



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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Fifth Sunday of Easter | Year C | 18 May 2025

Today's three scripture readings show us different faces of Christian faith. The Acts of the Apostles tells of Paul and Barnabas returning home to Antioch after completing their first missionary journey around south east Asia Minor (present - day Turkey). The Christians in Antioch rejoice, hearing about all the wonderful things God has done through this missionary work.

In the Book of Apocalypse we see a symbolic vision of what Christian life hopes for; union with God, in peace, where there will be no more tears and pain, and death will have vanished.

The Gospel reading shows us a crucial moment when this vision of salvation was being worked out in the life of Jesus. The passage opens with the words, 'When he had gone out'. Who is this 'he'? It is Judas Iscariot. Just before this, the Gospel has shown us that Jesus knows Judas is going out to betray him and that it is night, the time when darkness triumphs. Against this wretchedness, Jesus speaks in an extraordinary way. First, he declares that in this very betrayal, God is glorifying him. Second, he chooses this moment to command his disciples to love one another in the way Jesus has loved them.

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.riosacg.org.au - Maria Hicks (Manager) -

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St Joseph's O'Connor: Noel oonnor.safeguardingcg.org.au

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CANBERRA CENTRAL incl:

ST BRIGID'S 2 Bancroft St
Dickson ACT 2602
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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.

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is 12 pm WEDNESDAY

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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 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 144(145):8-13a

R: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. . **R**

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Second Reading - Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his

people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel - John 13:31-33,34-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.

'My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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INNER NORTH

Clergy Assembly 19 - 23 May 2025

Please Note: Except for St Patrick's (Tuesday - Friday @12.30pm)

There will be no Mass celebrated in each of the Inner North Churches for the dates provided above.

Australian Catholic University - As Fr Josh is away at the Clergy Assembly there will be no Mass **21 May 2025** in the Chapel.

RCIA meetings - Save the Date

will commence again in July, date to be advised shortly. If you are interested please contact the Parish office via innernorth@cg.org.au

Teens Youth Group – Saturday May 24th

Teenagers are welcome to join across the Inner North to join us for another night of fun, games, pizza and growing in Faith! Come along to St Brigid's in Dickson at 7pm on Saturday 24th of May! Feel free to contact us

at youth.innernorth@cq.org.au should you have any questions.

Combined Youth Group – Sunday 25 May

We're starting up our youth group for kids aged from year 3-6 for all families across the Inner North! Join us for a Nerf Battle!! We kick off right after 10am Mass at Holy Rosary, Watson on Sunday 25th of May. Feel free to bring your own nerf guns! For more information, contact us at youth.innernorth@cq.org.au.

Young Adults Adoration – Sunday 25 May

Are you a young adult looking for a community to worship with? We have a new event just for you! Join us for Adoration on Sunday 25th of May at St Patrick's in Braddon at 3pm. We'll have some afternoon snacks beforehand, as well as some songs of praise to worship together!

Stay tuned to our Instagram at [@youth.innernorth](https://www.instagram.com/youth.innernorth) or email us at youth.innernorth@cq.org.au

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

Annual Leave - Due to annual leave of the priest, there are changes in Sunday Mass schedules starting 25 May to 22 June. Watson - 10.00am to 10.30am

St Vincent de Paul - Annual Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding its annual Christmas Appeal as a leaving collection at Masses on May 31st and Sunday 1st June. Cash donations will be accepted. We will have portable eftpos facilities available and hope this year that they work. Receipts will be provided. There will be information in the Bulletin on the weekend of the appeal about how to donate online. As ever, Vinnies appreciates the great support of the Watson and Canberra Central Parish communities.

The Rosary

Please consider leading the prayer at 9-30 am on Sunday mornings by adding your name and details, (if you wish) to the roster for June in the church foyer. Help is forthcoming and \$2 Rosary booklets are available in our parish office on Friday mornings. We also need more parishioners present to respond to the leader's prayers at that time.

Thank you
Carmel

Penrose Park Jubilee Pilgrimage: Saturday 7

June 2025: Join the North Canberra Catholic

Community for a day dedicated to prayer, reflection, and encounter. Please register your interest with Emily at emilykathrynhall@gmail.com.

ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

Thank you to everyone who supported our **Mother's Day** fundraiser by purchasing a flower arrangement. Special thanks to Donna McDonald and Trevor Dennis for their help. We sold 12 of 14 arrangements, raising nearly \$600 (2 were immediately placed before our Lady) and making a modest \$75 profit. Proceeds will help supplement our flower budget.

Parish Assembly – Save the date – Sunday 15

June 2025 Everyone is warmly invited to St Joseph's Parish

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Gary Tuite, Patrick McNamara, Maria Strazzeri, Neville Finnegan, Peter Loc Nguyen, William Korab, Diarmund Battison, Carmel Masters

IN LOVING MEMORY

Barry Hockney, Dionisio Cabardo, Maria Lucy Condemi, Edna O'Brien, Joseph Grzic, Adelaida Vargas, Joan Meech, Patricia Kearns, Caterina & Domenico Barbaro, Leslie Mann, Vivian Lynda Ruiz, Tom Petry, Carmel Ford, Albertina Dos Santos, Ron Wiley

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Sue Creagh, Jacquie Cortese, Peter Catlin, Laura Nuessler, Carmel Slammon, Elsie Ong Lee, Maria Pham, Madelon Harvey, Errol Whitson, Robin Lees, Maggie McKeown, Noel Tanzer,

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.

Assembly on **Sunday 15 June 1-3pm** (followed by afternoon tea). The Assembly will examine how St Joseph's community can realise our Catholic mission of evangelisation and discern a way forward for the union Canberra's Inner North Parishes. The Assembly will use the Conversation in the Spirit framework to provide a prayerful gathering that allows the Holy Spirit to guide listening, reflection and discernment. Additional information on the Conversation in the Spirit process will be provided in advance of the Assembly. Please register your attendance by Sunday 7 June 2025 via email to Warwick (PPC Chair) warwick.mcdonald3@bigpond.com

Unpacking the Creed - 15 May

The "Unpacking the short sayings of Jesus" group will meet on Thursday, May 15, in St Joseph's Paris Hall (11am -12). The group meets fortnightly. Everybody welcome. For more information, contact Anna.Wierzbicka@anu.edu.au.

The Men of St Joseph - 21 May

The Men of St Joseph meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The group will be meeting in the St Joseph's parish hall this Wednesday 21 May starting with the Rosary at 7.30pm. Please contact Andrew Italiano on 0422 929 536 for more information.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

If you would like to support the seminarians of the Mission of The Blessed Sacrament in honour of Fr. Sebastian and Fr. Renoir's anniversary, you are invited to do so *in lieu of gifts*. Please place your contribution in an envelope marked "**Mission of The Blessed Sacrament – Seminarian**" and either place it in the collection plate or hand it directly to Fr. Sebastian.

Annual Leave - Due to annual leave of the priest, there are changes in Sunday Mass schedules starting 25 May to 22 June.

Dickson - 9.30am to 9.15am. Also no Reconciliation on Saturday afternoon.

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

Save the Date!

We are delighted to invite you to the 2025 St Thomas More Feast Day Parish Dinner and the 20th Annual St Thomas More Forum Lecture.

This year's lecture will be presented by Bishop Fr Tony Percy, the new auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Topic: *Will it be lawful to be a Christian in 2050?*

And what the ACT compulsory takeover of Calvary Hospital means for Australia

Date: Friday, 27 June 2025 – 6:45 pm for 7:30 pm

Venue: Mercure Hotel, Limestone Avenue, Braddon

Cost: \$99 (includes dinner and wine)

R.S.V.P.: By 11 am, Friday 20 June 2025

Bookings: Please call 0416 823 447

To contribute to the First Collection **

Account Name: Central Presbytery Fund

Reference: Your parish location, name and intention (eg Campbell Smith 1st collect)

Refer to note below regarding banking details.

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

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

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

St Joseph's: A/C Name: St Joseph's Parish
Ref: Name & Giving Number.

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

In the best interest of safety with bank account **
please kindly call the parish office for this information.

MASS, SACRAMENT & DEVOTION TIMES - Please take note of changes for the week 19-24 April (refer to pge 2)

	Blackfriars, Watson	St Brigid's, Dickson	St Joseph's, O'Connor	St Patricks, Braddon Please refer to note	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	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 Monthly as above
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 Friday		8.30am	After 9.15am Mass	12.10pm	
Saturday Sunday	9.30am	8.30am	8.15am -Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help		