



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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Sixth Sunday of Easter | Year C | 25 May 2025

This Sunday we hear how carefully Jesus prepared his disciples for their life and work once he was no longer with them in the flesh. Ahead of their experience of what would happen in his death, resurrection and return to the Father, Jesus assured them of his continuing, loving presence. This presence would be enriched by the Father and the Spirit being present among them in a new way. With the Father, Jesus promised to make his home with his disciples. Through the Spirit, teacher and reminder of all they had heard from Jesus, Jesus' understanding and passion for God would endure, alive within them.

The first Council of Jerusalem sent its decision out to the new Gentile believers not only in a written letter but also through Judas and Silas, attendees at the Council who could explain its spirit personally. A key principle of responsible decision-making is spelled out in the letter: 'It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us...'. The Council members prayed for guidance, but they also used their own abilities to think and discern in reaching their decision. As we explore the synodal way we can learn from the Council's approach.

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) - Phone **02 6239 9806** - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) ipsscg.org.au

Parish Safeguarding Officers

Blackfriars Parish, Watson: Nicole watson.safeguardingcg.org.au

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Dickson ACT 2602
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Braddon ACT 2612



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ST THOMAS MORE 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.

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is 12 pm WEDNESDAY

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Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Is 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading - Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

R: O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R**

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Second Reading - Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it .

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel - John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own:
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.
Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give,
this is my gift to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad to know
that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon - Jn 14: 15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

INNER NORTH

Baptisms

Congratulations to Edie and Oscar Minehan who will be baptized at St Thomas More this weekend. May their lives be filled with God's peace and their hearts with God's love, on this Baptismal day and all days to come.



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

Any teenagers across the Inner North are welcome 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 25th of May! Feel free to contact us at youth.innernorth@cg.org.au should you have any questions.

Combined Youth Group – Sunday May 25th

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@cg.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@cg.org.au

Living in the Divine Will retreat Galong NSW, speakers Frs Emil Milat, Hugh Thomas and Marco Killingsworth. Held 13-16 June- for more info contact Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au or South Woden parish office 62861908

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 - Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding its Winter Appeal as a leaving collection at Masses on May 31st/ Sunday 1st June. Cash donations will be accepted. We will have eftpos facilities available and hope this year that they work. Receipts will be provided. There will be info 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.

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.

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

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

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Patricia Brown, Carmel Slammon, Sue Creagh, Jacque Cortese, Peter Catlin, Laura Nuessler, 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.

ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

Parish Assembly – Save the date – Sunday 15 June 2025

Everyone is warmly invited to St Joseph's Parish 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 - 29 May (please note correct date) - The "Unpacking the short sayings of Jesus" group will meet on Thursday, 29 May in St Joseph's Paris Hall (11am -12). The group meets fortnightly. Everybody welcome. For more information, contact Anna.Wierzbicka@anu.edu.au

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

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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

	Blackfriars, Watson	St Brigid's, Dickson	St Joseph's, O'Connor	St Patricks, Braddon	St Thomas More, Campbell
Mass					
Sunday	10.00am 10.30am 5.00pm	9.30am–9.15am 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 <i>1st & 3rd Friday of the Month</i>
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 <i>1st & 3rd Friday Monthly as above</i>
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 - <i>1st Sunday of the month</i>
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		