

# Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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

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## Parish Offices Opening Hours:

Watson Blackfriars Thursday & Friday 9am-1.00pm | Dickson St Brigid's Tuesday & Wednesday 9am-1.00pm
O'Connor St Joseph's Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am-1.00pm
Campbell St Thomas More Thursday and Friday 9.30am-1.00pm

# 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | 29 September 2024

REFLECTION: The readings today give a graphic description of the importance of being focused on the things of God and not allowing the words and practices to become a millstone around our neck. Moses and Jesus both say 'no' to misguided understandings of the truth and urge their followers to open their eyes and hearts. The reality is that God's Spirit moves freely and the Spirit of God is given to all of us. We need therefore to be open to the possibility that God's spirit is working in unexpected ways, particularly wherever there is passion and commitment to life, wholeness and healing. Where do I see this Spirit—in the church and in the world? Perhaps in those who are prophetically leading us towards more awareness and care of creation and our environment? Perhaps in initiatives to gather together the vitality and enthusiasm of young people to create an inclusive community in our local area? To be open to the possibility that God's spirit may well be speaking to us, despite the way it comes, is the hope of Moses, fulfilled in Jesus and lived in our time.

#### **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.riosa@cg.org.au - Maria Hicks (Manager) - Phone 02 6239 9806 - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) ipss@cg.org.au

#### **Parish Safeguarding Officers**

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#### **BLACKFRIARS PARISH**

Cnr Phillip Avenue & Antill Street, Watson ACT 2602 Fr Renoir Oliver Jr SSS Facebook:

www.facebook.com/Holy-Rosary-Parish-Watson



#### CANBERRA CENTRAL incl: ST BRIGID'S 2 Bancroft St Dickson ACT 2602 ST PATRICK'S 1 Donaldson St Braddon ACT 2612

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#### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH 58 Boronia Drive, O'Connor ACT 2602 Fr Anthony Riosa SSS Facebook:

www.facebook.com/ stjosephsoconnor



#### ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

30 White Crescent Campbell ACT 2612 Fr Anthony Riosa SSS Facebook:

facebook.com/ st.thomasmore.campbell

#### 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.

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#### Entrance Antiphon Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

#### First Reading - Numbers 11:25-29

#### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 18(19):8,10,12-14

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

#### Second Reading - James 5:1-6

#### Gospel Acclamation - cf John 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

#### Gospel - Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

#### Communion Antiphon - Ps 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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#### **INNER NORTH**

#### **Baptisms**

Congratulations to Henry and Sophie Zhuang-Woods who will be baptized at St Brigid's Dickson this weekend. May their lives be filled with God's peace and their hearts with God's love, on this Baptismal day and all days to come.



# Pilgrimage of the First-Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis - 28/29 September

St Joseph's, O'Connor is honoured to host the first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the young "Cyber Apostle of the Eucharist." This rare and blessed opportunity offers a unique chance for the faithful to venerate and seek the intercession of a modern-day saint who has inspired millions worldwide. Blessed Carlo Acutis, beatified in 2020, was an Italian teenager who combined his profound faith with a passion for technology. Known for his Eucharistic devotion, Carlo created a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles around the world. His life stands as a testament to how modern tools can be used to glorify God.

#### **Event Details:**

- □ Date: September 28-29, 2024□ Location: St. Joseph's Parish Centre
- □ **Register Now!** Register on Eventbrite at: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/pilgrimage-of-the-first-class-relic-of-blessed-carlo-acutis-tickets-1014183479087?">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/pilgrimage-of-the-first-class-relic-of-blessed-carlo-acutis-tickets-1014183479087?</a> aff=ebdssbdestsearch

## Respect Life Sunday - 29 September

Archbishop Christopher will celebrate Respect Life Sunday at the **11am Cathedral Mass** followed by a Light Luncheon and Expo of groups supporting and advocating for human life at its most vulnerable. All welcome. Contact <a href="mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au">lara.kirk@cg.org.au</a>

# 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees – Sunday, 29 September 2024

The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "GOD WALKS WITH HIS PEOPLE." The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office has created online resources, including the liturgy for primary and secondary schools, stories, and interviews, to help celebrate this special day. Resources available at: <a href="https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2024">https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2024</a>

#### **BLACKFRIARS, WATSON**

# Sunday morning Mass time change - 21 September to 13 October.

The Sunday morning Mass will be celebrated at **10.15am** instead of the usual 10am during the above dates (inclusive).

