

CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 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 Tuesday and Fridays



Crosswalk.com Psalm 18:2 Meaning and Promises of God's Protection

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Communion Antiphon

Having fed upon these heavenly delights,
we pray, O Lord,
so that we may always long
for that food by which we truly live.
Through Christ our Lord.

Please Note

Liturgy of the Word on 9am Tuesday
14 February

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Continues ,with the next meeting 16th 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: Ecumenical Prayer: a 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. If you are interested in being part of this initiative of reading the Bible for 15 minutes please contact Hilary Moroney at c.hop.update@gmail.com or mobile 0407368205.

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

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

During the Week someone gave me a copy of the article about Vin Kane in *The Canberra Times* on 2/2/23, a good article about his dedication to the community & parish. I put a few copies in the foyer(s) for those interested. We welcome Fr Josh to the 9:30 Mass Dickson (alternating with Campbell), Fr Tony Percy who is the other priest at Queanbeyan will also be in the rotation.



God's blessings Fr Em

ROSTERS THIS WEEK 11/12 FEBRUARY

Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee
Readers Mairead Thomas & Eileen Wignall

Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Marc Adorni-Braccesi
Readers Lindy Dugard,
Shenelle Egbert
Altar Mary Boyle

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Ken Maher
Readers Henry Lee & Janet Munro

Counters(Mon) Ken Maher, Margaret McGee
Church Cleaning Men Alive

ROSTERS THIS WEEK 18/19 FEBRUARY

Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee
Readers John & Maryanne Larkin

Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Ashley Bawden
Readers Michael Kelly & Jenny Francis
Altar Ros Wiley

Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Catherine Bandle
Morning Tea Gabriela & Paul Messina
Readers Ken Maher & Janet Munro
Counters Mon) Mary Boyle, Ros Wiley
Church cleaning Fran & Delani, Carl & David

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 Emil

Church Vacuum Volunteers: Thank you for those who came forward for Dickson. We also need some kind people to vacuum Braddon Church 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'.

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.

Lenten Books The Parish has purchased copies of the book from Wollongong Diocese which features some of the well renowned spiritual writers in Australia, and beautiful art work. They are available from the parish office for \$10 including GST.

Note Ash Wednesday is 22 February.

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

In Dickson Parish Hall each Friday, Mass, worship, talk & prayers at 7:00pm-9:30pm. For more details contact Shan at shahandra777@gmail.com

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 0450060058.

Courtesy of Australia Needs Fatima

Parish Youth Group

The Parish Youth Group will begin this Saturday 11th Feb at 7pm in the Dickson Parish Hall. For more information see Fr Emil.

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

First Reading Sirach 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **R.**

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **R.**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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Gospel Acclamation of Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.' For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.' You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.' It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.' Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'