



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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Who are we as we come before God today ? Poor, humble, weak, broken-hearted, ill, exhausted, in need of God's mercy? God's mercy? God's face is always turned towards such people. In the Mass today, the penitential rite is a great opportunity to stand in that place of humility with the tax-collector. Presiders sometimes use their words to introduce the prayers of mercy. I have heard one ask us to come to our God of love and compassion 'for forgiveness of our sins, for peace in our hearts and for healing in our lives'. Another calls us to 'reflect on our need for healing in our relationships with God, others, ourselves and our environment'. The penitential rite is a great equaliser and reality-check; we can all recognise aspects of ourselves that are rough or broken. We come to receive Jesus' gift of himself in Communion not because we are perfect, but because we are in need of him. He wants to feed and nourish us because we are hungry and thirsty. If we come to him full of ourselves, we may not appreciate this gift and we may leave unchanged. So let us be open to God's mercy and healing today.

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 Ngannawal 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 104: 3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First reading Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of
a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be
accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable,
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 33(34):2-3,17-19,23

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **R**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R**

Second reading - 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and
the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought
the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the
finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is
the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the
Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day;
and not only to me but to all those who have longed
for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my
defence, there was not a single witness to support me.
Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held
accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave

me power, so that through me the whole message
might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so
I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue
me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to
his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and
ever. Amen.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted
to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who
prided themselves on being virtuous and despised
everyone else: 'Two men went up to the Temple to
pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The
Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I
thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust,
adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that
I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I
pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some
distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to
heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be
merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home
again at rights with God; the other did not. For
everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the
man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 19: 6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

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INNER NORTH

Combined Youth Group - Sunday October 26

We'll be having another youth group for all children
across the Inner North at the end of this Month! Taking
place at Holy Rosary in Watson after 10am Mass,
families are welcome to grab a bite to eat alongside
the Parish BBQ while the kids learn about the saints
before All Saints Day! For more information, contact us
at youth.innernorth@cg.org.au.

Inner North Communio - Sunday October 26

Join us in St Patrick's Braddon at 3pm for Young Adults
adoration! Spend time in the presence of the Blessed
Sacrament, 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.

Teens Youth Group – Saturday November 1

Our next teens youth group is on All Saints Day, at 7pm! All teenagers are invited to come and dress up as their favourite saint, with a chance to win a prize! If you have any questions, let us know at youth.innernorth@cg.org.au.

Young Adults Coffee Cup – Sunday November 2

The battle between North vs South continues with the next coffee cup. This round, young adults will be pitted against each other in a game of Volleyball at the St Thomas More School Hall. Can Norths come out on top to level the scores? Find out on November 2nd at 1:30pm! Bring a white shirt if you're from the North or a black for South.

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), Tap and Go, foyer box or cash into the Second Special Projects) Collection at Mass. **Funds raised so far: \$59,916 (\$32,850.00 ACT Heritage Grant \$27,066 Parishioners).** Thank you for your generosity!

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 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.

St Joseph's PPC Needs You

Nominations are open for the role of Chair of St Joseph's Pastoral Council. Help create a vibrant future for St Joseph's by offering your time, talents and passion. Please feel free to contact Fr Thonn to discuss your interest and then send your expression of interest to Anthony.Riosa@cg.org.au by 18 November 2025.

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.

RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Isabelle Pilkington and Elowen Wilson

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Una Ford, Johannes Handoko, Greg O'Neill, Josh McKinnon, Noel and Dorothy Langford, Jean Duque.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Genevieve Cuddihy, Sohan Ferina and family, Elly Andriyani, Lilliana Lii, Sally Grant, John Walton, John White, Charlotte Nuessler, Prof. Tony Johns, Dhoniya Sebastian.

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.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

Monday 20th October 2025 marked 90-years since the consecration of St. Patricks Church/School in 1935

On Sunday 19th October Archbishop Prowse, assisted by Fr. Bernie Patterson, celebrated Mass acknowledging the anniversary. On Monday 20th, Fr. Sebastian and Fr. Thon celebrated Mass for the weekday congregation. Both Masses, attended by past teachers, pupils and parishioners, were followed by refreshments and the cutting of the anniversary cakes.

Memorabilia, photos and stories tracing the 90-year history of the Church and school were displayed in the Church. An oral history video with recollections of past pupils was produced and played after the Monday Mass. The Video can be viewed on YouTube by searching under [St Patrick's Primary School: 90th anniversary \(2025\)](#)

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

Last Sunday, St. Thomas More Parish was pleased to host A visit from 38 Year Seven students and Six Staff and Parents from St Joseph's, School which is located in the heart of the township of Clare in the Mid North of South Australia. The school caters for approximately 350 students from Reception to Year 9. It is a Catholic parish school sharing in the Josephite Mission of the Church, working in partnership with the Sevenhill Parish and wider community. As each Year Seven class proceeds through the school, they raise funds each year to visit

Canberra. Commentator, Zarah Mason gave a special welcome on behalf of St. Thomas More Parish to St Joseph's School at the beginning of Mass and invited our Visitors to join the Parish Morning Tea. Parish Priest Fr

Anthony Riosa thanked the School for attending Mass at St Thomas More Church and at the conclusion of Mass two students were invited to speak to the Congregation. Many thanks to Ray and Lynne Maher for managing the magnificent Morning Tea assisted by a team of Parishioners.

ARCHDIOCESE

Women's Taskforce Annual Dinner – Friday 31 October, 6:00pm

Join us at the Southern Cross Club, Woden, for the **2025 Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce Annual Dinner** - a key fundraiser supporting **MacKillop House**, a refuge for women experiencing homelessness. All are welcome!

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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		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		