



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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The word 'radical' comes from the Latin *radix* meaning 'root'. In the true sense of the word, Jesus can be considered a 'radical' person. His words go straight to the heart, to the 'roots' of a person's being. He exposes the hypocrisy of those who want to appear righteous. Even his detractors admit that he is a truthful man who is not concerned with anyone's opinion (Mark 12:14). In today's Gospel, Jesus says that he has come to establish, not peace on earth, but division. He has come to set the earth on fire. The Word of God that he preaches is like a sword that cuts, a fire that burns and purifies. Before it, people must decide whether to accept the cost of discipleship. Jesus himself is ready to pay the cost of his total dedication to his mission. To obtain the highest good—the salvation of men and women—he will pay the highest price: his own life. He then asks his disciples the same price: their total dedication to him, even at the cost of division among family members. He calls them to be 'radical' and add to the fire of divine love in our world.

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

Parish Safeguarding Officers –while these email addresses are not available currently please send any concerns to ipss@cg.org.au

Blackfriars Parish, Watson: Nicole watson.safeguarding@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 83: 10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading - Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 39(40):2-4,18

R: Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. **R**

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.

He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. **R**

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. **R**

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.

You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay. **R**

Second Reading - Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give

up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon - Ps 129: 7

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

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INNER NORTH

Baptisms

Congratulations to Eden Alexander who will be Baptised at O'Connor this weekend. May his life be filled with God's peace and his heart 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

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

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.

Adoration & Mass at ACU

Adoration will be held at ACU every Tuesday from 11:00 am to 11:45 am, followed by Mass from 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm. All are warmly welcome to join.

Teens Youth Group - August 16

Our next teens youth group at St Brigid Dickson will be 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.

Combined Youth Group - August 31

We'll be holding another Inner North youth group at the end of this month at Holy Rosary, Watson, after the 10 am Mass. Families are invited to enjoy the Parish BBQ together while the kids work on creating a banner for the Season of Sustainability.

Enquiries: youth.innernorth@cg.org.au.

Inner North Communio - August 31

Join us in St Patrick's Braddon at 3pm for Young Adults adoration! Spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, where we have opportunities for communal and personal adoration. Later, join the group at Hopscotch for some wings on us!

Enquiries: youth.innernorth@cg.org.au.

Position Vacant—Parish Administrative Support Assistant

This is a full-time permanent position supporting parishes across the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn with the inputting of financial data and reporting requirements. Part-time hours may be considered for the right applicant. Essential Requirements:

- Accurate data entry skills
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Ability to work in a team environment, take direction and work independently

Desirable Experience:

- Experience with financial packages
- Experience with Microsoft 365 and excel
- Awareness of GST legislation and reporting requirements

Salary is based on qualifications and experience. Position located at the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation, Canberra. Apply to Leanne Boyd

(leanne.boyd@cg.org.au) by COB 22 Aug 2025.

Enquiries/Duty Statement, call 02 6239 9802.

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

Blackfriars Consultation Meeting & Survey

In his letter of 1 July 2025 (copies of which have been placed on the Holy Rosary Church exit tables), 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 second meeting for those unable to attend the 8 August 2025 meeting. The second meeting will be at 6.30pm on Thursday, 21 August 2025, in the Holy Rosary Church parish centre. Refreshments provided. All welcome. You are also invited to complete a consultation survey. Copies at the foyer and electronic survey is also available. scan the QR code below)



OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Denis O'Brien, Marie Forner, Fr Raphael Carbone, Bruce Unger, Robin Lees, Frank Racaleenan, Rita Ross, Peter Cook, Winnie Resulta, Hermie Genove, Jossip Ersck, Rodney Baxter, Tony Senti.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Betty Collett, Josepha Handoko, Michael Ekpe, Judith Imperial, Ricardo Santos, 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

Pia Osmond, Monica Phelan, Catherine Demaison, James Tisdell, Denise Bergin, Una Bell, Marjorie Letts, Ewan Letts, Brian Brown, 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.

ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

St Joseph's Getting to Know You

The recent Parish survey revealed Parishioners want more opportunities to come together and to volunteer. As a result we updating our Parishioner and Volunteer records. Please take a few minutes to fill in the form (scan the QR code below) your support is very much appreciated.



♪ 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.

One Collection During Mass

From 16-17 August onwards, there will only be ONE COLLECTION during mass. The amount collected will be divided as follows: 70% for St Joseph's and 30% for the Archdiocesan Clergy Fund. We encourage you to be generous in sharing your blessings.

Invitation to the Catechesis - Aug 18

Open to teenagers and above, begins Monday 18 August at 7:30 pm, continuing Mondays and Thursdays. Enquiries: Tania on 0426 236 662

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

Renovations at St Patrick's Braddon

Tentatively set to begin on 15 August. All church schedules will continue as usual, but we kindly ask for your patience and understanding during this time. We apologise for any inconvenience—these works are for the greater good of our parish community.

Healing Service at St Brigid's—August 17

A Healing Service will be held at St Brigid's Dickson on 17 August, commencing with Holy Mass at 9:30 am. All are welcome to join in prayer and receive the Lord's healing grace.

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 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 <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		