



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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The story of Lazarus and the Rich Man is a sobering tale of the eternal consequences of the way in which we live our life. The rich man, who, in life, would not even give Lazarus the scraps from his table, finds himself in Hades, while Lazarus is embraced in the bosom of Abraham. Is this a story about the evils of being rich? No, but Jesus tells this story as a warning to us of the importance of compassion. All through the Bible we see God's special compassion for the poor, the neglected, the marginalized. In today's Gospel reading we hear the rich man beg not only for relief for himself in his afterlife of suffering, but also that a warning be sent to his five brothers. Abraham, however, points to all the unheeded warnings sent through history, from the prophets to Jesus himself. The time for living with compassion towards those in need is now. We cannot wait. We don't know when our time on earth will be over and we do not want to end up like the rich man, regretting our choices and paying an eternal price.

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 - Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your
mercy.

First Reading - Amos 6:1,4-7

The almighty Lord says this:
Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of
Samaria,
those famous men of this first of nations
to whom the House of Israel goes as client.
Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 145(146):7-10

R: Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

Second Reading - 1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly
and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and
gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for
yourself the eternal life to which you were called when
you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in
front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of
all life and before Christ, who spoke up as a witness for
the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty
of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or
failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,

whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who
used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast
magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a
poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who
longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the
rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores.
Now the poor man died and was carried away by the
angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also
died and was buried.
'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw
Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So
he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send
Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my
tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son,"
Abraham replied "remember that during your life good
things came your way, just as bad things came the way
of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you
are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a
great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted
to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any
crossing from your side to ours."
'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send
Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers,
to give them warning so that they do not come to this
place of torment too." "They have Moses and the
prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah
no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone
comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then
Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to
Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced
even if someone should rise from the dead."

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 118: 49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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INNER NORTH

Baptisms

Congratulations to Ari, Matilda, Violet and
Stella Blom and also Marly McReynolds
who will be Baptised at Watson this weekend. May
there lives be filled with God's peace and their hearts
with God's love, on this Baptismal day and all days to
come.



Multicultural Mass - 11Oct - 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 will be provided, and you are also welcome to bring a plate to share. Volunteers are also welcome.

Teens Youth Group – 27 September - Saturday

We have our last Teens Youth Group for the term at St Brigid's in Dickson on September 27th 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.

Inner North Communio - 28 September - Sunday

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.

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

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.



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: \$11,502 – thank you for your generosity!**

🎵 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)**.

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Leslie Tadena, 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

Josh McKinnon, 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

Charlotte Nuessler, Prof. Tony Johns, 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.

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.

Prayer & Eucharistic Adoration Vigil In Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Join us on the **Friday, 3 October 2025**, for a special vigil of **prayer and Eucharistic adoration**, held at **St Joseph's Parish Hall** (next to the church), **3:00 - 6:00 pm**.

Come and spend time in the presence of the Lord - **all are welcome to drop in at any time** during the vigil. For more information, please contact: **Rosalyn Apolloni** – 0497 797 117

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

The October Sundays Rosary roster

Now displayed in the church porch.

Please consider leading the Rosary at 9-30 am one Sunday morning or joining others in the responses. Add your name and details to your Sunday of choice. The Mystery to be recited and the Intentions are included for you to follow. The microphone by the piano is to be used.

Help and small Rosary booklets are available from the Parish office for the cost of \$2. Carmel also has a few copies.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

Calling all youth and young adults!

Please join us for the new youth and young adults choir starting at **St Brigid's Dickson, Saturday 18 October for the 6pm Vigil Mass**. All musical abilities welcome! Choir practice Oct 11, 3pm at St Brigid's.



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, 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 Tuesday - ACU	5.30pm 12-12.30pm	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	ACU - 11– 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 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		