



# Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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

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Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals: by Appointment contact the Parish Office

## 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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## 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)



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

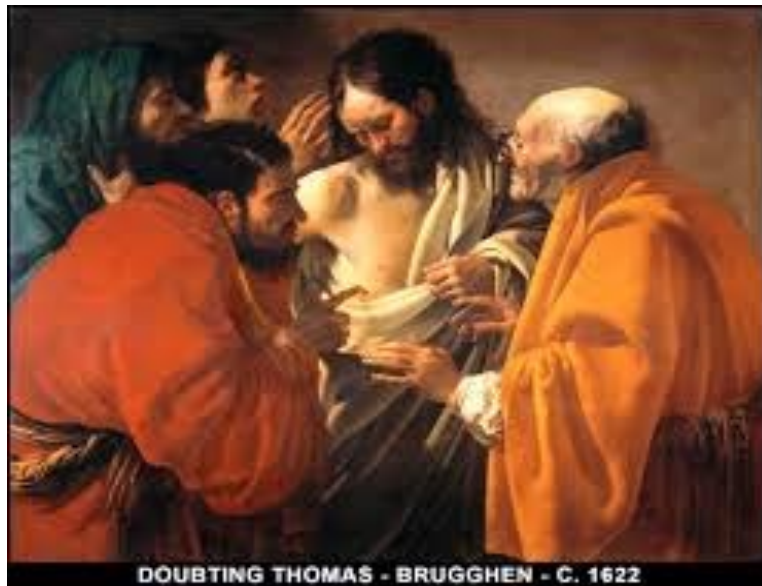
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**ST THOMAS MORE PARISH**  
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## Parish Offices Opening Hours

**Dickson St Brigid's** 9am-12.30pm Tuesdays  
**O'Connor St Joseph's** 9am-12.30pm Wednesdays  
**Watson Blackfriars** 9am-12.30pm Thursdays  
**Campbell St Thomas More** 9am – 12.30pm Fridays

## 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.

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## Gospel Acclamation - John 20:29

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

*Alleluia!*

## Entrance Antiphon - 1 Pt 2: 2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

## First Reading - Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm - Ps 117(118):2-4,15-18,22-24

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.*

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.*

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

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel - John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Communion Antiphon is Not recited when hymns are sung.**

## Communion Antiphon - Cf. Jn 20: 27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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## BAPTISM

*Rosa Ujdur*

who will be baptised at St Joseph's O'Connor this weekend and

May her life be filled with God's peace, and her heart with God's love, on her Baptism day and always.



## BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

### PARISH SOCIAL PROFILE AND PARISH SURVEY

The Australian Catholic Council for Pastoral Research has recently made available a social profile for every Catholic parish in Australia, including Watson. Data in the profile comes from the Australian Census. **Keith Linard, a member of the Parish Renewal Team, will present a summary of the findings of the Watson profile to parishioners on Tues, 16 April 2024. 7.15 for 7.30pm in the parish centre.**

Would you like input into the design of a parish survey? The meeting will also be an opportunity for you to discuss and suggest ideas for a proposed survey. The survey is intended to gather information on parishioner views which, with the Watson social profile, will be a resource for parish planning.

Wine, soft drinks and snacks will be served at this event. **Donations to help cover costs would be appreciated.** For catering purposes, please sign up on the foyer sign-up sheet.

### VOLUNTEERS AND PARISHIONERS CARDS

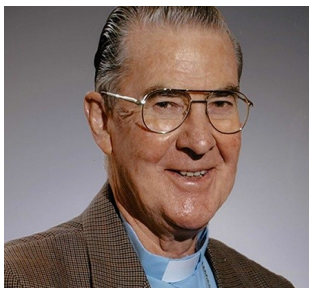
If you would like to contribute your time or talent, or join or update your Planned Giving contribution, but haven't filled in a volunteer or parishioner card since the presentation to Blackfriars Parish on 16/17 March, cards and boxes to place them into are still in the Holy Rosary Church foyer.

### GANG-GANG CAFÉ GATHERING

Parishioners gathered on Thurs 21 March to wish Sr Veronica a happy 101st birthday. Sister received many well wishes from overseas and Br Francis Mc Kinnon sent his greetings. We welcomed Anne from St Brigid's parish Our next gathering will be on Thursday April 18 at 10-30 am indoors in Frencham place Downer. Newcomers welcome. Kathleen Shroder will celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday 13/4/24 and the parish wishes her many happy returns of the day. Kathleen has belonged to this parish for over 60 years.

