



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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The language in today's Gospel from Luke certainly packs a punch. It looks like we are being asked by Jesus to hate our family, take up our cross and to give up everything we own if we want to be his disciples. Jesus was using strong language to make a fundamental points about Christian discipleship-that in our life we must put nothing before God-not even our family or the things we own. Everything and everybody we have in our life is a gift from God, to be stewarded well for the sake of the kingdom, not clung to for personal comfort. Most of us won't be asked to give up all our possessions (although some in religious life voluntarily make this vow of poverty), but rather we are asked to recognize them as God's gifts and not to place them on a pedestal above God, turning possessions or even family relationships into idols. When we prioritise God and follow Jesus we are ordering our lives rightly. But there is a cost of discipleship, and that is the cross. The cross, at its heart, is a radical self-giving in love and at various points in our life that cross can feel heavy, but if we keep our eyes on Jesus and conform our life to his, then the cross will not only guide and sustain us in this life, but lead us to life everlasting.

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 - Ps 118: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading - Wisdom 9:13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you
not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been
straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

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 - Philemon 9-10,12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more,
still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for
a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing
these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back
to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own
self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could
have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in
the chains that the Good News has brought me.
However, I did not want to do anything without your
consent; it would have been forcing your act of
kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you
have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was
only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a
slave any more, but something much better than a
slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how

much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a
brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common
means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he
turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me
without hating his father, mother, wife, children,
brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be
my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and
come after me cannot be my disciple.
'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a
tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to
see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he
laid the foundation and then found himself unable to
finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun
of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build
and was unable to finish." Or again, what king
marching to war against another king would not first sit
down and consider whether with ten thousand men he
could stand up to the other who advanced against him
with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king
was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for
peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my
disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 41: 2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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INNER NORTH

Baptisms

Congratulations to Mabel O'Sullivan who will be
Baptised at O'Connor 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 – Sep 27

You're invited! Please join our Canberra Inner North
Catholic Community (CINCC) for a day of connection,
fellowship, faith and discernment. Through Conversation
in the Spirit, we'll come together to explore how we can
build a deeper sense of belonging, strengthen our faith
and share the Good News with others. Inspiring
speakers on evangelisation. Live music. Morning tea
and lunch provided. Conversation in the Spirit in
essence is a shared prayer with a view to communal
discernment. It is a process that involves prayer and
preparation, listening and sharing, reflecting and
responding to what emerged from that listening to and

sharing by others, and open dialogue to identify where the Holy Spirit is calling us together.

Register by 23 September 2025.

Scan the QR code or use the URL:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/gbAJprXNBj>

Assembly date: 27 September 2025.

Venue: Veritas Building, Australian Catholic University, Watson. Time: 10am – 3.30pm.

Mass at 9am at Holy Rosary Church.



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@cq.org.au

Mass at ACU

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.

Magnificat Voices of Springtime

Saturday 20 September, 1.00 – 4.00pm

Chapel Space, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall St, Barton (Free Parking)

Join us for an afternoon of ecumenical conversation and spiritual reflection inspired by Pope Francis' Laudato Si' on caring for creation. Presenters Br. Michael Green and Jeni Miller (Chair of the Laudato Si' Committee, Marist Brothers Star of the Sea Province) will lead us as we celebrate God's creation and explore the Centre's spaces, labyrinth, nature garden, and bush walk.

Suggested donation: \$20 (covers refreshments & venue).

Enquiries: Brendan Bergin –

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Father's Day Appeal—Collection for our retired priests

Please give generously to the Father's Day Appeal conducted at all Masses this weekend. Special envelopes are provided in the church and donors will be issued with a tax deductible receipt. Donations can also be made at www.cgccatholic.org.au/donate or you could call Financial Services on 6239 9876 to make a donation over the phone.

Ozanam Appeal 2025

The Parish Vinnies Conference will hold its annual Ozanam Appeal as a leaving collection at Watson masses next weekend – the 13-14 September. The annual appeal helps support Society Conferences in developing countries. These conferences are twinned with Conferences in the first world such as ours here in Watson which provide funds to undertake their important work. Further information on how to donate will be available in the bulletin next week.

50th Reunion – Class of 1975

Tickets are now available for the reunion of Catholic Girls

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Anna Armillei, 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.,

IN LOVING MEMORY

Eddie Pook, Sylvia Mantinaos, Peter Swan, Jose Rico, Betty Collett, Josepha Handoko, Michael Ekpe, Judith Imperial, Ricardo Santos, Anjalee Bowman, Joseph Edith McGeehan, Mary Goh Bie Lan, Sr Veronica Dunphy.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Pia Osmond, Catherine Demaison, James Tisdell, Denise Bergin.
Prayer intentions will remain

High School Braddon and Daramalan College students who finished Year 12 in 1975 (and those from that group who left earlier): <https://events.humanitix.com/daramalan-college-class-of-1975-reunion> The main event is Saturday evening, 18 October, with activities across the weekend.

More info: Facebook: Daramalan College Alumni, Merici College Alumni, or Dara-Braddon 1975 groups.

Email: CGHS.Dara1975@gmail.com

Ticket sales close 6 October.

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 are 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.

Morning Tea 7 September

Morning tea will be held after the 8.30am Mass at St Joseph's to celebrate Father's Day and the day set for the canonisation of Blessed Carlos Acutis. Please bring a plate to share if you can.

Children's Liturgy

Continues every Sunday of the school term at St Joseph's during the 8.30am Mass. All age groups are welcome.

Special Mass for Our Lady's Birthday

You are warmly invited to join us at St Joseph's, O'Connor, on Monday, 8 September at 8:00am for a special Mass celebrating the Blessed Virgin Mary. Before Mass, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the praying of the Holy Rosary. All are welcome.

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