



# Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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## The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C | 21 September 2025

You cannot be the slave both of God and money.' To be a slave is to be owned by somebody or something. As Christians we are owned by God in as much as we are made in God's image and at baptism we are claimed for Christ in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. To be owned by God is to be secure in our deepest identity. But we only need look around us to see that we live in a world where many are a slave not to God, but to money - that is, rather than earn money as a means of paying for things they need, they are owned by money or the pursuit of it. This kind of disordered attachment can have serious consequences for our lives. It might mean we never see our spouse or children because of the long hours spent at the office. It might mean we start to look for morally or legally dubious shortcuts for making money and getting rich quick. When we live with God as our first priority, our life is ordered rightly and everything else flows in right order.

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)

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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 -

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### First Reading - Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy  
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,  
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over  
so that we can sell our corn,  
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?  
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,  
by swindling and tampering with the scales,  
we can buy up the poor for money,  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'  
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,  
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

### Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 112(113):1-2,4-8

**R: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor**

Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!  
May the name of the Lord be blessed  
both now and for evermore! **R**

High above all nations is the Lord,  
above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God,  
who has risen on high to his throne  
yet stoops from the heights to look down,  
to look down upon heaven and earth? **R**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
from the dungheap he raises the poor  
to set him in the company of princes,  
yes, with the princes of his people. **R**

### Second Reading - 1 Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers  
offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and  
thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in  
authority, so that we may be able to live religious and  
reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and  
will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be  
saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is  
only one God, and there is only one mediator between  
God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who  
sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the  
evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I  
have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I  
am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith  
and the truth to the pagans.  
In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands  
up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

### Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation - 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel - Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples:

'There was a rich man and he had a steward  
denounced to him for being wasteful with his property.  
He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear  
about you? Draw me up an account of your  
stewardship because you are not to be my steward any  
longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my  
master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to  
do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should  
be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure  
that when I am dismissed from office there will be some  
to welcome me into their homes."  
Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the  
first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One  
hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward  
said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and  
write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much  
do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was  
the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and  
write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his  
astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute  
in dealing with their own kind than are the children of  
light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win  
you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you,  
they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The  
man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in  
great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be  
dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with  
money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with  
genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what  
is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?  
'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will  
either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first  
with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be  
the slave both of God and of money.'

### Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### Communion Antiphon - Ps 118: 4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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### INNER NORTH

### Bishop Pat Power - Details of his Funeral

It is with great sadness we say farewell to Bishop Pat  
Power

**Vigil Mass - Tuesday 23 September at 7pm** at St  
Raphael's Church, 47 Lowe St, Queanbeyan

**Funeral Mass - Wednesday 24 September 2025 at  
11am** at St Christopher's Cathedral, Franklin Street,  
Manuka

**Burial** - Woden Cemetery following the Funeral Mass

Archbishop Christopher will be the principal celebrant at both services.

## Baptisms

Congratulations to Archie Burkhart who will be Baptised at Blackfriars Holy Rosary 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.



## 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.

## 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](https://cgevangelisation.org.au/events/series).

## Teens Youth Group – Saturday September 27

We have our last Teens Youth Group for the term at St Brigid's in Dickson on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm! We're having another potluck to finish the term out! All teenagers across the inner north are welcome to bring a plate of food to share over some Faith and fun! If you have any questions, let us know at [youth.innernorth@cg.org.au](mailto:youth.innernorth@cg.org.au).

## Inner North Communion - Sunday September 27

Join us in St Patrick's Braddon at 3pm for Young Adults adoration! Spend time in the presence of the Jesus, where we have opportunities for communal and personal adoration. Later, join the group at Hopscotch for some wings on us! Feel free to send us any questions at [youth.innernorth@cg.org.au](mailto:youth.innernorth@cg.org.au)

## 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.

## OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Bishop Pat Power, Dr. Neil Harrigan, Hamish Macgowan, Beryl Keelan, Denis O'Brien, Marie Forner, Fr Raphael Carbone, Bruce Unger, Robin Lees.

