

# CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 January 2023

**St Brigid's**  
Cnr Bancroft & Wilshire Sts, Dickson

**St Patrick's**  
Cnr Donaldson & Cooyong Sts, Braddon

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#### Priests

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#### Parish Secretary

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#### Parish Office Hours

Wed 9:30am-4.00pm,  
Fri 1.00-4.00pm

#### Saturday

6:00pm St Brigid's

#### Sunday

8:00am St Patrick's

9:30am St Brigid's

10:00am German Mass, St Patrick's

#### Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Saturday: 9:00am (St Brigid's)

Tuesday to Friday: 12:30pm (St Patrick's)

#### Goodwin Village Ainslie

Nursing Home: next Mass Tues 21st Feb

10.30am ILUs: next Mass 24 January

#### 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



*Jeremiah or Ezra Holding a Scroll, 303 BC - 256*

AD

(Author unknown)

#### Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

In his presence are majesty and splendor,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

#### Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant ;

let your faces not be abashed.

# SHEPHERD'S CORNER

## Tradition of the Apricot Blossom Tree

For a long time, apricot flowers have been admired by everyone in Vietnam, symbolizing beauty and elegance. Whenever the apricot blossoms bloom, people's hearts rejoice, a sign that spring is coming. Vietnam has peach blossom in the North and apricot blossom the South. The yellow color of apricot flowers has long been considered the color of prosperity. Bringing an apricot blossom tree home on the occasion of Têt (Lunar New Year) means wishing for a prosperous New Year. According to tradition, a house with apricot blossoms blooming in the New Year will be blessed with prosperity – the more petals per flower, the more prosperity! The apricot blossom tree's roots go deep into the ground and thus can help the tree withstand extreme weather conditions. Therefore, apricot blossom tree also symbolizes the virtue of patience and resilience, the perseverance of the Vietnamese people in general. The apricot tree is also a symbol of nobility and generosity. The golden apricot blossoms in full bloom in the spring season also signify joy, jubila-



## Vinnies Voice

We are back in operation after the Christmas break and just as busy as ever with up to 16 visits a week. Thanks to your generosity we assisted 35 families and individuals just before Christmas. On the occasion of the death of Vin Kane OAM we would like to pay tribute to his amazing service to the people of the inner city for over 30 years. Vin was a real stalwart of our Society and we offer our sympathies to his family and his many friends



## ROSTERS THIS WEEK 21/22 JANUARY

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

Acolyte Kevin Tee  
Readers Emma and Grace Howse

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

Acolyte Michael Kelly  
Readers Volunteer & Carol Christopher  
Altar Mary Boyle

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

Acolyte Gabrielle Messina  
Readers Dominica Rose, Janet Munro  
Counters Mary Boyle, Ros Wiley  
(Mon)

## ROSTERS THIS WEEK 28/29 JANUARY ROSTERS

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

Acolyte Paulus Sukurdi  
Readers John & Maryanne Larkin

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

Acolyte Marc Adorni-Braccesi  
Readers Theresa Okwudike,  
Jenny Francis  
Altar Ros Wiley

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

Acolyte Ken Maher  
Readers Marion Lowery, Sue Hancock  
Counters Anne Prendergast, Damian  
(Mon) Smith

Volunteer(s) needed for monthly church vacuuming: the couple who vacuum the church on the third weekend have had to go off the roster. If anyone can spare about 30min to vacuum the St Brigid's Church and general cleaning pls contact the parish office or Fr Emil

**Missing** A gold bracelet was lost last weekend, possibly in the Church- If found please contact Parish office

## Planned Giving

Thanks again to those giving electronically. We will have the collection box in front of the altar like before lockdown, so please feel free to bring your envelopes. The Dickson church is now open during the day and the tap machines on if you would like to make a donation that way also.

### 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'.

### Download the Qkr! App for Easy Giving

The Qkr! (pronounced Quicker) app is an easy and secure way to contribute to the First and Second Collections plus any special donations.

Step 1: **Download Qkr!** on your Android phone or iPhone. Go to *app store* & type in search area Qkr.

Step 2: **Register** Select your country of residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register.

Step 3: **Find your Parish** Our parish will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10 km of the parish, or search for our parish by name (Canberra Central Parish).

Step 4: **Register your debit card** When first accessing our parish, you will be prompted to add a profile. This allows you to make orders and payments.

*Please Pray for*

#### The Sick

Brenda Currer, Joan Goodwin, Nadine Hartley, Gabriel Hengkiarto Indra, Mary O'Hanlon, Theresa Okwudike, Alphonsa Bankobsky, Dave Senior,  
Baby Remi Elliott

#### Recently Deceased

Vin Kane, Fiona Moore

## Regular Parish Groups/Meetings

### Charismatic Prayer Group

Resumes Friday 13 January 2023.

### Eucharistic Adoration: Twelve Hours for the Lord

Resumes Wednesday 25th January. Weekly Adoration in Dickson church. From 25 Jan we will continue Wednesdays 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 continues in January also each Saturday 9.30-10.00am.

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

Next meeting- will recommence again in the new year in February. There will be another Zoom meeting with theologian Fr Joseph Iannuzzi on 15th January 11am Zoom ID & passcode tba. For more info contact Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au)

### Legion of Mary

Resumes in February 2023. For more information contact Sherree on 0407 610 526.

### Craft Group

The Parish Craft Group will resume in February 2023.



*Courtesy of Australia Needs Fatima*

### 20 & 21 January 2023 Made for More with Christopher West

Join international speaker and Director of the Theology of the Body Institute, Christopher West and team, in Sydney as they offer a vision of the gospel through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body on either 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

One event. Two date/location options. More information about event details are available by contacting the Sydney Archdiocese Life Marriage and Family Unit. Register your interest at [www.trybooking.com/CDBSBW](http://www.trybooking.com/CDBSBW).

Contact [lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org)



**The Christian's Final Journey:** Catholic Cemetery and Crematoria and partner, the ACU Centre for Liturgy, are offering a one-day workshop on Catholic funerals on **9 February 2023**. It has been designed for Clergy, Funeral Directors, Bereavement Teams, Pastoral Associates, Parish Secretaries and Family Faith Educators, Teachers, APRE's, School Staff and interested individuals. Catholic practices around burial and cremation will be investigated as well as preparation of a funeral (for future discussion with the funeral celebrant) and how to support the grieving. It will be held at the Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney. Time: 9am-5pm (registration from 8.30am). Registration is essential by 3 February. Cost: \$60 (includes lunch and a workbook) (\$120 for Funeral Directors who will receive certification for 5

years.) **Enquiries:** [CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au](mailto:CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au) or 02 9701 4751. For more information, and to register, go to [www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training](http://www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training)

### First Reading Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow  
a light has shone.  
You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase;  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing the  
spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
these you break as on the day of Midian.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14

**R.** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **R.**

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollo', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

### Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Matthew 4:12-17

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:  
Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!  
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!  
The people that lived in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of  
death  
a light has dawned.  
From that moment Jesus began his preaching  
with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of  
heaven is close at hand'.

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