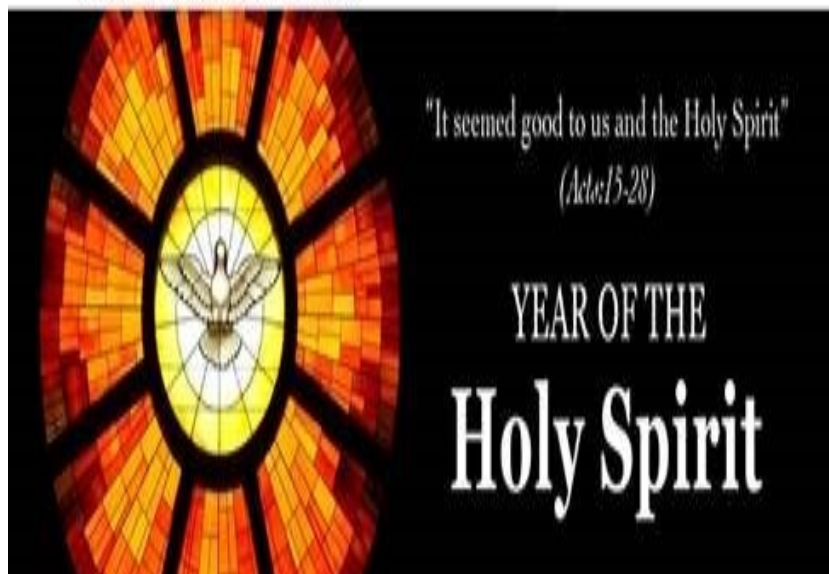
#### Pray the Rosary

Tuesday to Saturday 8:35am St Brigid's Church

Please Note: Watson have their weekday Tues-Fri Masses at 5.30pm.



AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024



A series of video's has been produced to explain this year and the upcoming Archdiocese Assembly and can be accessed via the **Year of the Holy Spirit website** (<https://www.yearofholyspirit.org.au/>)

**Father's Day Appeal – Collection for re-tired priests:** Please give generously to the Father's Day Appeal conducted at all Masses this weekend. Special envelopes are provided in the church and donors will be issued with a tax deductible receipt. Donations can also be made at [www.cgatholic.org.au/donate](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/donate)

**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.

## Season of Creation – Integral Ecology Pilgrimage

We will be soon entering the Season of Creation, the annual Christian celebration when we pray and respond to the cry of creation. During the season, which runs from the World Day of Prayer for Creation (1 September) to the Feast of St Francis of Assisi (4 October), the global ecumenical family comes together to listen and care for our common home. We unite this year around the theme *Let Justice and Peace Flow*.

As part of the celebration, the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn, in collaboration with the Australian Catholic University, is offering a series of six online dialogue sessions, *Integral ecology pilgrimage – Let Justice and Peace Flow*, starting on 31 August. Sessions will cover: cry of the earth, cry of the poor; ecological spirituality; ecological economics; ecological education; adoption of simple lifestyles; and community resilience and empowerment. ‘This dynamic, interactive and deep learning experience will give life to the global Laudato Si’ goals – grounded on country, in eco-theology, and in Sacred Scripture.’ It is also designed to ‘animate new pathways for the Laudato Si’ action plan 2023-30 in the Archdiocese For more information <http://bit.ly/3rTieKp>, or the QR code, and to register.



### SHEPHERD'S CORNER

Happy Father's Day to all Fathers and those who walk in the vocation of Fatherhood- in so many ways. Robert Falzon is one of many Aussie commentators who have written perceptively on how the crisis in our society is a big part due to a crisis in Fatherhood. The book *Raising Fathers* is highly recommend.

This might be a discussion point at *The Farm* high tea fundraiser next week. This is one of several events coming up in the parish (ours or Campbell) in the coming weeks advertised in the bulletin.

God's Blessing Fr Em

### ROSTERS THIS WEEK 2/3 SEPTEMBER

#### Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee  
Readers Mairead Thomas,  
Eileen Wignall

#### Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Marc Adorni-Braccesi  
Readers Shenelle Egbert, Michael Kelly

#### Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Dominica Rossi  
Readers Fernando family  
Counting Mary Boyle, Ros Wiley  
Morning Tea Bernadette & Najib Raya, Anne Prendergast  
Church Paul Sukardi & Co  
cleaning  
Altar Society Ros Wiley

### ROSTERS THIS WEEK 9/10 SEPTEMBER

#### Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee  
Readers Emma & Grace Howse

#### Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Michael Kelly  
Readers Jenny Francis, Mary Boyle  
Altar Society Mary Boyle

#### Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Catherine Bandle  
Readers Ken Maher, Janet Munro  
Counting Anne Prendergast, Damian Smith  
Church Men Alive  
cleaning

**High Tea for The Farm, Galong:** Sister Kate Cleary is speaking at a High Tea on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 11.30-2.00pm at The Parish Hall, Campbell. 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 email at [kim.mckinnon@galongfarm.org](mailto:kim.mckinnon@galongfarm.org)

## 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 ENV111'.

## Wed 13 September CatholicCare Marriage Preparation Program 5pm – 9pm

Marriage Preparation program for engaged couples. Includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner... The cost for the whole package is \$300 per couple.

## Vocations Dinner at Archbishop's House.

Thurs 7 Sept at 6pm. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil



### Please Pray for

#### The Sick:

Colleen Brackett (& friend Jackie), Brenda Curren, Joan Goodwin, Nadine Hartley, Gabriel Hengkiarto Indra, Mary O'Hanlon, Alphonsa Bankobsky, Dave Senior, Baby Remi Eliott, Tony Bandle, Clare Packer.



#### Recently Deceased:

Joyce Thomson, Sr Mary Geraldine Agnew, Van Minh Hugnh, Louisa van Staden, Fr Raphael Cabezon OP, Francis Harvey, Garry Frank Lee.

**Anniversary:** Teddy Kartadinata, Warsita Gunawan, Resurrecion Baylin(40Yrs), Heraclio Baylin, Gregorio Daluata, Isabel Baylin, Stan Bierkowski, Marjorie Eileen Lyons, Joseph Martin Lyons, Ricarte Polloso.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au). **Please Note:** Adoration also each Saturday 9.30– 10.00

### Living in God's Divine Will Prayer Group

Next Meeting 2pm 5 Nov. For more info. please contact Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto: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 is Saturday 9th September. This is held fortnightly in the Dickson Parish Hall at 7.00pm. We provide pizza with fun activities Then we watch a video to reflect on. For more info see Fr Emil 0414 523 036.

**West Wyalong - Lake Cargelligo Pilgrimage:** Fr Emil will lead a pilgrimage to the stunning Bolo Chapel. We had a great trip last year despite "Challenging Floods". A planning meeting for those interested is 11am Sunday 24 Sept in the Parish Center Dickson. The trip is 6-8 October. For a draft itinerary & more info. pls contact Fr Em on [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au)

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;  
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,  
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl  
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me  
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,  
I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my  
heart,  
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,  
I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-6, 8-9

**R.** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

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**Called and Gifted Course** starting Wed 27 Sept at 7 pm. Clara Geoghegan and Adrian Wellspring, from the Catherine of Siena Institute, have agreed to facilitate this program. Held at Holy Rosary Watson. For more info. [emilykathrynhall@gmail.com](mailto:emilykathrynhall@gmail.com)

Second Reading Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation cf Ephesians 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,  
that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**