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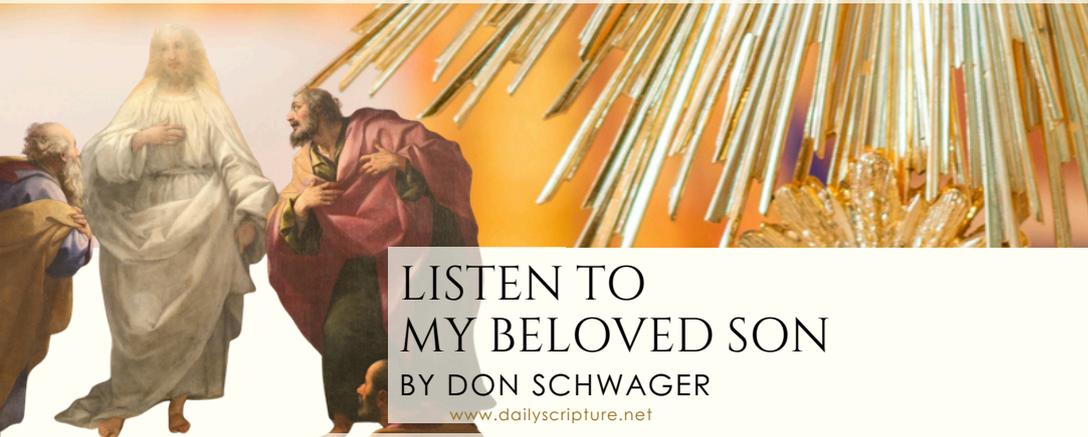
# CANBERRA INNER NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR A | 28 FEBRUARY-1 MARCH 2026



## LISTEN TO MY BELOVED SON

BY DON SCHWAGER

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Are you prepared to see the glory of the Lord and to share in his glory as well? God made a promise to Abraham that he would make him a channel of great blessing not only to his own family and future descendants but to all the families of the earth as well (Genesis 12:3)! The condition for the fulfillment of this promise was simple and straightforward - "Go from your family and country to the land that I will show you" (Gn 12:1). Abraham not only believed in God's promise, he promptly obeyed and did as the Lord commanded him. God chose Abraham as his instrument of blessing - that through him and his descendants would come the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ who would reveal the glory and blessing of God's kingdom and bring salvation for all who would call upon his name.

### Jesus reveals his glory to the apostles and to us

Why did Jesus appear in dazzling light with Moses and Elijah? The book of Exodus tells us that when Moses had met with God on Mount Sinai *the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God* (Ex 34:29). Paul the Apostle wrote that *the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness* (2 Cor 3:7). After Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, had destroyed all the priests and idols of Baal in the land, he took refuge on the mountain of God at Sinai. There God showed Elijah his glory in great thunder, whirlwind, and fire, and then spoke with him in a still quiet voice. God questioned Elijah, "What are you doing here?" And then directed him to go and fulfill the mission given him by God. Jesus, likewise, appears in glory with Moses and Elijah, as if to confirm with them that he, too, is ready to fulfill the mission which the Father has sent him to accomplish.

Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: *This is my beloved Son; listen to him*. The Father glorified his son because he was faithful and willing to obey him in everything. The cloud which overshadowed Jesus and his apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple again (cf. Ex 16:10, 19:9, 33:9; 1 Kgs 8:10; 2 Mac 2:8).

### Christ's way to glory

The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory - follow me - obey my words. Take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the blessing of my Father's kingdom - your name, too, will be written in heaven. Jesus fulfilled his mission on Calvary where he died for our sins so that Paradise and everlasting life would be restored to us. He embraced the cross to win a crown of glory - a crown that awaits each one of us, if we, too, will follow in his footsteps.

