



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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Parish Offices Opening Hours: Dickson St Brigid's 9am-1.00pm Tuesday, Campbell St Thomas More 9am-1.00pm Friday
O'Connor St Joseph's 9am-1.00pm Wednesday, Watson Blackfriars 9am-1.00pm Thursday

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. Enquiries or concerns please contact: Fr Anthony Riosa SSS—anthony.riosa@cg.org.au - Maria Hicks (Manager) - Phone **02 6239 9806** - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) ipss@cg.org.au

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5th Sunday of Easter



BLACKFRIARS PARISH

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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.

Reflection - Viticulture or the production of grapes was as common in Israel in Jesus' time as it is today. The vines are usually planted on the slopes of hills, which were less suitable for other crops. The ground is cleared of stones and terraced, the vineyard secured by an enclosing wall or hedge, and a watchtower is built for additional protection.

Metaphorically, Israel is compared with the vine (Ps 80:9ff). It was brought out of Egypt and planted in the promised land. It was the peculiar object of the care of the Lord from which he expected much fruit. But the vine yielded only 'wild grapes', or, more precisely, grapes that rot before they are ripe. Israel did not produce the fruits expected by the divine grower because of its bloodshed and injustice.

At the Last Supper, when Jesus declares that he is the 'true vine', he proclaims that he is the new Israel who bears fruits pleasing to God. But he also focuses on his disciples whom he calls 'branches'. United with Jesus they become the new Israel, the new people of God. But to bear fruit that is pleasing to the vine grower, they must abide with Jesus. They must stay attached to Jesus as if their life depended on it. (From God's Word Daily Reflections 2024)



Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading - Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 21(22):26-28,30-32

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him;
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading- 1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

2nd Reading cont: Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel - John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,
alleluia.

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BAPTISMS

Gianni Ricciardi

who will be baptised at St Joseph's

O'Connor **and**

**Amelia Lambert and
Angus Spilker**

who will be baptised at Holy Rosary
Watson this weekend.

May their lives be filled with God's peace,
and their hearts with God's love.



PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS

Parishioners who requested a receipt for their Project Compassion donations will find these in the foyer of their church.

LADY'S MANTLE ECHO CONCERT

Lady's Mantle invites you to its concert 'ECHO' at 2.00pm on Sunday 5 May at Holy Rosary Church. The concert includes Gustav Holst's setting of songs from Tennyson's epic poem 'The Princess' and madrigals with many repetitions of phrase and sound.

Lady's Mantle is a small Canberra-based women's vocal ensemble, directed by Maia Harrison. In concert Lady's Mantle will be performing with percussionist Christina Hopgood and violinist Anna Harrison. Concert entry will be by donation. Concert proceeds will be shared between Lady's Mantle and Holy Rosary Church.

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

OFFERTORY PROCESSION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in being a regular participant in the Offertory Procession, please complete a yellow volunteer card (available in the foyer) if you have not already done so and drop it into the box.

REMINDER: PARISH SOCIAL PROFILE

The Australian Catholic Council for Pastoral Research has made available a social profile for every Catholic parish in Australia, including Watson. The summary presentation is available on the website at: <http://cg.org.au/watson/home.aspx> and look down the left hand column for special notices and its under *Parish Profile*.

ST JOSEPH'S, O'CONNOR—Thank You

Dear Rev Fr Anthony, Fr Renoir, Fr Sebastian, PPC Members, St. Joseph's Parishioners,

It is with great gratitude that we write this thank you note as we, the St Alphonsa Syro Malabar Parish, move our place of worship from St Joseph O'Connor to St Jude Parish Holder.

I am writing on behalf of the entire community of St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Parish to express our deepest gratitude to Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Vicar General, Rev Fr Richard, Chancellor, Patrick, Fr Paul Nelly (former Parish Priest), Fr Anthony, Fr Renoir, Fr Sebastian and the parishioners of St. Joseph for your warm acceptance and generous accommodation of our spiritual gatherings since 2016.

Your unwavering support and hospitality have genuinely made a significant impact on our community. We are immensely grateful for your kindness and openness, which have allowed us to come together in prayer and worship in the spirit of unity and brotherhood.

The opportunity to share our faith and traditions within the welcoming embrace of the Archdiocese and St. Joseph Parish has been a blessing beyond measure. Your inclusive attitude and understanding have fostered a sense of belonging and connection that we deeply cherish.

We sincerely appreciate all the efforts made to ensure that our spiritual gatherings have been conducted smoothly and harmoniously over the years. Your willingness to embrace diversity and promote interfaith dialogue is a testament to the spirit of love and compassion at the heart of our shared Christian faith. Your kindness and willingness to stand united with us have touched the lives of many. May God continue to bless St. Joseph's Parish as you serve and uplift those around you.

