



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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In the Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples to seek security not in the realities of this world but in the treasures of God's Kingdom. He exhorts them to be steadfast in their faith, staying ready and prepared even when the fulfilment of that faith is a long time coming. Jesus then gives an illustration of servants who are entrusted with the management of the household. No one knows exactly when the master will return. A wise servant, therefore, will always be vigilant since the master may return at any moment and will expect to find everything in order. This Gospel illustrates for us the importance of being ready and prepared for the many ways our God visits us in our lives. We are often beset with hardships and failures, pain and anguish, tragedy and disappointment; our dreams, hopes, and plans are frequently thwarted. How do we prepare for such circumstances? What are we to do in dark moments when God seems to be far away, and we grope for some evidence of God's presence? Let us continue hoping in God's love even though we may not feel it, and keep on waiting in patient trust. Life on earth is a journey in faith and a pilgrimage of hope. For this journey we are given enough light to take the next step. As St John Henry Cardinal Newman prayed, 'Lead, kindly Light... Lead thou me on! Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene one step enough for me.'

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 Ngannawal 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 73: 20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading - Wisdom 18:6-9 ·

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that,
once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their
trust in,
they would joyfully take courage.
This was the expectation of your people,
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;
for by the same act with which you took vengeance on
our foes
you made us glorious by calling us to you.
The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in
secret
and this divine pact they struck with one accord:
that the saints would share the same blessings and
dangers alike;
and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of
the fathers.

Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 32(33):1,12,18-
20,22**

R: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R**

Second Reading - Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19 ·

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope
for, or prove the existence of the realities that at
present remain unseen. It was for faith that our
ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out
for a country that was the inheritance given to him and
his descendants, and that he set out without knowing
where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner,
in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange
country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him
of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he
looked forward to a city founded, designed and built
by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past
the age, was made able to conceive, because she
believed that he who had made the promise would be

faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man,
and one who was already as good as dead himself,
more descendants than could be counted, as many as
the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the
seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things
that had been promised, but they saw them in the far
distance and welcomed them, recognising that they
were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who
use such terms about themselves make it quite plain
that they are in search of their real homeland. They can
hardly have meant the country they came from, since
they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact
they were longing for a better homeland, their
heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to
be called their God, since he has founded the city for
them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test,
offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son
even though the promises had been made to him and
he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will
be carried on. He was confident that God had the
power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively
speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - Matt 24:42a,44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid,
little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the
kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves
purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail
you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no
moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your
heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your
lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return
from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as
soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants
whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you
solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at
table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch
he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he
finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if
the householder had known at what hour the burglar
would come, he would not have let anyone break
through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready,
because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do
not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for
everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward,
then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place
him over his household to give them their allowance of
food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his
master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you
truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as

for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon - Ps 147: 12, 14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,

who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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INNER NORTH

Baptisms

Congratulations to Eden Squire who will be Baptised at Holy Rosary this weekend. May his life be filled with God's peace and their hearts with God's love, on this Baptismal day and all days to come.



RCIA meetings

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meetings will be held on Tuesday's, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at St Brigid's Parish Hall. All those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith are warmly invited to attend. Please help spread the word to anyone who may be interested.

Enquiries: innernorth@cg.org.au

Teens Youth Group - Saturday August 16

Our next teens youth group at St Brigid Dickson will be on once again on Saturday, August 16th at 7pm! As always, we have faith, friendship, games, and pizza for anyone who wants to come along!

Enquiries: youth.innernorth@cg.org.au

Planning to marry in the Catholic Church?

Go to the Archdiocesan marriage and family webpage (without delay) for information and to choose a marriage preparation program that suits at www.marriagefamily.org.au.

Enquiries: marriage.preparation@cg.org.au or text Helena on 0405 440 463.

School of Religion

Our School of Religion will begin soon! Dates will be confirmed shortly.

Parents interested in having their child receive the sacraments (Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation), please contact the Inner North Parish Office.

Enquiries: innernorth@cg.org.au

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Frank Racaleenan, Rita Ross, Peter Cook, Winnie Resulta, Hermie Genove, Jossip Ersck, Rodney Baxter, Tony Senti.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Anjalee Bowman, Joseph Edith McGeehan, Mary Goh Bie Lan, Sr Veronica Dunphy, Raymond Hawkes, Lirio Lukban, Jose Leal, Edward Kozjak, Alister Perera, Sem Anthony Cabardo, Dorothy Olsen.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Monica Phelan, Catherine Demaison, James Tisdell, Denise Bergin, Una Bell, Marjorie Letts, Ewan Letts, Brian Brown, Robin Lees and Maggie Mc Keown.

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.

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Aug 15

It is a Holy Day of Obligation the mass will be at 06.00pm.

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).



♪ Choral Vespers - Sunday 14th Sep 4pm

St Joseph's Choristers warmly invite you to a peaceful moment of beautiful sacred music in honour of the Feast of the Holy Cross. Experience the richness of Choral Vespers, featuring sung psalms, hymns, and motets, followed by Benediction. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Short Sayings of Jesus" group August 14

We meet on Thursday 14 Aug from 11am-12pm in the parish hall at St Joseph's. All are welcome.

Enquiries: Anna.Wierzbicka@anu.edu.au

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

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

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. Enquiries: Ray Toohey 0411182545 or Mary Boyle, 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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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 AM Mass – Every Friday
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 Every Friday
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		