



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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We are usually pretty good at creating an 'us' against a 'them' mentality. Think of sports teams, different areas of your town/city, genders, ethnic origins, political parties, religions...the list goes on. It can be a wakeup call to recognise when we use 'we' or 'us' in a sentence. The readings today make a big call for widening that sense of 'we', or recognising the value in the 'other'. Perhaps we can be proud of our own faith, culture, etc., but also open to learn and appreciate whatever lies outside of them. For Elisha, it was Naaman the commander of the Syrian army. For Paul, it was the Jewish people - 'those who are chosen'. And for Jesus and his disciples, it was the Samaritan leper. The best examples of faith are in those we least expect. And, like Paul, we can even suffer for those who are not like us, we might discover something wonderful. The 'other' may bless our lives in unlikely ways, and we may bless them. Our differences are not so great after all. What a reason to celebrate! That is surely a reason to return and give thanks to God.

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

Parish Safeguarding Officers –while these email addresses are not available currently please send any concerns to 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 129: 3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First reading - 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 97(98):1-4
The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R**

Second reading - 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - 1 Thess 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 33: 11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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INNER NORTH

Baptisms

Congratulations to Lucia Ricciardi who will be Baptised at O'Connor this weekend. May her life be filled with God's peace and her heart with God's love, on this Baptismal day and all days to come.



St Patrick's Anniversary - Sunday October 19 at 8.00am and Monday October 20 at 12.30pm

You are all invited to celebrate 90 years of St Patrick's Church. **Archbishop Christopher Prowse** will preside over the Sunday Mass and **Fr Sebastian** will celebrate the Thanksgiving Mass on Monday. Let us come together in gratitude and joy as we give thanks to God for 90 years of Faith, Hope, Love and Community

November - A Month for Holy Souls

During the month of November, we remember and pray for all our departed loved ones. In your Church a Book of Remembrance will be available to honour the names of our deceased Parishioners. You are invited to submit names to be included in the Book of Remembrance. The names can be provided by using the special envelopes available in the foyer of

the Church. Let us continue to hold our departed loved ones in prayer throughout this sacred month.

Young Adults Coffee Cup – Sunday October 12

North vs South. Flat Whites vs Long Blacks. The battle begins with Soccer at Gowrie Fields, behind Corpus Christi Parish, at 2pm. Come play, cheer, and enjoy food and fellowship afterwards. Who will take the lead? Don't miss it! Bring along a white shirt if you're playing for the Norths or a black shirt for South.

Teens Youth Group – Saturday October 18

The teens youth group for all high schoolers across the Inner North returns for term 4. Join us for opportunities to grow in Faith, friendship, and a love for pizza! This term, we will be gathering on Saturdays every fortnight until the end of the term. If you have any questions, contact us at youth.innernorth@cg.org.au.

Something you may be interested in joining

Board Games Social Group: Northside Community Service is seeking Expressions of Interest to create a Board Games Social Group. The group will take place at Majura Hall in Dickson (2 Rosevear Place, Dickson). The group will take place on either Monday or Tuesday from 10:30am to 12:00pm. Please click the link to find out more information and to express your interest: <https://forms.office.com/r/dzbD8JHkie?origin=lprLink>

Mackillop House – Friday October 31

You are invited to join us again for the [Annual Dinner](#) at the Southern Cross Club Woden from **6 pm**. This year's dinner speakers will discuss how institutions like the Catholic Church can address gender-based violence. There will be an [online raffle](#) that you are welcome to support (even if you can't attend the dinner). Supporting this event helps to raise funds for Mackillop House.

We can email you the bulletin

The Parish office can email you this bulletin **every Friday**. Simply email your request: Innernorth@cg.org.au, and include the name of parish in the subject line to sign up.

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), Tap and Go, foyer box or cash into the Second (Special Projects) Collection

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 Cabezon, Bruce Unger, Robin Lees

IN LOVING MEMORY

Jean Duque, 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

Sohan Ferins and family, Elly Andriyani, Liliana Lii, 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.

at Mass. **Funds raised so far: \$24,245 – 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. 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>

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.

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

The October Sundays Rosary roster

Now posted in the church porch:
You're invited to lead the Rosary at 9:30 am on a Sunday or join in the responses.
Choose your Sunday, add your name and details.
The Mystery and Intentions are provided.
Please use the microphone by the piano.

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CLERGY & PARISH

Save the Date !

Confirming the good news that Cardinal Mykola Bychok has accepted our invitation to present the 2026 St. Thomas More Forum Lecture, to be held on Friday, 26 June 2026, as part of the Annual St Thomas More Feast Day Parish Dinner.

Since 2020 Mykola Bychok served as Eparch of Saints Peter and Paul of Melbourne for Ukrainian Catholics in Australia, New Zealand and Oceania.

[Pope Francis](#) appointed him a [cardinal](#) on 7 December 2024, making him the youngest member of the [College of Cardinals](#) and youngest elector in the [2025 papal conclave](#). He is a member of the [Redemptorists](#).

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			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			