



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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The Ascension of the Lord | Year C | 1 June 2025

The two men in white who challenge the disciples are the same ones who in Luke's version of the women at the tomb of Jesus say: 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?' Today's feast is in one way also about our mission, sent as we are like them, clothed with the promised gift of the Spirit. Jesus is among us inviting us to spread his message of reconciliation and forgiveness, especially to those closest to us - family, friends, workmates and colleagues. We will always find him in the mix and muddle of daily life. Is this why those disciples were so full of joy when they returned to Jerusalem even though their friend and teacher was no longer physically with them? May their joy be infectious as we celebrate today's feast and continue to seek the living but often unrecognisable risen Lord Jesus.

It is this gift of wisdom with perception and knowledge, that Paul wishes upon the community at Ephesus. The power given to believer becomes a potent force in and through them and us, and will help us to discover how we can be effective witnesses to the saving power of mercy and forgiveness through Christ.

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) ipssc.org.au

Parish Safeguarding Officers

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Dickson ACT 2602
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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 - Acts 1: 11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading - Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 46(47): 2-3,6-9

***R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord***

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R**

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R**

Second Reading - Hebrews 9:24-28,10:19-23

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples:
'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon - Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

INNER NORTH

Baptisms

Congratulations to Leo Lando who will be baptized at St Joseph's this weekend. Congratulations also to Harvey Allison and Amelia Chapman who will be Baptised at Holy Rosary 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

St Vincent de Paul - Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding its annual Winter Appeal as a leaving collection at Masses this weekend. We will have portable eftpos facilities available and hope this year that they work. Vinnies volunteers will be at the exists to accept cash and eftpos donations. Proceed to the foyer if you wish to claim a receipt.

To donate online, go to: <https://www.vinnies.org.au>. Tap the **Donate** button at the top right of the screen. **Type your dollar amount** and then tap the **Donate** button at the bottom of that screen. **Fill in your details**, including email and address to obtain a receipt. In the **Comments/Conference Name** box **type 'Watson ACT Winter Appeal'**. Tap the **Payment Options** button. **Type your credit card or Paypal details**. Note you do not have to make a contribution to the 'Cover Platform Costs'. Then finalise payment

Teens Youth Group – Saturday June 7th

We have a guest speaker coming to the next Teens Youth Group! As always, we've got a slice of pizza and games to any teens across the Inner North. Come along to St Brigid's in Dickson at 7pm **on Saturday 7th of June!** Any questions contact us at youth.innernorth@cg.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

Recitation of the Rosary

A reminder that the Rosary will be recited at 10 am each Sunday until **22/6** due to mass being held at **10-30 am**. It will resume at 9-30am 29/6 onwards.'

Taizé – Prayer, Silence, Meditative Song

Sunday, 6pm. Holy Cross Anglican / St Margaret's Uniting. 1 June.

Penrose Park: Jubilee Pilgrimage:

Saturday 7 June 2025

Join us for a special Inner North **Pilgrimage** as part of the **Jubilee Year 2025**, a day dedicated to prayer, reflection, and encounter. Together, we will journey in faith through:

- **Mass** – Celebrating the Eucharist as the source and summit of our pilgrimage
- **Reconciliation** – Receiving the grace of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Confession

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

David Wignall, Barbara Avis, Maria Strazzeri, Philip Bui, Mario Russo, Carmelina Russo, 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

Carmel Slammon, Sue Creagh, Jacquie 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.

- **Rosary** – Praying with Our Lady as we reflect on the mysteries of Christ
- **Fellowship & Lunch** – Sharing time together in faith and community. Please register your interest with Emily at

ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

emilykathrynhall@gmail.com. A bus will be organised to pick up and return parishioners from Holy Rosary Watson. Tentative departure at 8:30am with a return by 3pm.

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

Eucharistic Prayer and Adoration Vigil - 6 June

On first Friday, 6 June, 2025, there will be a Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration Vigil, from 5pm to 10pm, at St Joseph's Parish Hall (next to the church). All welcome to stay, or come and go at any time during the evening.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

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:

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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		