#### Holy Rosary Choir - 5 October

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, at 2.30 pm we will be practising the hymns for our Parish Feast Day Mass on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>. Would you like to join us for singing and cuppa? Please contact Maureen 6161 7100 for details.

#### Does God Heal Today? - 13 October

Explore the Alpha topic on God's healing from **2.30 to 4.30pm on Sunday 13 October at Holy Rosary Parish Centre.** Come along, enjoy the hospitality and discuss healing with others. Please **book via the Parish Office by noon on Friday 11 October** for catering purposes. This session will include a brief introduction to the Victory In Christ "Breakthrough with Healing" sessions being conducted in the evenings of 23 and 24 October (see Canberra Central Notices).

#### ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

#### Parish Office closed - 1-2 October

For enquiries, please contact Kathie (m) 0416 823 447 (e) innernorth@cg.org.au.

#### The Men of St Joseph - 2 October

The Men of St Joseph meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The group will be meeting in the St Joseph's parish hall this Wednesday 2 October starting with the Rosary at 7.30pm. Please contact Andrew Italiano on 0422 929 536 for more information.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration - 4 October**

On Friday, 4 October from 5pm to 10pm, there will be a Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration Vigil for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary at St Joseph's Parish Centre (next to the church). All welcome. Stay or come and go at any time during the evening.

#### St Joseph's Vinnies - urgent call for help

St Joseph's Vinnies has been an important part of the parish for the last 70 years. Each year it has provided regular emergency financial and material assistance to about 80 families and individuals in O'Connor and

At present St Joseph's Vinnies has an urgent need for help in delivering this service. We are asking parishioners to consider helping out for about 2 hours a month over the coming months as we rebuild St Joseph's Vinnies. It will not involve administrative responsibilities or meetings. Rather, as a volunteer you will accompany a Vinnies member with home visits at a time that suits you. Without this help, St Joseph's Vinnies cannot continue.

As Pope Francis has stressed, outreach ("going to the peripheries") is core to our Catholic faith and purpose. Please contact Adrian Fordham on 0428977404 for further information.

#### ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

#### Parish Office closed—3.4 & 10 October

For enquiries during this time, please contact Kathie on (m) 0416 823 447 (e) innernorth@cg.org.au.

#### Remembrance Book for the Faithful Departed

November 2024 is a Month for the Holy Souls and also the month when we will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Parish of St. Thomas More.

As part of the 60th Anniversary of the Parish, the PPC supported by Kathie in the office has prepared a Remembrance Book of our departed Parishioners. If you would like to have a name added please email the Parish office. We continue to keep our deceased loved ones in our prayers.

#### CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

## Weekend Mass & Reconciliation time changes - 21 September to 13 October.

Due to clergy leave, weekend Mass and Reconciliation times at St Brigid's Dickson will differ during the above dates (inclusive). Please see Mass times on the back page.

#### **OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**

May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord: Beverly Rosevear, Fr Brian Ebert, Anthony Side, Margaret Madya, John Jarvis.

#### IN LOVING MEMORY

Labib Jazrauri, Peter-John DiMichiel, Domenico Musolino, Colleen Bird, Harry Gaudencio, Victoria Gaudencio, Richard Gaudencio, Daphne La'Porte, Ernest La'Porte. Danilo Punzalan, Harry Josie Brackett, Danilo Punzalan, Frank Zobec, Eddie Pook, Sylvia Mantinaos.

#### THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Ruth Schwensen, Una Ford, Rose Marie Fisher, Sue King, Robin Lees, Maggie McKeon, Denise White, Noel Tanzer, Wendy Altamore, Steve Sedgwick,

# VICTORY IN CHRIST - Breakthrough with healing - 24 October

A time of praise, worship and prayer ministry with Lalith Perera, Spiritual Director of the Risen Lord Community. 24 October 2024 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at St Brigid's Church, Dickson. Conducted by Archbishop Christopher and Lalith Perera - Entrance free. The event is also being held on 23 October 2024, 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Mary Help of Christians Church, Pearce, conducted by Lalith Perera.

#### **ARCHDIOCESE**

## Archdiocesan Assembly -18 - 20 October

When? Friday 18 (5:00pm) to Sunday 20 (12:30pm) October, 2024. Scan QR Code for details.