## 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.

## THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Dhoniya Sebastian, Maggie McKeown, Brian Brown

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.

## 50th Reunion – Class of 1975

Tickets are now available for the reunion of Catholic Girls 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](mailto: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 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.



### 🎵 Monthly Choral Vespers - Sunday 19th Oct 4pm

St Joseph's Choristers warmly invite you to a peaceful moment of beautiful sacred music on **19th Oct (Sunday)**. We are grateful for the wonderful support from parishioners and guests from across and beyond the Inner North at the inaugural Choral Vespers. We look forward to welcoming you again to experience the richness of Choral Vespers, featuring sung psalms, hymns, and motets, followed by Benediction. Afternoon tea will be served afterwards. More info: <https://linktr.ee/stjoseph.choristers>

### Children's Liturgy

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

### St Joseph's Special Projects Fundraising

Parishioners are warmly invited to help raise funds for St Joseph's Special Projects. The replacement of the

external doors to the church will occur in the next 3 months and are costing \$75,000. Donations can be made electronically via bank transfer, QKR! (please quote: St Joseph's Special Projects), or cash into the Special Projects Collection at Mass. **Funds raised so far: \$11,191 – thank you for your generosity!**

## CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

### 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.

**Please kindly call the Parish office for A/c details.**

### MASS, SACRAMENT & DEVOTION TIMES

|                                    | Blackfriars,<br>Watson | St Brigid's, Dickson                                                   | St Joseph's,<br>O'Connor                             | St Patricks, Braddon | St Thomas More,<br>Campbell             |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Mass                               |                        |                                                                        |                                                      |                      |                                         |
| Sunday                             | 10.00am<br>5.00pm      | 9.30am<br>5.00pm Vietnamese<br>Mass - 1st & 3rd<br>Sunday of the month | 8.30am                                               | 8.00am               | 10.00am                                 |
| Tuesday to Friday<br>Tuesday - ACU | 5.30pm<br>12 - 12.30pm | 9.00am                                                                 | 9.15am                                               | 12.30pm              | 11:45am Mass – Every<br>Friday          |
| Saturday                           | 5.00pm (vigil)         | 9.00am<br>6.00pm (vigil)                                               | 8.30am<br>6.00pm (vigil)                             |                      |                                         |
| Reconciliation                     |                        |                                                                        |                                                      |                      |                                         |
| Friday                             |                        |                                                                        | 8.15 - 9.00am - during<br>Holy Hour                  | 11.30 - 12.30pm      | 11.00-11.40am Every<br>Friday           |
| Saturday                           | 4.00 - 4.30pm          | 9.30 - 10.00am<br>5.30 - 5.50pm                                        | 5.15 - 5.45pm                                        |                      |                                         |
| Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |                        |                                                                        |                                                      |                      |                                         |
| Tuesday                            | ACU– 11-<br>11.45am    |                                                                        | 8.15 - 9.10am                                        |                      |                                         |
| Wednesday                          |                        | 8.00am - 8.00pm                                                        |                                                      |                      |                                         |
| Thursday                           |                        |                                                                        |                                                      |                      |                                         |
| Friday                             | 6.00 - 7.00pm          |                                                                        |                                                      | 11.30am - 12.30pm    | 11.00—11.45am Every<br>Friday           |
| Saturday                           |                        | 9.30 - 10.00am                                                         |                                                      |                      |                                         |
| Anointing of the Sick              |                        |                                                                        |                                                      |                      |                                         |
| Sunday                             |                        | After 9.30am Mass - 3rd<br>Sunday of the month                         |                                                      |                      | 11.15am - 1st Sunday of<br>the<br>month |
| Saturday                           |                        |                                                                        | Within 8.30am Mass -<br>1st Saturday of the<br>month |                      |                                         |
| Rosary Prayers                     |                        |                                                                        |                                                      |                      |                                         |
| Tuesday to Friday                  |                        | 8.30am                                                                 | After 9.15am Mass                                    | 12.10pm              |                                         |
| Saturday<br>Sunday                 | 9.30am                 | 8.30am                                                                 | 8.15am -Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help         |                      |                                         |