### IN MEMORY—Archbishop Francis Patrick Carroll DD DCL Hon DLitt

Parishioners will be aware of the passing of one of our most significant Catholic Figures, Arch-Bishop Frank Carroll on 14 March 2024. We thank God for his 70 years of devoted priestly service to the Church, 57 of those as Bishop. He died peacefully at Calvary Hospital in Wagga Wagga.



Frank was born 9 Sept 1930 in Ganmain, NSW to Patrick and Rose-Mary Carroll. He was educated at the Devlin School and St Brendan's Convent, Ganmain before going to high school at De La Salle College, Marrickville; and then studying at Urbanian University, Rome.

He attended Catholic Seminaries in Springwood and Manly. He was ordained a Deacon in 1953 by Cardinal Gilroy before being ordained a priest on 27 July 1954 at St Brendan's Church, Ganmain by Bishop Henschke of Wagga Wagga.

He served in Griffith and Albury and at the Rome Propaganda College DCL. He returned to Wagga as Chancellor and Director of Catholic Education in 1965 before being appointed Titular Bishop of Tasaccora and Coadjutor Bishop in 1967, he was made Bishop of the Wagga diocese in 1968 at just 38 years of age. He transferred to the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn and was installed at St Christopher's Cathedral as Archbishop on 31 August 1983. He served in those role until his retirement in 2006.

A requiem mass was held for Fr Frank at St Christopher's on 21 March and he has been interred in the crypt of the Cathedral.

## ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

### WEEKDAY MASS WITH THE SCHOOL

Please join us for mass with our school community on 1st and 3rd Friday's at 11.45am

### ST THOMAS MORE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

We are looking for some photos from the Parish to put together a historic display. If you have any items, photos, or documents you would like to share, please speak with Shannon Evans after the St Thomas More's 10am Sunday Mass, or contact via @ [shanny9619@gmail.com](mailto:shanny9619@gmail.com)

### INNER NORTH—SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

If you are wanting sacraments for your child and they are not in a Catholic School environment, please contact the Inner North Parish Office by email [innernorth@cq.org.au](mailto:innernorth@cq.org.au) to request this year's schedule. Please include the name of your parish in the subject line. Thank you.

### CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON AND DICKSON

#### St Brigid's Community of the Risen Lord Weekly Meeting

Every Friday, meeting commences with Holy Mass at 7.00pm followed by a live message and live adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### St Brigids' Healing Service on 21st April

3rd Sunday 9.30am mass will be followed by the healing service supported by Community of the Risen Lord.

### ST JOSEPH'S, O'CONNOR

#### UNPACKING THE CREED

The *Unpacking the Creed* group will be meeting on Wed 10 April at 7.30pm in the parish hall. This group meets on the second Wed of each month and all are welcome.

#### LOST AND FOUND

Lost: Hearing aid last Saturday evening—possibly in the church or carpark. It is expensive to replace so if found, contact the office.

Found: a mobile phone was picked up by mistake 2 weeks ago. Contact the office for further details.

### menALIVE WEEKEND

#### 25-26 May — Mary Help of Christians, PEARCE.

The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and encourage them to be an active force within the Church.

See the flyers in church foyers for more detail.

### CRAFT AFTERNOONS

If you are interested in joining lovely ladies for enjoyable conversation and lots of laughter, we have 2 craft groups in our Inner North Community:

**Dickson Parish Centre** - fortnightly Wednesdays from 1.15pm. For more info call Mary Boyle on 0450 060 256

**Watson Parish Centre** - 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays of each month, from 12-4pm. For more info contact Pat Savas on 6248 0470



## ARCH-DIOCESE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

### 9 April 2024 | Last call for Marriage Preparation before June

Engaged couples marrying before July should register now for one of the following courses: *FOCCUS* - Tues 9<sup>th</sup> April 5-9pm, plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare; *Engaged Encounter*- Sydney, Sat 18 & Sun 19 May; *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, flexible timing. More information and registrations: [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au)

Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

### VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DINNER

Thursday 11 April at 6pm at Gungahlin Presbytery. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To RSVP please contact Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au) 0414 523 036.

### OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.

Felipe Miragaya, Matthew Dwyer (with the evening mass at Watson on Wednesday 10 April dedicated in his memory), Bob Wetherden, Michael (Stan) Cronin, Arch-Bishop Frank Carroll, Bob Witherden, Domenico Perre, Ann Moran, Mariannina Giusto (Emilia Ciampas' nonna)

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Felipe Miragaya, Paul Doyle, Helen Olsen, Noel Falk, Christine Greenwood

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIEST & PARISH

#### Contribute to the First Collection.

Account Name: Central Presbytery Fund  
BSB: 062-786 - Bank Account: 000029248  
Reference: Use your Parish Location to assist in correct allocation & Your Name (e.g. Campbell Smith)

**Planned Giving:** Planned Giving is a weekly, fortnightly or monthly contribution to the first and/or second collection via cash, direct Debit or credit card. By contributing set amounts regularly you help the parish to forecast and budget its ongoing expenses. If you are new to Planned Giving and would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Existing Planned Giving arrangements have not changed. If you have established a regular deduction, that will continue. For information, Planned Giving account details for each Parish follow. These can be used to set up new regular deductions.

**Canberra Central : A/C Name** Canberra Central Parish  
**BSB:** 062786 **A/C:** 000013150 **Ref:** Name & Giving Number

**Blackfriars: A/C Name:** Blackfriars Parish Watson  
**BSB:** 062786 **A/C:** 000013341 **Ref:** Name & Giving Number

**St Joseph's: A/C Name:** St Joseph's Parish  
**BSB:** 062 786 **A/C:** 000012798 Reference: Parish & Name

**St Thomas More:** A/C Name: St Thomas More Parish  
**BSB:** 062786 **A/C:** 000014869 **Ref:** Campbell/Surname

**PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is 4 pm TUESDAY**  
Ph: 0416 823 447 email: [innernorth@cg.org.au](mailto:innernorth@cg.org.au)

## In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

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Christopher Douglas, Joseph Nguyen, Christine Nguyen, Evelyn Matriano, Davide Verri, Bedelia delos Santos, Sabina - Mary Coles, Mary Pavey, Anne Corver, Sue King, Barbara Wilson, Una Bell, Philip Bailey, Peter Catlin, Veronica Cornelly, Rosa Maria Santos, Gloria Sibley, Beth Delos Santos, Fr Ellis Clifford, June Pollard, Philip Cruz, Maureen Blood, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Una Ford, Robin Lees, Elizabeth Webster, Colleen Brackett (& friend Jackie), Baby Remi Elliott, Tony Bandle, Clare Packer, Robyn Cross, Paul Thorpe, Kahren Maclean (daughter of Joycelyn), Mahsa Raoofian, Iris Thorpe, Lyn Mowbray, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Alphonsa & Maria Bankovsky, Carmel Slammon.

### WEEKDAY & SATURDAY MORNING MASSES

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
St Patrick's (Braddon)		12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	
St Thomas More's (Campbell)					11:45am*	
St Brigid's (Dickson)		9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am
St Joseph's (O'Connor)		9:15am	9:15am	9:15am	9:15am	8:30am
Holy Rosary (Watson)		5:30pm	5:30pm	5:30pm	5:30pm	
ACU-Signadou (Watson)			12:00 noon**			

\* During school term, as advised when Classes attend.

\*\* Wednesdays during University Terms (Term 1: 14/2/24-29/5/24; Term 2: 29/7/34-28/10/24)

### SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES

	Saturday Vigil Mass	Sunday Morning & Evening Masses				
		8:00am	8:30am	9:30am	10:00am	5:00pm
St Patrick's (Braddon)		8:00am			10:00am*	
St Thomas More's (Campbell)					10:00am	
St Brigid's (Dickson)	6:00pm			9:30am		5:00pm**
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	6:00pm		8:30am			
Holy Rosary (Watson)	5:00pm				10:00am	5:00pm
ACU-Signadou (Watson)						

\* German Mass

\*\* Vietnamese Mass (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)

### ADORATION & SACRAMENTS

	Reconciliation
St Patrick's (Braddon)	12:00pm - 12:30 Friday
St Brigid's (Dickson)	9:30am - 10:00am Saturday 5:30pm - 5:50pm Saturday
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	During Holy Hour 8:15am - 9:00am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 5:30pm - 6:00pm Saturday
Holy Rosary (Watson)	4:00pm - 4:30pm Saturday
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
St Patrick's (Braddon)	
St Brigid's (Dickson)	8:00am - 8:00pm Wednesday
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	8:15am - 9:15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Holy Rosary (Watson)	6:00pm - 7:00pm Friday
Pray the Rosary	
St Brigid's (Dickson)	8:30am Tuesday to Saturday
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	After morning Mass Tuesday, Wed (Cenacle), Thursday, Friday
Holy Rosary (Watson)	Before 10:00am Mass, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays
Anointing of the Sick	
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	8:30am First Saturday of the month
St Thomas More (Campbell)	11:15am First Sunday of the month