



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

Under the presence of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR A

10-11 JANUARY 2026

St Patrick, Braddon

Sun: 8:00am Mass
Tues-Fri: 12:10 pm Rosary
12:30 pm Mass
Fri: 11:30-12:30 pm Adoration & Confession

St Brigid, Dickson

Sun: 8:30am Rosary
9:30am Mass
5:00 pm (*Vietnamese mass-1st and 3rd Sunday*)
Tues-Sat: 8:30am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
Wed: 8:00am-8:00pm Adoration
Sat: 9:30-10:00am Adoration & Confession
5:30-5:50pm Confession
6:00 pm - vigil mass
~ anointing of the sick every after mass of the 3rd Sunday of the month

St Joseph O'Connor

Sun: 8:30am Mass
Tues-Fri: 8:15-9:10am Adoration & Confession
9:15am Mass
Sat: 8:15am Novena to Our Lady of the Perpetual Help
8:30am Mass
5:15-5:45pm Confession
6:00pm vigil Mass
~ anointing of the sick is within in the mass at 8:30am every 1st Saturday of the month
~ recitation of the rosary is every after 9:15am Mass, Tues to Fri.

St Thomas More, Campbell

Sun: 10:00am Mass
Fri: 11:00-11:45am Adoration*
11:45am Mass*
~ Confession is every Friday, 11:00-11:40 am *
~ anointing of the sick every 1st Sunday of the month, 11:15am
* will recommence in February 2026

Holy Rosary Church, Blackfriars Parish, Watson

Sun: 9:30am Rosary
10:00am Mass
5:00pm Mass
Tues-Fri: 5:30pm Mass
Sat: 4:00-4:30pm Confession
5:00pm vigil Mass
Fri: 6:00-7:00pm Adoration



The Baptism of the Lord

Today, as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we stand at a turning point in the life of Jesus and in the life of the Church. The Christmas season draws to a close, and we begin to follow Christ as He steps into His public ministry. At the Jordan River, something extraordinary takes place—yet it happens in a moment of quiet humility.

Jesus approaches John not as a judge or a king, but as one among the people. Though He is without sin, He enters the waters of repentance. In doing so, He fully embraces our human condition. Jesus does not remain distant from our struggles; instead, He steps into them. His baptism tells us that God chooses closeness over power, humility over glory.

As Jesus rises from the water, the heavens are opened. The Spirit descends like a dove, and the voice of the Father is heard: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” In this moment, the mystery of the Holy Trinity is revealed. More than that, we are shown who Jesus truly is—the Son sent by the Father, anointed by the Spirit for the work of salvation.

But this feast is not only about Jesus. It is also about us. Through our own baptism, we have been united to Christ. The same Spirit that descended upon Jesus now dwells within us. The same Father who called Jesus “beloved” now calls each of us His beloved sons and daughters.

The Baptism of the Lord challenges us to remember who we are and whose we are. It calls us to live out our baptismal identity with humility, obedience, and trust in God’s plan. Like Jesus, we are sent—not necessarily to great public moments, but to daily faithfulness, quiet acts of love, and courageous witness to the Gospel.

As we move into Ordinary Time, may we not think of it as ordinary at all. It is the time to live what we have received. Strengthened by our baptism, may we follow Christ with renewed hearts, confident that the heavens remain open and that God continues to say to each of us: “You are my beloved.”

Reflection by: Anonymous

Readings for the Baptism of the Lord—Year A

Entrance Antiphon

cf. Mt 3: 16-17

After the Lord was baptised, the heaven were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First reading

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.
He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.
Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.
I, the Lord, have called you to serve
the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people
and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness
from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 28:1-4, 9-10

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R.**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R.**

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. **R.**

Second reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of

all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Mark 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 3: 13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

Communion Antiphon

Jn 1:32, 34

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

We include in our prayers...

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Victims of Bondi massacre, Amparo Sugay, Bob Jones, Kathleen Coyle, Maria Perre, Maria Basso, Nobby Clark, Noel Isaac Y Cristobal, John Walton, Patricia Aileen Sloan, Clare Palmer, Maria Mangeruca, Fr Francis Fuchs PP

IN LOVING MEMORY

Paula Savas, Gabriel Savas, Petronila Rico, Labeb Jazrawi, Bill Olsen, Bill McManus, Tran Van Thanh, Nissanka Peiris, Helen (Jelica) Zobec, Mary Boyle, Aniceto Castro Agulto

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Paul Thorpe, Brian Brown, Maggie McKeown, Una Bell, Vivien Arnold, Gwenda Romer (nee Hewitt), Mateo Sendo, Sally Grant, Genevieve C. Fr Michael Mullen

Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for four weeks.

