



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C | 14 September 2025 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Feast

What a juxtaposition we find in the title of today's feast. How can we exalt in the cross on which Jesus died such a torturous death? Well, when seen from the perspective of the resurrection, the picture starts to become clear. The cross was the means by which God, in the person of Jesus, would, in his endless love and compassion, bring a wayward world back home to him. Today's Gospel gives us perhaps the most well-known Bible verse of all, in John 3:16: 'Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.' God didn't send his Son to condemn us but to save us. Out of his great love for humanity, God reached down into broken human world, and Jesus, by bearing our sins on the cross, redeemed us, and in the resurrection, showed us the way back to communion with God and to eternal life in God's presence. We exalt the cross because it restores to us all that was lost, and it stands forever as a reminder of God's endless outpouring of love for us.

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 - Cf. Gal 6: 14

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection,
through whom we are saved and delivered

First Reading - Numbers 21:4-9

On the way through the wilderness the people lost
patience. They spoke against God and against Moses,
'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this
wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here;
we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'
At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their
bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came
and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking
against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with
the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses
interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him,
'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If
anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses
fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a
standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he
looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 77(78):1-2,34-38

R: Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **R**

When he slew them then they would seek him,
return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer. **R**

But the words they spoke were mere flattery;
they lied to him with their lips.
For their hearts were not truly with him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. **R**

Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave them their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger
when he might have stirred up his rage. **R**

Second Reading - Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
because by your cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel - John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
'No one has gone up to heaven
except the one who came down from heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven;
and the Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in
him.
Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only
Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.'
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon - Jn 12: 32

When I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

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INNER NORTH

Inner North Assembly - September 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.



Ecumenical Creation Service – September 21

To celebrate the Season of Creation (1 Sept – 4 Oct), St
Margaret's Uniting, Holy Cross Anglican and Holy Rosary

Catholic Churches ('Holy Roundabout') will host a joint outdoor service under the cherry tree at St Margaret's and Holy Cross. This year's theme is **Peace with Creation**. Join us for worship, prayer and thanksgiving as we reflect on caring for our common home. Morning tea to follow – please bring a plate. A Holy Roundabout banner created by the inner north junior youth group accompanied teaching of the importance of caring for our environment - all part of God's creation.



Synodal Formation Series

Explore evangelisation, synodality and discerning your charisms in a three-part Archdiocesan series with Archbishop Christopher Prowse.

Dates: 18 Sept, 21 Oct, 20 Nov.

Each session includes a panel discussion and a Conversation in the Spirit.

Register: cgevangelisation.org.au/events/series.

RCIA meetings

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

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 – September 13

We are gathering once again for another youth group for teenagers at St Brigid's in Dickson on 16th September at 7pm! All teenagers across the inner north are welcome to join us for some Faith and fun! If you have any questions, let us know at youth.innernorth@cg.org.au.

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

The Archdiocesan Clergy Retirement Foundation thanks everyone who contribute so generously. Bishop Pat Power said recently "I humbly extend my deepest gratitude for your generous support of our 23 retired priests, I thank God for each of you, everyday". For those still wishing to donate, envelopes are available in the church foyer and can be left either with the weekend collection or posted to the Foundation Office. Donations

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Robert Louis Braganza, Antonio Martins, Dr. Neil Harrigan, Hamish Macgowan, Beryl Keelan, Denis O'Brien, Marie Forner, Fr Raphael Carbone, Bruce Unger, Robin Lees.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Frank Zobec, Eddie Pook, Sylvia Mantinaos, Peter Swan, Jose Rico, Betty Collett, Josepha Handoko, Michael Ekpe, Judith Imperial, Ricardo Santos.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Bishop Pat Power, Pia Osmond, Brian Brown, 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.

can also be made at www.cgatholic.org.au/donate.

On behalf of the 23 retired priests of this Archdiocese, thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Vinnies Watson Ozanam Appeal

Watson is holding the annual Vinnies Ozanam Appeal as a leaving collection at masses this weekend – 13 & 14 September. The annual appeal helps support Society Conferences in developing countries.

Cash, eftpos and envelope donations options are available. If you wish to donate via eftpos or require a receipt, please donate to our volunteers in the foyer. To donate online, go to: <https://www.vinnies.org.au>. Tap on the donate button at the top right of the screen. Enter the dollar amount and then tap the 'Next Step' button. Complete your details including email and address to obtain a receipt. In the 'Comments/Conference Name' field – type 'Watson ACT OZANAM Appeal'. Tap the 'Payment Options' button. Complete your credit card or Paypal details. Pls note, you do not have to make a contribution to the 'Cover Platform Costs'. Then finalise payment.

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 September 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.

Children's Liturgy

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

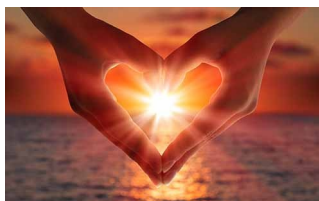
CANBERRA CENTRAL, BRADDON AND DICKSON

Healing Service at St Brigid's - September 21

A Healing Service will be held at St Brigid's Dickson on 21 September commencing with Holy Mass at 9:30 am. All are welcome to join in prayer and receive the Lord's healing grace.

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.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO CLERGY & PARISH

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		