



# Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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## The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C | 31 August 2025

A wedding banquet is an ideal opportunity to strengthen bonds of friendships, family ties, and neighbourliness. Jesus is certainly not opposed to inviting friends and relatives on such occasions. What is to be avoided is selfishness which excludes less fortunate people and invites only those who can 'pay back' the invitation in some way.

Jesus urges his audience to extend their hospitality to new groups: the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind. These are the people who are on the fringes of or outside the village community. People must go beyond the bounds of kinship and close alliance.

The Kingdom is not reserved to a select few. God prepares his banquet for everyone: the just and the sinners, the good and the bad, the learned and the uneducated, those on the margins and those rejected and scorned by society.

In the end, the kingdom of heaven is the only banquet that counts. To miss out on that banquet is the greatest tragedy that can happen to anyone. The people at the margins of society have a powerful patron: God. To include them in a table fellowship here on earth is to ensure oneself a place of honour in heaven

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)

Parish Safeguarding Officers –while these email addresses are not available currently please send any concerns to [ipss@cg.org.au](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au)

Blackfriars Parish, Watson: Nicole [watson.safeguarding@cg.org.au](mailto: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 - Cf. Ps 85: 3, 5**

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.

**First Reading - Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31**

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,  
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.  
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,

and then you will find favour with the Lord;  
for great though the power of the Lord is,  
he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady,  
since an evil growth has taken root in him.

The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,  
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 67(68):4-7,10-11**

**R: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,  
they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;  
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,  
such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;  
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom:  
God, in your goodness, you have made a home for  
**R**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:  
when your people were starved you gave them  
new life.

It was there that your people found a home,  
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R**

**Second Reading - Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24**

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses:  
not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness,  
or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice  
speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that  
no more should be said to them. But what you have  
come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God,  
the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels  
have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in  
which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of  
heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme  
Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who  
have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator  
who brings a new covenant and a blood for  
purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation - Matt 11:29ab**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

**Gospel - Luke 14:1,7-14**

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Communion Antiphon - Ps 30: 20**

How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.

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**INNER NORTH**

**Baptisms**

Congratulations to Jessie Meagher who will be Baptised at Dickson this weekend. May her life be filled with God's peace and their hearts with God's love, on this Baptismal day and all days to come.



**Inner North Assembly – save the date!**

Would you like to meet with others across our inner north Catholic community to pray and discern how to build a sense of belonging and deepen our faith and share it with others? You are warmly invited to take up this opportunity. **When: Saturday, 27 September 2025, 10am – 3.30pm. Where: Australian Catholic University, Watson.** The assembly will be preceded by 9am Mass at Holy Rosary Church and follows Pope Leo's greetings to Rome and the world on 8 May when he emphasised the need to look for 'ways to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue' and to be a synodal Church. Synodality in this context is a 'walking together' that Pope Francis explained as a

'respectful, mutual listening, free of ideology and predetermined agendas'.  
In For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission – Final Document (26 October 2024), synodality is explained as 'primarily a spiritual disposition [permeating] the daily life of the Baptised as well as every aspect of the Church's mission' (para 43). A synodal spirituality flows from the action of the Holy Spirit. In Pope Francis's words: 'the Holy Spirit is a sure guide and our first task is to learn how to discern his voice, since he speaks through everyone and in all things'.  
Registration and further details 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](mailto:innernorth@cg.org.au)

### 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.

### Multicultural Mass - Oct 11 - save the date!

Everyone is warmly invited to the celebration of the Pilgrim of Hope Multicultural Mass at St Joseph's, O'Connor, at 5:00 pm. On this day, there will be one Vigil Mass for the entire Inner North. Parishioners are encouraged to wear their national attire. Refreshments provided and you are also welcome to bring a plate to share.

### Teens Youth Group - Saturday Aug 30

Our next teens youth group at St Brigid Dickson will be on Saturday, August 30th at 7pm! As always, we have faith, friendship, games, and pizza for anyone who wants to come along! Enquiries: [youth.innernorth@cg.org.au](mailto:youth.innernorth@cg.org.au).

### Combined Youth Group - Aug 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](mailto:youth.innernorth@cg.org.au).

### Inner North Communio - Aug 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](mailto:youth.innernorth@cg.org.au).

### A Fellow Parishioner Needs a Helping Hand

A female parishioner is seeking single-room accommodation in the Braddon or Dickson area. If you are able to help, please contact 0434 389 391.

## BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

### 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.

## OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Dr. Neil Harrigan, Hamish Macgowan, Beryl Keelan, Denis O'Brien, Marie Forner, Fr Raphael Carbone, Bruce Unger, Robin Lees, Frank MacAlleenan, Rita Ross, Peter Cook, Winnie Resulta, Hermie Genove, Jossip Ersck, Rodney Baxter, Tony Senti.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Jose Rico, 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, 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 SEP 14 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.

### St Joseph's Choristers Weekly Practice:

#### Tuesdays 7:30pm

"Qui bene cantat, bis orat" – He who sings well, prays twice. St Joseph's Choristers warmly welcome new singers to our weekly practice each Tuesday at 7:30pm in St Joseph's Church. Together, we prepare to sing worthily for God in the liturgy while sharing the many blessings of choral singing: refining our voices, learning to read music, building friendship, and deepening our prayer through sacred music. Enquiries and lifts: [linktr.ee/stjoseph.choristers](http://linktr.ee/stjoseph.choristers)

### First Friday Prayer & Adoration Vigil

On Friday, 5th September 2025, from 3:00–6:00 pm, a Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration Vigil in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be held at St Joseph's Parish Hall (next to the church). All are welcome to drop in anytime. Contact: Rosalyn Apolloni – 0497 797 117

## CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

### Blessing of New Grotto & Marian Procession

Join us for the blessing of the new grotto for Our Lady at St Brigid's Dickson on Sunday 7th September at 9:30am. A beautiful sung mass followed by a procession of Our Lady from the church to the new grotto for the Blessing Rite. All are most welcome to join us on this special day for the parish.

### Renovations at St Patrick's Braddon

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.

### 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
<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	11:45am 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	11.00-11.40am 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	11.00—11.45am Every Friday
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		