## CHURCHES

### ST PATRICK, BRADDON

SUN	8:00 am	Mass
TUE-FRI	12:10 pm	Rosary
	12:30 pm	Mass
FRI	11:30 am -	Adoration &
	12:30 pm	Confession

### ST BRIGID, DICKSON

SUN	9:30 am	Mass
	5:00 pm	Vietnamese Mass (1st and 3rd Sundays)
TUE-SAT	8:40 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Mass
WED	8:00 am -	Adoration
	11:00 am	
	5:00 pm -	Adoration
	8:00 pm	
SAT	9:30 am -	Adoration &
	10:00 am	Confession
	5:30 pm -	Confession
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass

Healing Service takes place after the Mass on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

### ST JOSEPH, O'CONNOR

SUN	8:30 am	Mass
TUE-FRI	8:15 am -	Adoration
	9:10 am	(Confession during Adoration every Friday.)
	9:15 am	Mass
SAT	8:15 am	Novena to Our Lady of the Perpetual Help
	8:30 am	Mass
	5:15 pm -	Confession
	5:45 pm	
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass

Anointing of the Sick is within the Mass at 8:30 am every 1st Saturday of the month.

Recitation of the Rosary takes place after the 9:15 a.m. Mass, Tuesday to Friday.

### ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

SUN	10:00 am	Mass
FRI	11:00 am -	Adoration
	11:45 am	
	11:45 am	Mass

Confession is every Friday, 11:00 am to 11:40 am.

Anointing of the Sick takes place every 1st Sunday of the month at 11:15 am.

### HOLY ROSARY | BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

SUN	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:00 am	Mass
	5:00 pm	Mass
TUE-FRI	5:30 pm	Mass
SAT	4:00 pm -	Confession
	4:30 pm	
	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass
FRI	6:00 pm -	Adoration
	7:00 pm	



## SUNDAY READINGS

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Cf. Ps 26: 8-9*

Of you my heart has spoken, seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

### FIRST READING

*Genesis 12:1-4*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 32(33):4-5, 18-20, 22*

*R:* Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. (*R*)

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. (*R*)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. (*R*)

### SECOND READING

*2 Timothy 1:8-10*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Matthew 17:5*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 17:1-9*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Mt 17: 5*

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.

### WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS...

#### OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Maria Oanh Tran, Clare Palmer, Damian Smith, Fr Francis Fuchs PP, Jim Smith, John Walton, Joseph Lucero, Loretta Gallagher, Mary Pavey, Patricia Aileen Sloan, Phillip Collett, Reubin Maraon, Rosa Mangeruca, Rosalinda Salazar, Ruth Schwensen and Shelagh Williamson

#### IN LOVING MEMORY

Alice McDonald, Aniceto Castro Agulto, Bill More, Domenica Maria, Domenico Musolino, Domingo Apolinar, Emilja Klaric, Florina Cabardo, Hazel Petry, Heather Pook, Jack (John Joseph) O'Brien, John Collett, Kevin Tee, Lirio Lukban, Pasquale Laria, Romeo Cabardo, Silvio Rossi, Terry Bird and Tony Boyle

#### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Brian Brown, Carmela Lubis, Deacon Karel Anak Tingang, Don Gomez, Fr Michael Mullen, Genevieve Cuddihy, Maggie McKeown, Mairead Thomas, Maree Catlian, Marie Gallagher, Michael Deane, Paul Thorpe, Sally Grant, and Una Bell



*Prayer intentions will remain  
in the bulletin for four weeks.*



## FROM THE OFFICE

- **Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2026.** Project Compassion continues this Lent. Donation boxes and envelopes will be placed in the Church foyers. For more information, email Don Gomez at [don.gomez@caritas.org.au](mailto:don.gomez@caritas.org.au)
- **Behold & Resound (Liturgy & Music) Workshops.** They will all be held on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm with some light lunch / refreshments provided. 7 March - Immaculate Conception Church, Tumut | 14 March - St John Vianney Church, Waramanga | 21 March - St John the Apostle Church, Kippax. Registration is available now, and you can sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/BeholdandResound>
- **International Women's Day Breakfast - Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce.** The event is on Thursday, 5 March from 7:30 am - 9:00 am at Ainslie Football Club (Cost \$45). For more information: <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/international-womens-day-event-archdiocesan-womens-taskforce/>
- **Save the Date: Cursillo Weekend.** Friday, 17 to Sunday, 19 April, St Clement's Retreat & Conference Centre, Galong. Contact [michaelderadt@gmail.com](mailto:michaelderadt@gmail.com). Info and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/cursillo2026>

## CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON &amp; DICKSON

- **Stations of the Cross followed by the Eucharist - St Brigid's.** 7:00 pm on all Fridays of Lent.
- **Teens Youth Group - Cancelled.** Unfortunately, due to a lack of volunteers, we must cancel the Teens Youth Group at St Brigid's planned for this Saturday, 28 of February. Stay tuned to our notices for the next youth group gathering!
- **Unfolding the Mystery of the Bible.** Everyone is warmly invited every Thursday evening at 6:45 pm to attend the special presentation of a DVD series that explores the richness of the Bible. Please contact Najib Raya on 0439 581 204 for further details.
- **Craft Group.** All are invited every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in St Brigid's Hall from 1:00 pm onwards. For queries, please contact Trish Moore at 0412 324 644.
- **We're Improving St Patrick's.** Our facilities are inadequate, and we need to fund new toilets, and a much needed new organ will arrive in March to enhance our Liturgy. To contribute, please place donation on the second collection or use the dedicated TAP machine opposite the confessional. Every bit helps - Thank you!

## ST JOSEPH, O'CONNOR

- **Easter Timetable 2026.** A digital version of the Easter Timetable for 2026 can be accessed here: <https://tinyurl.com/StJosephsTriduum2026> Please note that the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, 3 April, will now commence at 5:00 pm.
- **Stations of the Cross.** After the 9:15 am Mass on all Fridays of Lent.
- **Legion of Mary Adoration.** Everyone is invited to adoration every 1st Friday of the month from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm in the Parish Centre. The next one will be on 6 March.
- **Saturday Vigil Mass Readers/Acolytes/Collectors.** Please talk to Fr Thonn after Mass if you would like to join the February-April roster to read, serve or take up the collection at the vigil Mass on Saturdays.
- **Children's Liturgy.** Every Sunday during the 8:30 am Mass. All children are welcome. Children under five years old should be accompanied by a parent or grandparent.
- **Rehearsals for Holy Week Music.** Join us as we prepare the chants, hymns, and motets for the sacred liturgies of Holy Week. New voices are always welcome. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday at 7:30 pm at St Joseph's. For more information and contacts, please scan the QR code
- **Sacramental Program Enrolment 2026.** Reconciliation is for Yr 3 and up with parent and child (P&C) sessions commencing on Wednesday, 25 February. First Communion is for Yr 4 and up with P&C session commencing on Wednesday, May. Confirmation is for Yr 6 and up with P&C sessions commencing on Wednesday, 12 August. Please enrol your child/children using the QR code or email [kirstie.buckley@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kirstie.buckley@cg.catholic.edu.au) for more details.



Holy Week Music



Enrolment

## ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

- **First Reconciliation Preparation.** Commissioning Mass: Sunday, 1 March at 10:00 am. Next Family Sessions: Sundays, 15 and 22 March, after the 10:00 am Mass. Important dates can be accessed here: <https://tinyurl.com/StThomasFirstReconciliation>
- **Welcome Mass and Morning Tea.** Everyone is invited to celebrate the start of the school year with a community Mass followed by morning tea on Sunday, 1 March at 10:00 am. New families and parishioners are particularly welcome. Morning tea contributions welcome.
- **It's Working Bee Time!** The school and parish working bee will take place on Saturday, 14 March from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Come and get your hands dirty, make friends and enjoy the beautiful weather!
- **Altar Cloth and Linens - Volunteers.** Inviting anyone to join in caring for our altar cloth and sacred linens. If you're able to help, please speak to Monica Phelan or email her at [monphel@icloud.com](mailto:monphel@icloud.com). Your support helps keep our parish thriving!
- **Seeking Donations for Mass PowerPoints.** The parish is requesting a donation of a laptop. This laptop will be used exclusively for running the PowerPoint slides at Mass. If you have anything suitable, please contact Zane Mason at [masozan75@gmail.com](mailto:masozan75@gmail.com). Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated!

## BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

- **Ecumenical Lenten Study Groups 2026.** You are invited to take a Lenten journey of self-discovery and growth in one of three study groups organised by the Holy Roundabout Churches (Holy Rosary Catholic Church - Mondays, 7:00 pm, Holy Cross Anglican Church - Tuesdays, 6:30 pm and St Margaret's Uniting Church - Thursdays, 2:00 pm). All welcome. Sign-on form in Holy Rosary Church foyer or email Roger Paul at [rpaul2572@gmail.com](mailto:rpaul2572@gmail.com) | <https://tinyurl.com/Lenten-Study-Groups-2026>
- **Song, Silence, Scripture & Prayer in the Style of Taizé.** Everyone is invited to this service every 1st Sunday of the month (except on Easter Sunday - next service will be on 1 March) at Holy Cross Anglican/St Margaret's Uniting, Hackett. <https://tinyurl.com/Watson-Taize-2026>
- **Rehearsals for Holy Week Music.** Holy Rosary Choir is preparing for the liturgies of Holy Week. If you would like to be part of this very special music, come along to the first practice on Monday, 2 March at 7.30 pm, in the church. For more information, phone Maureen, 02 6161 7100.
- **Scripture Reflection.** A reflection on the scripture readings for the following Sunday is held each Wednesday in the parish centre from 7:30 pm to 8.30 pm. All welcome.
- **ACU.** ACU Masses will resume during semester time (from 2 March). 12:00 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Signadou Chapel, Ground Floor, Building 302, 223 Antill Street, Watson.

"Fasting of the body is food for the soul."

~Saint John Chrysostom



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Canberra Inner North Catholic Community (CINCC) acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

## YOUR MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS COUNT A LOT...

### First Collection

(Supporting all the priests of the Archdiocese)

A/C Name: **Central Presbytery Fund**, BSB: 062-786 and Bank Account: 00029248  
Reference: Your parish location, name and intention  
(e.g., Campbell Smith 1st collect)

### Second Collection

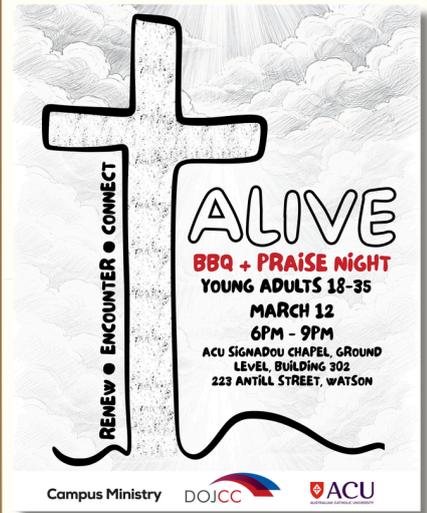
(Maintenance/upkeep of the Churches, staff salaries, liturgical needs, insurance, etc.)

~ **Central Canberra, Dickson & Braddon:** A/C Name **Canberra Central Parish**  
BSB: 062-786, A/C: 00013150, Ref: Name & Giving Number

~ **St Joseph, O'Connor:** A/C Name: **St Joseph's Parish**  
BSB: 062-786, A/C: 00012798, Ref: Name & Giving Number

~ **St Thomas More, Campbell:** A/C Name: **St Thomas More Parish**  
BSB: 062-786 A/C: 00014869, Ref: Name & Giving Number

~ **Blackfriars, Watson:** A/C Name: **Blackfriars Parish Watson**  
BSB: 062-786, A/C: 00013341, Ref: Name & Giving Number



## 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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AND YOU WILL SET THE WORLD ON FIRE"  
ST CATHERINE OF SIENA