



# Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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The book of Ecclesiastes—Qoheleth in Hebrew, meaning, 'one who calls to assembly'—surprises and upsets because the author (also called Qoheleth) questions the standard religious mentality of his time: that the good are rewarded and the evil punished. Qoheleth shocks by his pessimism: all is *hebel*, meaning, vain or empty. Human beings are no better than animals; one who is hardworking is no better than a sluggard; acquiring wisdom and knowledge is like chasing after the wind. Qoheleth's contribution to religious thought is his willingness to question ready-made ideas and complacent optimism which extol success as the fruit of a well-ordered world. Qoheleth's restlessness and pessimism are, in the final analysis, but the expression of his anguished cry for what lasts: the Absolute. He desires the Absolute: the One who is not 'vanity'. Qoheleth's words prepare us for the Gospel teaching about the folly of wealth. 'A man's life is not made secure by what he owns', Jesus declares. To drive home that message, he tells the parable of a rich man who 'has it all' and looks forward to enjoying his wealth. But he dies the very night he makes his great plans. The only solution to the inevitability of death is to be 'rich in the sight of God'. We should consider always what will remain after death. We will be stripped of all material goods, even those legitimately acquired. What remains will only be the quality of our life and how we have made use of our goods, be they much or little. Paul understands Christ's teaching well and declares, 'Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on things that are on earth' (Colossians 3:2). Life in Christ is the only wealth worth having, a wealth that endures forever.

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](mailto:renoir.oliver@cg.org.au) - Maria Hicks (Manager) - Phone **02 6239 9806** - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) [ipss@cg.org.au](mailto: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 - Ps 69: 2, 6

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

### First Reading - Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities.  
All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

### Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 89(90):3-6,12-14,17

**R: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You turn men back to dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. **R**

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like the grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. **R**

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. **R**

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **R**

### Second Reading - Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man.

There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

### Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation - Matt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

### Gospel - Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

### Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### Communion Antiphon - Wis 16: 20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,  
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.  
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## INNER NORTH

### Baptisms

Congratulations to Tanasha Adolphus who will be Baptised at O'Connor and Callie Rose Bova who will be Baptised at Dickson this weekend. May their life's be filled with God's peace and their hearts with God's love, on this Baptismal day and all days to come.



### RCIA meetings - August 05

An RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 5th, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at St Brigid's Parish Hall. All those interested in learning more about the Christian faith are warmly invited to attend. Please help spread the word to anyone who may be interested. Enquiries: [innernorth@cg.org.au](mailto: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, Lancia (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](mailto:pp@mibp.org.au) or text 0417259617.

### Calling all St Clare's College alumni, past staff and families

Join us for a special celebration marking 60 wonderful years of St Clare's College — a place where lifelong friendships were formed, values were shaped, and memories made.

In honour of our 60th anniversary and the Feast Day of St Clare, we warmly invite you to a Community Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral, followed by light refreshments and the chance to revisit the College with guided tours of the campus.

Date: Sunday 10 August 2025

Mass: St Christopher's Cathedral – 11am

Refreshments & College Tours: St Clare's College following the Mass

Reconnect with old friends, walk the halls of your old school, and celebrate the vibrant community that continues to thrive six decades on.

We'd love to see as many alumni, past staff and families as possible — help us spread the word!

RSVP is essential – please RSVP here or by scanning the QR Code.

Enquiries: [stcc.events@stcc.act.edu.au](mailto:stcc.events@stcc.act.edu.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](mailto:youth.innernorth@cg.org.au)

### BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

### Blackfriars Parish consultation meeting – 8 August

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. Refreshments provided. All welcome.

### August Rosary Roster

The Rosary roster for August is in the church foyer. Please consider adding your name (and details if you wish) to lead the Rosary one Sunday morning at 9-30 am before the 10 am mass. Help is available as are booklets from the parish office or Carmel Lewis after the 10 am mass. The microphone by the piano is to be used. Thank you.



### OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Jossip Ersck, Rodney Baxter, Tony Senti.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Raymond Hawkes, Lirio Lukban, Jose Leal, Edward Kozjak, Alister Perera, Sem Anthony Cabardo, Dorothy Olsen.

### THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Una Bell, Marjorie Letts, Ewan Letts, Catherine Doherty, Brian Brown, Robin Lees and Maggie McKeown.

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

### 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 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.

### ST THOMAS MORE, WATSON

### Friday Reconciliation & Mass – St Thomas More, Campbell

We warmly invite you to join us each Friday at St Thomas More, Campbell. Reconciliation is offered from 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM, followed by Mass at 11:45 AM. All are most welcome to attend.

### CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

### 90th Anniversary of St. Patrick's Church, Braddon 19 October

St. Patrick's Church Braddon, the first Catholic Church

on the North side of Canberra, was dedicated on 20th October 1935. This year marks the 90th anniversary of its consecration. The anniversary will be commemorated on Sunday, 19th October with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Prowse at 8am followed by refreshments. St. Pat's began life as a church-school and organisers wish to contact former pupils to share their school day memories and to attend the Mass and celebrations on that day. For more information please contact Ray Toohey 0411182545 or Mary Boyle, [maryeboyle8@gmail.com](mailto:maryeboyle8@gmail.com).



#### 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  
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**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
<b>Mass</b>					
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 AM Mass – Every Friday
Saturday	5.00pm (vigil)	9.00am 6.00pm (vigil)	8.30am 6.00pm (vigil)		
<b>Reconciliation</b>					
Friday			8.15 - 9.00am - during Holy Hour	11.30 - 12.30pm	11.00-11.30 Every Friday
Saturday	4.00 - 4.30pm	9.30 - 10.00am 5.30 - 5.50pm	5.15 - 5.45pm		
<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>					
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			
<b>Anointing of the Sick</b>					
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		
<b>Rosary Prayers</b>					
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		