As we look forward to continuing our spiritual journey together, we want to express our heartfelt thanks for your continued support, friendship, and partnership. May our collaboration be a shining example of unity in diversity and a beacon of hope for all who seek to walk the path of faith.

With Gratitude and Prayers
God Bless you all

St Alphonsa Syro Malabar Family

ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

VIGIL: Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary

On Friday, 3 May, 2024 there will be, from 5pm to 10pm, at St Joseph's Church Parish Centre, a Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration Vigil for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All welcome to attend and stay or come and go during the evening.

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL RENEWAL

Reminder: Nominations for our St. Thomas More Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) close on Sun 28 April 2024.

Nomination forms are at the back of the Church. When completed, place them in the Collection Box at the back of the Church or on the collection plate.

ST THOMAS MORE FORUM — 14 JUNE

Friday 14 June 2024: Engaging an AI Generation featuring Fr Rob Galea.

Forum and Dinner:: Mercure Hotel Braddon: 6.45 for 7.30pm \$99 (Dinner and Wine)

Fr Rob, based in Victoria, is an internationally acclaimed author, singer and songwriter and founder of the FRG Ministry, a charity organisation ministering to 1.4 million people each year.



To register, go to <https://bit.ly/stmf-140624> or contact the parish office.

ARCHDIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

As part of the Year of the Holy Spirit and leading into an Archdiocesan Assembly later this year, please join others from across the Archdiocese for prayerful dialogue in the spirit of synodality (walking together). Do this by participating in one or more sessions of a Roundtable Series that is currently underway.

Future topics: Our Common Home: Justice, Outreach and Integral Ecology (24 May); Seek the City: Faith in the Public Sphere (22 June); Reconciliation and First Nations: Healing Wounds, Receiving Gifts (7 July); The Voice of the Child: Safeguarding the Gift of our Children and Vulnerable (4 Sept). For more info and to register, go to <https://www.cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables/>. If you want to connect with others in our inner north community interested in this series, please contact Emily at emilykathryn-hall@gmail.com.

ARCH-DIOCESE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

2 May | The Marriage Course Inner North

Nicky Gumbel says "There's no marriage that can't be improved." The Marriage Course offers practical support and ideas to strengthen your relationship, in a fun, impactful way, all from the comfort of your own home via zoom. Starts Thursday 2nd May 7:00 – 9:00 for 9 weeks, including a closing dinner. Watch presentations with other couples but discuss content privately with your spouse. The cost is \$48 for a pair of workbooks required for the course.

Register for the course at <https://cgatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/home/marriage-course-inner-north-canberra-parish-registration-form/>
Enquiries helena.zobec@cg.org.au or 0405 440 463

HEALING RALLY WITH DAMIAN STAYNE

Wednesday 1st May @ St Peter Chanel's Church, Weston Street, Yarralumla from 7pm - 9:30pm. Everyone is welcome! Praise, worship, healing prayer and joy in the Holy Spirit! Damian is a Catholic lay evangelist from the UK. He ministers powerfully in the charisms of preaching and healing. To register call/text Susanna 0419 902 293 or Neda 0415 266 019.

CARMELITE WEEKEND RETREAT—10 MAY

PRESENTER: Fr. Paul Maunder, OCD & Cristina Leontini, translator of *Life and thoughts of Mariam Baouardy, 'the little nothing'*. Illiterate, child-like, naive, poor, a 'little nothing', this Teresian Carmelite nun founded the Carmel of the Holy Child Jesus in Bethlehem. She bore the wounds of the "Ecce Homo" in her body and offered her sufferings in loving union with her Lord for mercy upon sinners. Fr Paul and Cristina Leontini will present her life and comment on her way of the cross in the context of today's sufferings, especially in the Holy Land.

WHEN: May 10 - 12, 2024 6pm (Fri) - 12:30 pm (Sunday)

WHERE: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville (near Campbelltown), NSW

COST: \$330 . Please register at the following link: www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Ralph Booker, Veronica Cornelly, Maria Huong Pham, Sr Joy Belt RSCJ, Matthew Dwyer, Bob Wetherden

IN LOVING MEMORY

Felipe Miragaya, Paul Doyle

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

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

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Ray Hempel, 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, Rosa Maria Santos, Gloria Sibley, Beth Delos Santos, Fr Ellis Clifford, Una Ford, June Pollard, Philip Cruz, Maureen Blood, Robin Lees, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Elizabeth Webster, Colleen Brackett (& friend Jackie), Baby Remi Elliott, Tony Bandle, Clare Packer, Robyn Cross, Paul Thorpe, Kahren Maclean (daughter of Joycelyn), Ernst Willheim, Mahsa Raoofian, Lyn Mowbray, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Carmel Slammon Alphonsa & Maria Bankovsky

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 (1st & 3rd 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 st & 3 rd 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