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According to Matthew, 'Jesus spoke to the crowd in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables'. We listen today to one of the most memorable of them. Responding to the accusation of the Pharisees and scribes that he welcomed and ate with sinners, Jesus told a story that could be variously entitled 'The Parable of the Prodigal Son' or 'The Parable of the Forgiving Father'. It is both challenging and reassuring to us - challenging if we have reason to see ourselves in the older brother and reassuring if, mindful of our sinfulness, we identify with his erstwhile wayward but repentant sibling. Their father receives his younger son with great love and compassion, rejoicing that he 'was lost and is found'. With reference to this parable St John Paul II wrote: '(God's love) is able to reach down to every prodigal son, to every human misery and above all to every form of moral misery, to sin. When this happens, the person who is the object of mercy does not feel humiliated, but rather found again and "restored to value". Is there anyone whom, like the older brother, I have yet to forgive - a good Lenten question?

From God's Word, Daily Reflections, 2025

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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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.

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Is 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading - Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 33(34):2-7

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation - Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel - Luke 15:1-3,11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

Communion Antiphon - Luke 15:32

You must rejoice, my son,
for your brother was dead and has come to life;
he was lost and is found.

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INNER NORTH

Baptisms

Congratulations to Luka Udjur who will be baptized at St Joseph's O'Connor this weekend. May his life be filled with God's peace and his heart with God's love, on this Baptismal day and all days to come



Teens Youth Group – Saturday, 29 March

We are gathering yet again for another night of faith, fun and food for all high schoolers in the Inner North at **7pm on Saturday, March 29th at St Brigid's Parish Hall!** If you know anyone interested, let us know at youth.innernorth@cg.org.au.

Vocations Dinner at Archbishop's House:

Thursday 3 April 6pm. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To RSVP please contact Vocations Director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

We need volunteers - Sunday 6 April

Local Landscaper and former pupil of St. Pat's, Mark Payne, kindly donated time and machine to remove an unsightly tree on the Cooyong Street boundary. To complete the job, we need volunteers to help spread a pile of bark mulch on the site next Sunday at 2PM. If you can help, please give your name to Ray Toohey after 08:00 Mass at St. Pat's or via email to bids2650@bigpond.net.au.

Eucharistic Encounter Catechesis - Each Tuesday evening at 5pm prior to our RCIA meetings. All are very welcome.

PowerPoint Operator Wanted We need your help on PowerPoint operation in the mass. If you could spare some time during the mass monthly or occasionally to help out ppt operation, please contact ppt operator after mass or Parish Office. Training will be provided.

Stations of the Cross- During Lent the Community of the Risen Lord will be reflecting on the Way of the Cross every Friday at 7.00pm at St Brigid's Church, Dickson. Holy Mass follows at 7.30pm,

Choir Practice - 31-Mar and 3-Apr

Choir practice for Holy Week singing will be after 9:30am mass on 31-Mar and at 6pm on 3-Apr. Please come along if you have signed up or are interested. All are welcomed.

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

VOLUNTEERS for the Easter ceremonies: Holy Thursday 12 disciples for Washing of the Feet. After the Holy Thursday Mass volunteers are needed to prepare the Church for Good Friday. On Saturday morning in preparation for the Easter Mass there are a number of

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord:

Davina Godfrey, Joy Pollard, Uqasha Imran Amjad, Kitty Mullaney, Colin Duggan, Joseph 'Joe' Quigley, Barry Collis, Kevin Tee, Fr Kevin Flynn

IN LOVING MEMORY

Norbertus Purba, Felipe Miragaya, Anne Balfour O'Brien, Dominica Cortese, Helen Olsen, Tecla Perera, Clude Anthony, Isabel Barnes, Rev Francis Carroll, Felix Dennis Anderson, Kate Dwyer, James Bergin, Domingo Apolinar, Silvio Rossi

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Elsie Ong Lee, Maria Pham, Madelon Harvey, Errol Whitson, Patricia Brown, Robin Lees, Maggie McKeown, Colleen & Robin Lees, Noel Tanzer, Wendy Altamore.

Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for four weeks. You are welcome to email the parish office if you would like to renew your prayer request.

jobs to prepare the Church for the evening Mass. There will be a supper after the Mass to celebrate our Catechumens and Candidates help with the supper will be needed. A sign up-sheet is in the foyer if you can help with any of these tasks.

