

# CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 September 2023

St Brigid's

Cnr Bancroft & Wilshire Sts, Dickson

St Patrick's

Cnr Donaldson & Cooyong Sts, Braddon

Year A

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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

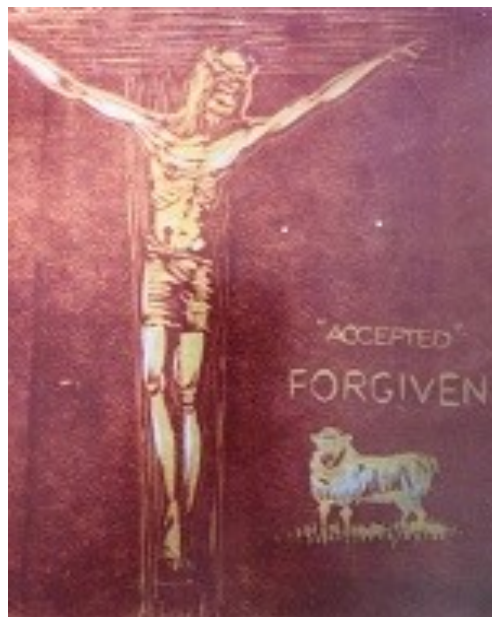
5:30-5:50pm (before Vigil Mass)

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.



A donated picture given to Fr Emil

#### NEEDS OF LAY CATHOLICS TODAY

What do adult lay Catholics need today to help them live a committed Catholic life amid the circumstances of modern society? To find out and to help improve their services to our Archdiocese, the Canberra Circle of The Catenians, an international association of lay Catholics, is conducting an Archdiocesan-wide online survey. Please help by completing this brief, anonymous, tick-box survey via this URL or QR code. Thank you. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLTZGMW> Contact: Phil Murray, President, Canberra Catenians 0419 695 927 or [phil13murray@gmail.com](mailto:phil13murray@gmail.com)



**Sacrament of Confirmation:** The enrolment has started. 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 Church. For more info contact Fr Emil or Campbell office on 0416 533

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Will commence Tuesday 17 October at the Parish Centre Dickson, for those seeking to begin or complete the Sacraments and initiation into the Catholic faith, or those seeking to deepen their Faith. For more info. Pls Contact Fr Emil.

**World Youth Day Brunch:** at 10:30am Sunday 17 Sept - the Campbell pilgrims, who have given a great summary of their trip to the Youth Group last week, will present their photos and give another detailed sharing of their deep encounter with the Pope and the million Catholics from around the world. To be held in the STM School hall. All Welcome to come, and you are also welcome to bring a plate to share.

**The Explosion Youth Conference:** This is Canberra's premier Catholic youth conference. A space for students from across Canberra and the country to encounter Christ and go deeper with their faith. Between the 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> of September, high-school aged will converge upon Marist college to attend this year's conference. We would love to offer the young people in your parish this opportunity. Students will converge upon Marist college to attend this year's conference. We would love to offer the young people in your parish this opportunity. For more information and details visit website <https://www.explosionyouth.com/>  
[https://org.au/DOJ\\_Canb/Explosion2023](https://org.au/DOJ_Canb/Explosion2023)  
[https://app.tickets.org.au/DOJ\\_Canb/Explosion2023](https://app.tickets.org.au/DOJ_Canb/Explosion2023)

### SHEPHERD'S CORNER

We had another *Inner North Parishes meeting* with the Vicar General Fr Richard Thompson and the Archdiocesan Chancellor Patrick McArdle. The update is that it looks like three Priests will be pastoring the four parishes. So at the next meeting Wed 4 October, we most likely will make a decision on Mass times - as two of the four Sunday morning times: 9am St Joseph, 9:30am St Brigid, 9:30am St Thomas More and 10am Watson Mass times would need to be adjusted (from December). We are also praying the third Blessed Sacrament Priest will obtain a vista shortly (it is well in progress).

God's blessing Fr Em

### ROSTERS THIS WEEK 16/17 SEPTEMBER

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

Acolyte Kevin Tee  
Readers Elaine Larkin Marjorie Rego

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

Acolyte Ashley Bawden  
Readers Carol Christopher  
Shenelle Egbert

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

Acolyte Anna Lee  
Readers Dominica Rossi  
Marie - Connie Lowery  
Counting Judith Hurditch, John Skene  
Morning Tea Gabrielle & Paul Messina  
Church Fran & Delani, Carl & David  
cleaning Grace  
Altar Society Ros Wiley

### ROSTERS THIS WEEK 23/24 SEPTEMBER

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

Acolyte Paulus Sukardi  
Readers John Skene, Eileen Wignall

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

Acolyte Marc Adorni-Braccesi  
Readers Ray Toohey, Lindy Dugard

Altar Society Barbara Anderson

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

Acolyte Gabrielle Messina  
Readers Judith Hurditch, Sue Hancock

Counting (Mon) Ken Maher, Margaret McGee

Church Ling & Flora, Maria Lusiany

cleaning

**Parish Youth Group:** Family Pizza Oven night: to close the youth group for the term we are having a family pizza night at the Dickson parish hall Saturday 23 Sept 7pm. All welcome to come and share in a pizzas byo but will be extras to share! The Pizza oven and stove will be fired up - so can bring it cold. BYO a salad too. Fr Em will also show his Madrid & Rio WYD pics and talk about the Bolo pilgrimage.

## 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'.

**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)

### Parish Safeguarding Commitment:

Sts Brigid and Patrick Parish is 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.

#### Please Pray for

##### The Sick:

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



##### Recently Deceased:

Mary Flood, Joyce Thomson, Sr Mary Geraldine Agnew, Van Minh Hughh, Louisa van Staden,

**Anniversary:** William Goodwin, Teddy Kartadinata, Warsita Gunawan, Resurrecion Baylin(40Yrs),  
Heraclio Baylin,

## 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 7pm 9 October a Zoom meeting with special guest *Greg Dunn* from Ireland. More info. in coming weeks or please contact Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au) to go on the email list.



### 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

### 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 Centre Dickson. The trip is 6-8 October. We will visit some of the lovely churches out west on the way and meet some locals in this remotest part of our Archdiocese. For a draft itinerary & more info. pls contact Fr Em on [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au)

## First Reading Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.  
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,  
who keeps strict account of sin.  
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.  
If a man nurses anger against another,  
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?  
Showing no pity for a man like himself,  
can he then plead for his own sins?  
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;  
who will forgive him his sins?  
Remember the last things, and stop hating,  
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.  
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;  
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4, 9-12

**R.** The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

## *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.*

## Second Reading Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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