



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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Sacrament (SSS)

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The famous poem promoted by St Teresa of Calcutta includes: "What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway." It speaks of a trust beyond what we can see in the present. Our building and doing good has value that we may never experience and may only feel at a spiritual level. God has this trust in us. We have been trusted to 'look after something precious', even though we so often fail and forget our responsibilities. God believes in us and our potential. So we are called, also to trust in an unknow future. When there is outrage and violence all around, let us see the vision of hope. Let us wait patiently, no matter how slowly it comes. When there is hardship and shame, let us trust in the small sparks of God's goodness, and let us fan them into full flame. When there is doubt and fear, let us believe in the power of the 'mustard seed' of faith. And when there is exhaustion and ingratitude, let us trust in the value of what we have done. Let's do good anyway.

From God's Word Daily Reflection 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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CANBERRA CENTRAL incl:

ST BRIGID'S 2 Bancroft St
Dickson ACT 2602
ST PATRICK'S 1 Donaldson St
Braddon ACT 2612



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

58 Boronia Drive,
O'Connor ACT 2602

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www.facebook.com/stjosephsoconnor



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

30 White Crescent
Campbell ACT 2612

Facebook:

facebook.com/st.thomasmore.campbell

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. Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the
earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading - Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,
'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us;
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God
gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was
not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love,
and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of
witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his
prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of
the Good News, relying on the power of God.
Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have
heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ
Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something

precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who
lives in us.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - 1 Pet 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The
Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed
you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and
planted in the sea," and it would obey you. 'Which of
you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would
say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come
and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be
more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself
tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat
and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to
the servant for doing what he was told? So with you:
when you have done all you have been told to do, say,
"We are merely servants: we have done no more than
our duty."

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon - Lam 3:5

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

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INNER NORTH

Baptisms

Congratulations to Mae and Kay Ramsay
who will be Baptised at Watson this
weekend. May their lives be filled with God's
peace and their hearts with God's love, on this
Baptismal day and all days to come.



November - A Month for Holy Souls

During the month of November, we remember and
pray for all our departed loved ones. In our Church a
Book of Remembrance will be available to honour the
names of our deceased Parishioners.
All are invited to submit names to be included in the
Book of Remembrance. The names can be provided in
two ways: either by email or using the special
envelopes available in the foyer of the Church. Let us
continue to hold our departed loved ones in prayer
throughout this month.

Sunday Mass on ANU Campus 5:00pm

The ANU Catholic Society and John XXIII College invite you to celebrate the feast of Pope St. John XXII on Sunday, October 12th, at St. John the Evangelist Chapel at ANU. Mass is at 5PM, with Holy Hour beforehand. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Laurie Foote, O.P. Following Mass there will be refreshments and an address by Fr. Laurie on the topic of the life and legacy of Pope St. John XXIII. We hope to see you there.

8 October Explosion Youth Conference 12:00pm

Are you in high school and looking to go deeper in your faith? Then come along to the Explosion Youth Conference these school holidays! Join other young people in community, prayer, and fun, hearing from local and national speakers as we break open the theme of 'Have I not chosen you?' Be immersed in community and the sacraments during this life-changing conference.

All high schoolers are welcome!

Where: St. Clare's College, Canberra

When: October 8 – 11, 2025

Multicultural Mass - 11 October

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.

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!**

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Robert Hetherington, Anna Armillei, Leslie Tadena, Bishop Pat Power, Antonio Martin, 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

Sally Grant, John Walton, John White, Charlott 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.

🎵 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>

Men of St Joseph's - The Men of St Joseph meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. The group will be meeting in the St Joseph's parish hall this Wednesday <insert date of first/third Wednesday> starting with the Rosary and Litany of St Joseph at 7.30pm, followed by fraternity. Please contact Andrew Italiano on 0422 929 536 for more information

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 October 18th for the 6pm Vigil Mass**. All musical abilities welcome! Choir practice Oct 11, 3pm at St Brigid's.

St Patrick's 90th Anniversary - If you are a former student who attended St Patrick's School(Our Lady of Mercy School) in Braddon you are warmly invited to join the 90th Anniversary of it's founding to be celebrated with Mass on Sunday, **19th October** by Archbishop Christopher Prowse at 8.00am or on Monday, **20th October** at 12.30pm celebrated by Fr Sebastian Luistro SSS. Light refreshments will be served on both days.

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 Tues & Wed- 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		