What is going on....

FROM THE OFFICE



as January is a quiet month, we will be available for you to visit during Wednesdays and Thursdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

RCIA

~ The RCIA meeting will recommence on Tuesday 3 February 2026

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

~ **Unfolding the Mystery of the Bible.** Everyone is warmly invited every Thursday evening at 6:45pm, to attend the special presentation of a DVD series that explores the richness of the Bible. This program will recommence on Thursday, 5 February 2026. Please contact Najib Raya on 0439 581 204 for further details.

ST JOSEPH, O'CONNOR

~ **Saturday Vigil Mass Readers/Acolytes/Collectors.** Please talk to Fr Thonn after Mass if you would like to join the Feb-April roster to read, serve or take up the collection at the vigil Mass on Saturdays.

~ **Unpacking the Short Saying of Jesus.** Meeting fortnightly every Thursday from 8 January at 11:00am to 12:00pm in the Legion Mary Room.

~ **Legion of Mary Adoration.** Everyone is invited for adoration every 1st Friday of the month from 5:00 to 10:00pm in the Parish centre. It will recommence in February.

~ **Men of St Joseph.** Meeting every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Parish hall, followed by fraternity. Please contact Andrew Italiano on 0422 929 536 for further details.

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

~ **Forum Lecture.** Save the date! Friday, 26 June 2026. Cardinal Mykola Bychok will be the guest presenter for the forum. Since 2020 Cardinal Bychok served as Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul of Melbourne for Ukrainian Catholics in Australia, New Zealand, and Oceania.

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

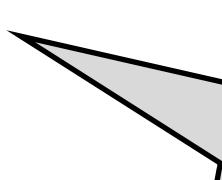
~ **Acolytes, Altar Servers and Special Ministers of the Eucharist.** All current and new members of the ministry are encouraged to attend this formation on Saturday, 31 January 2026, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Those who are interested in these roles are also encouraged to join. Please register your attendance or apology by emailing the parish office: innernorth@cg.org.au by noon on Wednesday, 28 January.

~ **Rosary Volunteers.** Those who want to lead in recitation of the Rosary thirty minutes before Mass, please approach Fr Renoir. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

~ **Weekend Retreat.** Single adults, ages 18-35, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters for a weekend retreat at St Mary's Towers, Douglas park, NSW from 13-15 February 2026. For further details visit <https://www.trybooking.com/DHJBL> and see flyers at the foyer.

God blessed you with so many gifts! Share the gifts you have through volunteering in your respective parish and community!

Please approach any volunteers or the priest-in-charge of your Parish.



**GOD
is
CALLING
YOU!**

First Collection. (Supporting all the priests of the Archdiocese)

Account Name: Central Presbytery Fund, BSB: 062-786 and Bank Account: 00029248

Reference: Your parish location, name and intention (eg Campbell Smith 1st collect)

Second Collection (maintenance/upkeep of the Churches, staff salaries, liturgical needs, insurance, etc.)

Canberra Central : A/C Name Canberra Central Parish

BSB: 062-786, A/C: 00013150, Ref: Name & Giving Number

Blackfriars: A/C Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson

BSB: 062-786, A/C: 00013341, Ref: Name & Giving Number

St Joseph's: A/C Name: St Joseph's Parish

BSB: 062-786, A/C: 00012798, Ref: Name & Giving Number

St Thomas More: A/C Name: St Thomas More Parish

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THANK YOU! A simple expression of one's humility and recognising the giftedness of others in many ways. My dear friends in Christ, Thank you immensely for the continued support and assistance to our community of faith. Let's continue to journey with one another towards the pinnacle of our ministries. As Jesus prayed in the Gospel of John 17:21: *ut unum sint "that they may be one."* Let us continue to pray and collaborate with one another. May the Eucharist that we are celebrating continue to enflame our hearts with His Eucharistic fire of love.

Thank you and God bless!

**BE a PRIEST! BE a BROTHER!
BE a member of the SSS!**

Please approach or contact any of the Blessed Sacrament priests or the office.

Parish Safeguarding Commitment

The Canberra Inner North Catholic Community (CINCC) is 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 center of all of our thinking and action.

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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.