



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | Year C | 23 November 2025

The scriptures for today's feast, the final Sunday of the Church's year, give a clear reminder that there will come a time when all that we can see and touch on earth will be no more. Even secular science admits that life on earth will not last forever. This reality brings a clarity to human vision, helping us to keep the struggles of earthly existence in a broader, deeper, eternal and loving divine perspective. The invitation is to live every moment with the quality that we would like to see in our last days on earth.

In years past today's feast of Christ the King and the associated last judgement scriptures provided food for fearsome preachers who seemed to delight in fire and brimstone methods. Tragically such preachers had themselves been misled into thinking that fear of hell is an effective communicator of the beauty of life with God. Today we who embrace a life of faith and who pray with the Church every Sunday are considered to be a bit odd. However, we are responding to a truth - religious belief and practice is of the nature of a healthy human person. While we might be able to survive or exist, cope or endure alone, we cannot truly live without God, now and eternally.

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

Rv 5: 12; 1: 6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron.
'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121(122):1-5

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **R**

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **R**

Second reading

Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and

everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'
One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 28: 10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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INNER NORTH

Teens Youth Group – Saturday November 29

Our next youth group for high schoolers across the Inner North is on next Saturday. Join us at St Brigid's Parish Hall at 7pm for a night of Faith and fun! We're wrapping about how to be a Saint with the final two virtues, Justice and Temperance! If you have any questions, let us know at youth.innernorth@cg.org.au.

Combined Inner North Youth Group - Sunday November 30

We have one last combined youth group of the year at Holy Rosary, Sunday at 11am, at the same time as the parish BBQ. Join us for a fun gathering as we begin our

journey during Advent. If you have any questions, email us at youth.innernorth@cg.org.au.

Inner North Communio – Sunday November 30

We have moved this month's Young Adults Adoration back to the original day, Sunday, at 3pm. Join us for communal prayer, followed by some fellowship over at Hopscotch!

CINCC Assembly - September 2025

We kindly ask **all parishioners who attended the CINCC Assembly in September 2025, but did not register online** to contact the Parish Office and provide their email address. This will allow us to send you the **draft report** for your review.

Thank you for helping us stay connected and informed!

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Frederick and Henry Duncan, Ella Baseler, Lucas Cerda-Cid, Mae and Kay Ramsay, Gianna Kinnane

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

John Walton, Teresita Navarro, Jean Ghossein, Monica Burnell nee' Dempster, Vera D'Ambrosio, Prof. Tony Johns.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Helen (Jelica)Zobec, Mary Boyle, Henry Gurney, Doris Mary Grech, Peter Tran, Domenica Laria, Una Ford.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Una Bell, Vivien Arnold, Gwenda Romer (nee Hewitt), Brian Brown, Maggie McKeown, Mateo Sendo, Genevieve Cuddihy, Sally Grant, Brian Brown, Maggie McKeown

Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for four weeks.

Unfolding the Mystery of the Bible

St Brigid's Hall -

Commenced Thursday 13 November at 6:45 pm
Everyone is warmly invited to attend a special presentation of a **DVD series exploring *Unfolding the Mystery of the Bible***. Each session runs for approximately **30 minutes and is led by Bro. Najib Raya**. Final presentation for 2025: **Thursday 11 December** Sessions recommences: **Thursday 5 February 2026**

RCIA Meetings - Last meeting for 2025 - **Tuesday December 9, 2025**. Meetings will resume in the new year **on Tuesday 3 February 2026**

ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

St Joseph's Special Projects Fundraising

We're raising \$75,000 to replace the church's external doors. So far, **\$68,363** has been raised. We gratefully acknowledge the \$5,000 from St Thomas More Parish. Donations can be made via: Bank transfer, Qkr!(quote

St Joseph's Special Projects), Tap and Go, Foyer box or 2nd Collection at Mass. Your support is deeply appreciated.

🎵 Monthly Choral Vespers - Sunday 23rd Nov 4pm

Celebrate the Feast of Christ the King with St Joseph's Choristers. Enjoy a peaceful hour of sacred music, psalms, hymns, motets – followed by Benediction.

Afternoon tea will be served. More info:linktr.ee/stjoseph.choristers

Advent Carol Service Saturday November 29@7pm

All are welcome to prepare for Christmas with an Advent Carol Service .**Venue: St Joseph's O'Connor Church, 58 Boronia Drive O'Connor**. The service will consist of readings, hymns and carols for the season of Advent and will last about an hour. Bring a friend.

Enquiries: Hugh Henry 0415 320 293

Children's Liturgy

Continues every Sunday of the school term at St Joseph's during the 8.30am Mass. All age groups are welcome.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL – ST BRIGIDS

The Watson St Vincent de Paul Conference will hold a Christmas Appeal as a leaving collection at masses at St Brigids on the weekend of 13-14 December. You will be able to donate via cash, eftpos machines and online. There will be more information on donation options closer to the appeal date. We look forward to your support for this important appeal to assist families in need in our region.

Mass Times - 8 December -The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St Brigid's 9am and 6pm

St Patrick's 12.30pm

Save the Date! - Christmas Lunch - Saturday, 13 December - St Brigid's Parish Hall

Join us as we celebrate the joy of Christmas together with good food and great company! **Tickets on sale this weekend** More details can be found on the flyer inside the Church foyer. Come **and** share in the festive spirit - all are welcome!

Important Notice for Adorers - Please note that the last Adoration before the Christmas Break will be on **Wednesday, December 10, 2025** and will resume **Wednesday, February 4, 2026**.

ARCHDIOCESE

Caritas Australia appeals for support for vulnerable communities across Africa

Across Africa, millions of people are trapped in a desperate struggle for survival. Conflict, violence, hunger, and displacement are tearing communities apart. In places like the Democratic Republic of Congo,

Sudan and across the Horn of Africa, the situation is critical. In response, Caritas Australia is supporting partners across the region to provide vital aid including emergency shelter, food and nutrition support, and access to clean water. Your support is urgently needed. **Please donate to Caritas Australia's Africa Crisis Appeal.** You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/africa or phone 1800 024 413

COMMUNITY

ACU Mass Times – November
 All Masses are held at **12:00 PM** in **Signadou Chapel**, Ground Level, **Building 302**.
Tuesday, 25 November – Regular Mass
Wednesday 26th. Votive Mass for All Souls Day, praying for loved ones who have passed away.

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
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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		