# Catholic Women's Taskforce Annual Fundraising Dinner - 1 November

The 2024 Catholic Women's Taskforce annual fundraising dinner for MacKillop House, Lyneham will take place on 1st November 2024 at the Canberra Southern Cross Club from 6.30 pm. For more information see flyer in your church or to register go to https:// www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/cwtad/ Enquiries: Monica Phelan on **0413 315 486** 

# **Ecumenical Marian Procession and "Yes"** Youth Rally -Goulburn – 27 October

Join us in Goulburn for an inspiring journey of faith and celebrate our diverse communities at this year's Marian procession. For any youth in years 6-12, there will also be the "Yes" Youth Rally following the Rosary Procession! Scan QR Code for details.

## Canberra Bach Ensemble – 5/6 October

Come and enjoy four stupendous Bach thanksgiving Cantatas BWV 119, 148, 192 & 137 on Saturday 5 October at 7.30pm, and Sunday 6 October at 2.00pm at St Christopher's Cathedral.

www.canberrabachensemble.com



# MASS TIMES Week ending 6 October

Blackfriars	Cnr Phillip Ave & Antill St, Watson	
Tuesday to Friday	/	5.30pm
Saturday (vigil)		5.00pm
Sunday		<del>10.00am</del> <b>10.15am</b> 5.00pm

St Brigid's	Bancroft St, Dickson
Tuesday to Saturday	9.00am
Saturday (vigil)	<del>6.00pm</del> <b>6.30pm</b>
Sunday	<del>9.30am-</del> <b>9.15am</b>
Vietnamese Mass Sunday (1st & 3rd)	5.00pm

St Joseph's	61 Boronia Drive, O'Connor
Tuesday to Friday	9.15am
Saturday	8.30am
Saturday (vigil)	6.00pm
Sunday	8.30am

St Patrick's 1 [	Donaldson St, Braddon
Tuesday to Friday	12.30pm
Sunday	8.00am
German Mass Sunday	10.00am

St Thomas More	30 White Cres, Campbell
Friday * (1st & 3rd of the month)	11.45am
Sunday	10.00am

<sup>\*</sup> School attends during school term

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO CLERGY & PARISH**

#### Contribute to the First Collection:

Account Name: Central Presbytery Fund BSB: 062-786 - Bank Account: 00029248

Reference: Your parish location, name and intention (e.g.

Campbell Smith 1st collect)
Contribute to your parish:

**Canberra Central:** A/C Name Canberra Central Parish BSB: 062786 A/C: 00013150 Ref: Name & Giving Number

Blackfriars: A/C Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson

BSB: 062786 A/C: 00013341 Ref: Name & Giving Number

**St Joseph's:** A/C Name: St Joseph's Parish

BSB: 062 786 A/C: 00012798 Ref: Name & Giving Number

or via Qkr! mobile app

**St Thomas More**: A/C Name: St Thomas More Parish BSB: 062786 A/C: 00014869 Ref: Name & Giving Number or via Qkr! mobile app.

# SACRAMENT & DEVOTION TIMES Week ending 6 October

Blackfriars	Cnr Phillip Ave & Antill St, Watson	
Reconciliation		
Saturday		4.00 - 4.30pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		
Friday		6.00 - 7.00pm
Rosary Prayers		
Sunday (1st & 3rd	d of the month)	9.00am

St Brigid's	2 Bancroft St, Dickson
Reconciliation	
Saturday	9.30 - 10.00am <del>5.30 - 5.50pm</del>
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Wednesday	8.00am - 8.00pm
Saturday	9.30am - 10.00am
Rosary Prayers	
Tuesday to Saturday	8.30am
Anointing of the Sick	
Sunday (3rd of the month)	After 9.30am Mass

St Joseph's 61 Bo	ronia Drive, O'Connor
Reconciliation	
Friday (during Holy Hour)	8.15 - 9.00am
Saturday	5.15 - 5.45pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday to Friday	8.15 - 9.10am
Rosary Prayers	
Tuesday to Friday (Cenacle on Thursdays)	After 9.15am Mass
Saturday Rosary Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help	8.15am (before Mass)
Anointing of the Sick	
Saturday (1st of the month)	8.30am (within the Mass)

St Patrick's	1 Donaldson St, Braddon
Reconciliation	
Friday	12.00 - 12.30pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Friday	11.30am - 12.30pm
St Thomas More	30 White Cres, Campbell
Anointing of the Sick	
Sunday (1st of the month)	11.15am