



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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If we've ever wondered 'how to pray', we can find words of guidance in Jesus' instructions to the disciples. He invites us to call God 'Father', an intimate term which indicates how God sees us, as his children. The words 'may your name be held holy' could also be termed: 'Father, may we always honour you, and know how special you are. There is no one else like you.' Jesus encourages us to acknowledge and voice our desire to do God's will in our lives, that God's kingdom of love, goodness, mercy, compassion and salvation be our reality. We pray that our needs are met, and that our sins are forgiven. And just as God the Father forgives our sins, we too are called to forgive the sins of others. 'And do not put us to the test' could also sound like, 'we pray that we can bear what life brings us, with your grace and with the help of the Holy Spirit'. God wants to hear from us, to speak to us in our hearts. May we always find time to pray to God, to speak to God our Father who loves us more than we imagine, and who wants to give us all we can ask for, in the name of his Son.

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 Renoir Oliver SSS—renoir.oliver@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.

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is 12 pm WEDNESDAY

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Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading - Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 137(138):1-3,6-8

R: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R**

Second Reading - Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - Rom 8:15bc

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;

give us each day our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.

And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them:

'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon - Ps 102: 2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

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INNER NORTH

RCIA meetings - August 05

If you are interested please contact the Parish office via innernorth@cg.org.au

Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrimage to Rome

Cross the Holy Door in Rome. Celebrate the Jubilee Year 25 September - 4 October 2025 visiting holy places in Rome, Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle), Assisi, Pompei, Montecassino and the Amalfi Coast. Open to all, it will be extra special for those involved in teaching the faith as it coincides with the Jubilee of Catechists.

Enquiries: pp@mibp.org.au or text 0417259617.

Combined Youth Group – Sunday July 27

Kids aged from 3 to 6 across the Inner North are all welcome to join our monthly gathering after the 10 am mass, Holy Rosary Church, Watson. Catechesis, Games, and Foods await! Enquiries: youth.innernorth@cg.org.au

Inner North Communio – Sunday July 27

Jesus is there, everybody to him! – St Peter Julian Eymard. All young adults are welcome to join in prayer, meditation, and personal encounter with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament exposed at 3 to 4 pm, St Patrick's Church, Braddon. Fellowship afterwards.

Enquiries: [youth.innernorth](https://www.instagram.com/youth.innernorth) (Instagram) or youth.innernorth@cg.org.au

Teens Youth Group - Saturday 2 August

Our Teen's Youth Group returns for Term 3 at 7pm on Saturday August 2nd at St Brigids, Dickson. Join us once again for another term of discussing and growing in Faith with fellow high schoolers across the Inner North! The youth group during this term takes place fortnightly from August 2nd until week 10.

Enquiries: youth.innernorth@cg.org.au

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

Blackfriars Parish consultation meeting – August 08

In his letter of 1 July 2025, Archbishop Christopher asked that the parishes of the inner north Catholic community be consulted about their future configuration and canonical status. As part of this consultation process, Blackfriars Parish will hold a parish meeting at 7pm on Friday, 8 August 2025, in the Holy Rosary Church parish centre. The meeting coincides with the feast day of Australia's first saint, St Mary MacKillop, as well as (in other countries) the feast day of the founder of the Dominicans, St Dominic. All welcome.

Sausage Sizzle

You're invited! Come to Holy Rosary this Sunday for our monthly Sausage Sizzle Gathering following the 10:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to enjoy food and fellowship.

ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

St Joseph's Parish Survey & Morning Tea Gathering

Parishioners and the St Joseph's Primary School Community are invited to participate in a survey that aims to gather your aspirations and expectations for the future of St Joseph's. This is in the context of the

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Rodney Baxter, Tony Senti, Melinda Hughes, Noel Tanzer, Tony Reid.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Lirio Lukban, Jose Leal, Edward Kozjak, Alister Perera, Sem Anthony Cabardo, Dorothy Olsen, John Moten, Geof Gale, Jane and Alfred Mercieca, Francesco Macor, Mary Kiel, David Wignall, Barbara Avis, Maria Strazzeri, Philip Bui, Mario Russo, Carmelina Russo.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Marjorie Letts, Ewan Letts, Catherine Doherty, Brian Brown, Robin Lees, Maggie McKeown, Pat Turnbull, Gwenda Romer (nee Hewitt).

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.

Archbishop's recently stated intention to form a single Parish across Canberra's Inner North. This short survey is available online (scan the QR CODE with your mobile camera) or in paper form (copies available in the Church foyer) to be completed by 11 August. You are also warmly invited to a Morning Tea Gathering after Mass on Sunday 17 August to discuss the survey findings (please bring a plate to share).



St Peter Julian Eymard Morning Tea

Morning tea will be held at St Joseph's Church on Sunday, 3 August 2025 after the 8.30am Mass to celebrate the feast day of St Peter Julian Eymard. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday, 27 July during the 8.30am Mass. After the Gloria and a blessing from Father, children will hear the Gospel and discuss its message in a relatable way before returning for the Offertory procession. All families are encouraged to join and spread the word!

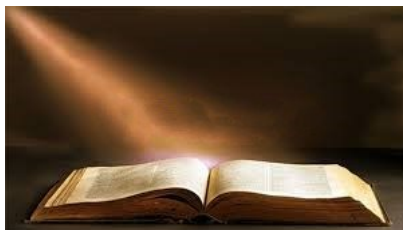
Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration Vigil - 01 August

Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration Vigil will take place from 03pm—06pm, for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary at St Joseph's Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome. Enquiries: Rosalyn Apolloni 0497797117.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

Join us for a festive Christmas in July roast lunch at St Brigid's! - Sunday July 27

Join us for a festive Christmas in July roast lunch at St Brigid's Parish Hall! Tickets will be available for purchase at Mass starting 7 July. Cost:\$50 per person (includes main meal, salads, dessert, tea and coffee). Extras: Lucky door prize and raffles on the day Time: Arrive from 12:00pm for a 12:30pm meal. We look forward to celebrating with you! Note the function is BYOD.



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 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		