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In prayers, should we always be resigned to God's will; should our words always be 'nice'? Not according to this parable! And not according to many of the Psalms, which cry out to God with anger, elation, anguish and heartache. Jesus is clear that we should bring our real selves to God - our real emotions, our real desires. Maybe God can see our situation more clearly, maybe other people are impacted in different ways, and maybe God knows there are deeper desires beyond the surface ones. Yet God can also see our faith and seeks the wellbeing of all. As Martin Luther King Junior reminds us, 'The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.' Change happens, though it is ever so slow. Our role is to 'pray continually and never lose heart'. We need not be satisfied with the world as it is, but seek justice especially for the powerless. Rather than calm detachment, faith is trust in god's goodness despite the circumstances. Let us be real in our prayer and persistent in our actions for what is right.

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. Ps 16: 6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First reading - Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 120(121)

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **R**

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **R**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **R**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **R**

Second reading - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ

Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me, I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'" And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you; he will see justice done to them and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 32: 18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

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INNER NORTH

Baptisms

Congratulations to Ivy Smith and Lola Porreca and also Samantha and Hailey Fraser who will be Baptised at O'Connor this weekend. Congratulations also to Vinny Rattenbury who was



Baptised last weekend at Holy Rosary Church. 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.

Women's Taskforce Annual Dinner - Friday 31 October at 6:00pm

Please join us for the 2025 Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce Annual Dinner at the Southern Cross Club, Woden. The annual dinner is a major fundraising event for MacKillop House, a place for women experiencing homelessness. It is not an event exclusively for women. Registrations: <https://events.humanitix.com/2025-annual-dinner-png2n72c>

Enquiries: Helena Zobec on zobechelena@gmail.com or 0405 440 463.

ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

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: \$24,830.00 – 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 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.

Morning Tea - Sunday after 8.30am Mass

Please join us for a cuppa after Mass this Sunday at St Joseph's. Help us celebrate the beginning of Children's liturgy for Term 4.

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 are 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 Anniversary and Golden Birthday Celebration – Tuesday 28 October

Everyone is warmly invited to help celebrate St Joseph's 52nd anniversary and Fr Thonn's Golden Birthday at a 6pm Mass, followed by supper. Please bring a plate to share. Donations will be put towards replacing our doors.

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Robert Hetherington, Anna Armillei, Leslie Tadena, Bishop Pat Power, Robin Lees, Anonio Martin, Dr. Neil Harrigan, Hamish Macgowan, Beryl Keelan, Denis O'Brien, Marie Forner, Bruce Unger

IN LOVING MEMORY

Johannes Handoko, Greg O'Neill, Josh McKinnon, Noel and Dorothy Langford, Jean Duque, Eddie Pook, Sylvia Mantinaos, Peter Swan, Jose Rico, Betty Collett, Josepha Handoko, Michael Ekpe, Judith Imperial, Ricardo Santos, Anjalee Bowman, Joseph Edith McGeehan, Fr Raphael Cabezon

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Sohan Ferina and family, Elly Andriyani, Lilliana Lii, Sally Grant, John Walton, John White, Sienna Moore, 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.

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

Reconciliation -

There will be no confessions while Fr Renoir is away on annual leave, it will recommence on the 2nd Saturday in November.

November Sundays Rosary Roster

The roster is now posted in the church porch. You're warmly invited to lead the Rosary at **9:30 AM** on any Sunday in November or simply come along and join in the responses. If you're able to lead the prayer, please add your name and contact details next to your preferred Sunday. The **Mystery and Intention** for each week are provided, and you'll be able to announce them using the microphone near the piano. Thank you Carmel

Vinnies Ozanam Appeal Success

Watson Vinnies extends its thanks to parishioners for their great generosity in donating to the recent Ozanam Appeal. We raised \$4656.60, our best ever total for this appeal, meaning our twin conferences in Thailand and Indonesia will receive extra money this year to support their work in their communities.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

90th Anniversary of St. Patrick's Church, Braddon

Former students who attended St Patrick's School (Our Lady of Merch School) in Braddon are warmly invited to join the 90th Anniversary of its 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.

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CLERGY & PARISH

Save the Date – Friday 26 June 2026

Annual St Thomas More Feast Day Parish Dinner

Confirming the good news that Cardinal Mykola Bychok has accepted our invitation to present the 2026 St. Thomas More Forum Lecture, 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
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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 :
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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		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		