

CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 February 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 9:30am-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

Tues-Thurs & Sat: 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

Note: No 9 am Friday Mass at Dickson until further notice. There is a 9.15am at O'Connor and 5.30pm at Watson on Fridays



St Brigid of Kildare (Feast Day 1st February)

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fill with good things.

CAN YOU HELP?

An Ainslie resident is receiving meals to her address and they should be for Margaret Anderson. If anyone can help, please contact Parish Office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Continues ,with the next meeting 9th 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 c.hop.update@gmail.com or mobile 0407368205



SHEPHERD'S CORNER

One thing I missed out on in my break was being able to go to the Christopher West talk *Made for More* on the *Theology of the Body* in Sydney, it had sell out crowds of 500 for both venues, mostly young adults. It builds on Pope St JPII teaching that presents the beauty of the body and human sexuality in the light of faith. Some enthusiastically responded "it was the best thing I have done in my life". An online course starts in April pls contact me for more info.

This Sunday is St Brigid's feast day, her feast being 1 Feb, I will say the prayers for her feast day at the Dickson Masses this weekend. God's blessing Fr Em

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
Barbara Anderson
Altar Barbara Anderson

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Dominica Rossi
Readers Fernando family

Morning Tea Volunteer
Counters(Mon) Judith Hurditch, John Skene
Church Cleaning Paul Sukardi and Co

ROSTERS THIS WEEK 11 / 12 FEBRUARY

Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee
Readers Mairead Thomas &

Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Marc Adorni-Braccesi
Readers Lindy Dugard & Shenelle Ebgert

Altar Mary Boyle

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Ken Maher
Readers Henry Lee & Judith Hurditch
Counters (Mon) Ken Maher, Margaret McGee

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

Church Vacuum Volunteers: We also need some kind people to vacuum the Dickson and Braddon Church as part of a monthly team. Please contact the Parish office if you can help.

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'.

Fr Neville Drinkwater died peacefully on 29 January, at Calvary Haydon Village. Parishes served in: Queanbeyan [1954]; Gundagai and Bega [1955]; Gunning [1958]; Boorowa [1960]; Curtin [1966]; Ardlethan [1969]; Ungarie [1970]; Charnwood [1974 to retirement in May 2019]. Recipient of an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours, 2016 – *for services to the Catholic Church*. Fr Neville will be buried at St Thomas Aquinas Church, Charnwood ACT, on Tuesday 7 Feb at 11am and internment will be in the clergy section of Woden Cemetery. May he now rest in peace and rise in glory.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation: the enrolment for this Sacrament is on Sunday 12 February at the 9:30am Mass Campbell. After the Mass the paperwork and short instructions about the program will be given. The actual celebration of the Sacrament will be Saturday 18 March at 11:30am in St Thomas More Church Campbell. This Sacrament is for children in year 2 or older. Parent(s) and children who wish to enrol pls attend the Mass. For more info. pls contact the parish office campbell@cg.org.au or Fr Emil.

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

Isaac Hampton, 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

Meets every Saturday at Dickson Parish Hall; time 11.00am. Legionaries are simply Mary's means of action in the world today! Come and join anytime. 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

POSITION VACANT: Digital Officer, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

We're seeking someone who knows their way around social media and content management systems and is creative, hands-on, and digitally savvy. **Closing Date Friday Feb 10 February, 2023** <https://bit.ly/CGDigital2023> Contact 0409 498 382

First Reading Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:
Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 111:4-9

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