Recitation of the Rosary - Due to an increase of parishioners volunteering to lead the Rosary prayers on Sunday mornings at 9-30 am, we are including our parish in the 'Mass, Sacrament and Devotion Times' section of the church bulletin on the back page under 'Rosary Prayers' There are still vacancies to lead the prayers in the April roster in church foyer or come and be a responder. A reminder that the Rosary on Palm Sunday 13/4 will begin at 9-20 am and not at 9.30am

ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

On all Fridays of the Lenten Season. The Stations of the Cross will take place immediately after the 9.15am Mass and again at 6pm lead by the Syriac Catholic Community

Friday 5 April 5 - 10pm - There will be a Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration Vigil for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary at St Joseph's Parish Hall (next to the Church). All welcome to stay or come and go at anytime during the evening. **Contact Rosalyn Apolloni ph 0497797117**

Children's Liturgy at St Joseph's

St Joseph's 8.30am Children's Liturgy will be on during the next two week's masses, 4th and 5th week of Lent **St Joseph's Lectors (Readers)** Reading training for Lectors will be held on the Saturday's of Lent after the 8:30am Mass by Donna. Current lectors may wish to familiarise themselves with our new microphone

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

Please remember 2025 Parish Assembly - Sunday 6 April 11.30-1.30

The St. Thomas More Parish Pastoral Council has convened our **2025 Parish Assembly for Sunday 6 April**

2025 from 11.30am until 1.30pm. Following our 10am Mass that day there will be a Parish Brunch in lieu of Morning Tea in the Holy Faith Hall. All Parishioners are invited to attend as we consider the future priorities of our St. Thomas More Parish Community. Full details of the Assembly will be released after our combined PPC/PFC meeting on Wednesday 12 March 2025

Hi! This is Luce, she is a mascot for the Jubilee Year 2025! Pilgrims of Hope! Luce ("light" in Italian) was announced at a press conference on the 28th October 2024, by Archbishop Rino Fisichella in line with the jubilee celebrations. Her yellow coat, muddy, green boots, and walking stick are symbols of pilgrimage.



Contribute to the First Collection:

Account Name: Central Presbytery Fund
 BSB: 062-786 - Bank Account: 00029248
 Reference: Your parish location, name and intention (e.g. Campbell Smith 1st collect)

Contribute to your parish via the "Qkr!" mobile app or direct deposit:

Canberra Central : A/C Name Canberra Central Parish
 BSB: 062786 A/C: 00013150 Ref: Name & Giving Number.

Blackfriars: A/C Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson
 BSB: 062786 A/C: 00013341 Ref: Name & Giving Number.

St Joseph's: A/C Name: St Joseph's Parish
 BSB: 062 786 A/C: 00012798 Ref: Name & Giving Number.

St Thomas More: A/C Name: St Thomas More Parish BSB: 062786 A/C: 00014869 Ref: Name & Giving Number.

MASS, SACRAMENT & DEVOTION TIMES - week ending 6 April

	Blackfriars, Watson	St Brigid's, Dickson	St Joseph's, O'Connor	St Patricks, Braddon	St Thomas More, Campbell
Mass					
Sunday	10.00am 5.00pm	9.30am 5.00pm Vietnamese Mass - 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month	8.30am	8.00am	10.00am
Tuesday to Friday	5.30pm	9.00am	9.15am *Stations of the Cross every Friday after morning Mass*	12.30pm	11.45 1st & 3rd Friday of the Month
Saturday	5.00pm (vigil)	9.00am 6.00pm (vigil)	8.30am 6.00pm (vigil)		
Reconciliation					
Friday			8.15 - 9.00am - during Holy Hour	11.30 - 12.30pm	11.00-11.30 1st & 3rd Friday of the Month
Saturday	4.00 - 4.30pm	9.30 - 10.00am 5.30 - 5.50pm	5.15 - 5.45pm		
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament					
Tuesday			8.15 - 9.10am		
Wednesday		8.00am - 8.00pm			
Thursday					
Friday	6.00 - 7.00pm				11.30am - 12.30pm
Saturday		9.30 - 10.00am			
Anointing of the Sick					
Sunday		After 9.30am Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month			11.15am - 1st Sunday of the month
Saturday			Within 8.30am Mass - 1st Saturday of the month		
Rosary Prayers					
Tuesday to Thursday *During Lent*		8.30am	After 9.15am Mass	12.10pm	
Saturday		8.30am	8.15am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help		