

CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 January 2023

St Brigid's
Cnr Bancroft & Wilshire Sts, Dickson

St Patrick's
Cnr Donaldson & Cooyong Sts, Braddon

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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 TBA

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



Sermon on the Mount of Beatitudes

Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on
you.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Resumes 2 February 7:30pm in the Dickson Parish Hall. We continue our journey exploring the Catholic Faith with a current resource *Evangelium*. All welcome. For more info contact Fr Emil at emil.milat@cg.org.au or 0414 523 036.

Ecumenical Prayer: Another Canberra Christian Community initiative is the reading of the Bible from Genesis to Revelations on the lawns of the Federal Mall of Parliament House from 0700 9 Feb – 1500 12 Feb 23. 26 team captains have agreed to oversee three hour watches of Christians' who have volunteered to read the Bible for 15 minutes each. The team captains still require readers for some of the shifts. If you are interested in being part of this Canberra region Christian community initiative of reading the Bible for 15 minutes on the lawns of the Federal Mall of Parliament House or having additional information provided for your Churches or ministries please contact Hilary Moroney at



SHEPHERD'S CORNER

This Sunday I have some sad news, Fr Andrew is taking a permanent leave of absence from priestly ministry from next Tuesday. So this is his last weekend in the parish & Canberra Hospital Ministry. It is for personal reasons. He has been in communication with the Archbishop. He did not want a farewell at this stage. We thank him for the last two years serving in the parish and hospital ministry and further across the Archdiocese.

We keep him in our prayers in this time of discernment. As a temporary measure over the next few months Fr Josh Scott, who is now assistant priest at Queanbeyan parish, will be helping with the 9:30am Sunday Masses. The biggest impact is I will have to drop some weekday Masses, probably the 9am on Thursday and Friday. They will be as usual next week, so I can speak to the those that regularly attend those Masses to canvass their thoughts.

God's blessing Fr Em

ROSTERS THIS WEEK 28/29 JANUARY

Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Paul 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 (Mon) Anne Prendergast, Damian Smith

ROSTERS THIS WEEK 4/5 FEBRUARY

Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee
Readers John Skene, Marjorie Rego

Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Ashley Bawden
Readers Mary Boyle, Carol Christopher

Morning Tea Bernadette & Najib Raya

Altar Barbara Anderson

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Dominica Rossi
Readers Fernando family
Counters (Mon) Judith Hurditch, John Skene

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 30 min to vacuum the St Brigid's Church and general cleaning pls contact the parish office or Fr Emil 0414 523 036

Flower Display: We also need gifted people who would like to help with the flower display in the Church. If anyone is interested pls see Fr Emil

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'.

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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

Resumed Wednesday 25th January. Weekly Adoration in Dickson church, we will continue Wednesdays in 2023 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. **Please Note:** Adoration continues in 2023 also each Saturday 9.30-10.00am.

Living in God's Divine Will Prayer Group

We meet in the Parish Office – 1st Sunday of the Month 2-3pm. and also with a zoom option. Zoom ID 6486731697 and passcode 2602. For more info. please contact Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au

Legion of Mary

Resumes 4 February 2023. For more information contact Sherree on 0407 610 526.



Craft Group

Craft Group will resume on Wednesday, 8 February at 1pm in St. Brigid's Parish Hall. New members welcome. An opportunity to knit, sew or work on any project, and enjoy good company with afternoon tea. Enquiries Mary Boyle 0 450060058.

Courtesy of Australia Needs Fatima

Parish Youth Group

The Parish Youth Group will begin again in late February. We are in the process of hopefully employing 2 part time Youth Ministers through the Archdiocese. More information to follow.

Archdiocesan Youth and Young Adults

This Team are running a youth evangelisation outreach fortnightly on Sunday nights at Braddon church. Called Sunday Sessions - a BBQ followed by a talk and praise and worship music. The next event will be later in February. For more info contact Christian Nobleza 0498 372 645.

Next Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday 14 February 7:30pm in the parish office

Next Finance Committee Meeting

Saturday 11 March 11:30am in the Parish Office

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 or 02 9701 4751. For more information, and to register, go to www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training

First Reading Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in
the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10

R. Happy the poor in spirit;

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'