

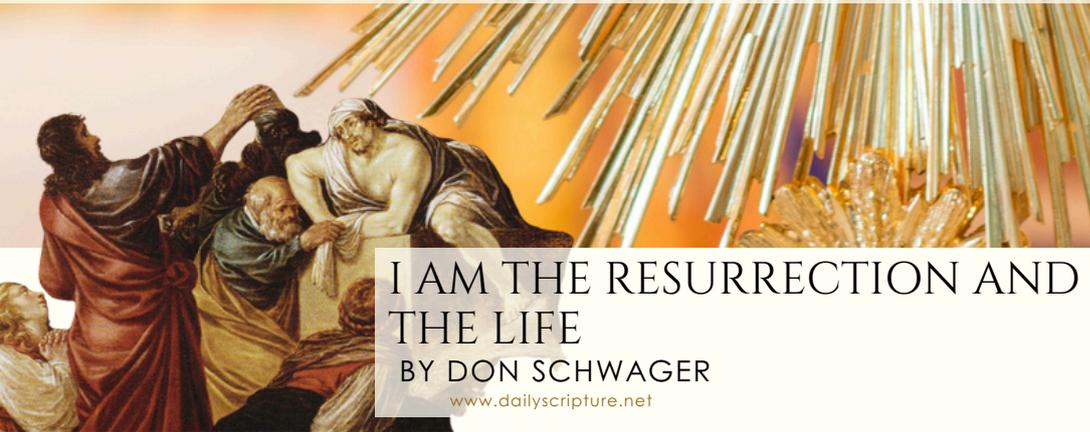
CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

# CANBERRA INNER NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
YEAR A | 21-22 MARCH 2026



## I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

BY DON SCHWAGER

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If a true "friend loves at all times" (Prov 17:17), why did Jesus delay in coming to Lazarus' home when he knew that his friend was gravely ill? Jesus certainly loved Lazarus and his two sisters and he often stayed in their home at Bethany. But to the surprise of his friends and disciples, Jesus did not go right away to Bethany when he was called. Jesus explained that Lazarus' sickness would bring glory to God. The glory which Jesus had in mind, however, was connected with suffering and the cross. He saw the cross as his supreme glory and the way to glory in the kingdom of God. For Jesus there was no other way to glory except through the cross.

Jesus also knew that it was dangerous for him to travel anywhere near Jerusalem at this time, since the religious authorities in Jerusalem were plotting his destruction. Jesus, however, was willing to pay the price to help his friend. For Jesus to come to Jerusalem at Passover time was an act of courage. The explanation which Jesus gave to his disciples was simple and challenging at the same time. "Are there not twelve hours in the day?" In so many words he said: "There are enough hours in the day to do what one must do." A day can neither be rushed nor extended. Its period is fixed.

### The hope of our resurrection

What is the significance of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead? It is more than a miraculous event. It is a "sign" of God's promise to raise up all who have died in Christ to everlasting life. That is why Jesus asked Martha if she believed in the resurrection from the dead. The Christian creed, which is the profession of our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and in the saving power of God, culminates in the proclamation of the resurrection of the dead on the last day and in life everlasting. This is our faith and our hope.

God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit that we may be made alive in Christ. Even now we can experience the power of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus in our personal lives. The Holy Spirit is ever ready to change and transform us into men and women of faith, hope, and love. Do you believe that the power of Jesus' resurrection is at work in your life today? Let the Holy Spirit strengthen within you the life and joy of God and the hope of heaven.

## 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. Psalm 42:1-2*

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

### FIRST READING

*Ezekiel 37:12-14*

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 22(23)*

℟: With the Lord there is mercy,  
and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading. (℟)

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you. (℟)

My soul is waiting for the Lord.  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.  
(Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord.) (℟)

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity. (℟)

### SECOND READING

*Romans 8:8-11*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*cf. John 11:25-26*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### GOSPEL

*John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45 (Shorter version)*

Mary and Martha sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Everyone who lives and believes in me  
will not die for ever, says the Lord.

**CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON**

- **Holy Week/Paschal Triduum Timetable 2026.** Access here: <https://tinyurl.com/CentralCBRHW2026>
- **Stations of the Cross followed by the Eucharist - St Brigid's.** 7:00 pm on all Fridays of Lent.
- **Free Sausage Sizzle.** Sunday, 19 April, after the 9:30 am Mass in St. Brigid's Parish Hall. You are most welcome to bring a plate to share.
- **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; 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 in the second collection or use the dedicated TAP machine opposite the confessional.

**ST JOSEPH, O'CONNOR**

- **Holy Week/Paschal Triduum Timetable 2026.** Access here: <https://tinyurl.com/OConnorHW2026> Please note that the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, 3 April, is at 5:00 pm.
- **Stations of the Cross.** After the 9:15 am Mass on all Fridays of Lent.
- **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.
- **Sacramental Program Enrolment 2026.** First Communion is for Yr 4 and up with P&C session commencing on Wednesday, 6 May. Confirmation is for Yr 6 and up with P&C sessions commencing on Wednesday, 12 August. Please enrol your child/children by emailing [kirstie.buckley@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kirstie.buckley@cg.catholic.edu.au) for more details.
- **Church Clean-Up for Easter.** Join other volunteers every Saturday from 9:00 am to 9:30 am (after the 8:30 am Mass). Light tasks include dusting, wiping pews, and sweeping. Those interested in flower arranging are also invited to come and have a chat with us.
- **St Joseph's Needs an Electrician.** We are seeking quotations from qualified electricians to undertake a range of electrical works. The scope of works and contact details can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/StJosephElectrician2026> | Contact Warwick McDonald [warwick.mcdonald3@bigpond.com](mailto:warwick.mcdonald3@bigpond.com) or 0491 138 123.
- **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

**ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL**

- **21st Annual St Thomas More Forum & Dinner – Change of Date to Wednesday, 3 June.** RSVP by 11:00 am on Friday, 22 May. For more information and to register: <https://bit.ly/stmf-030626> | Access the flyer here: <https://tinyurl.com/StThomasMoreForum2026>
- **First Reconciliation Preparation.** Next Family Session: Sunday, 22 March, after the 10:00 am Mass. Important dates can be accessed here: <https://tinyurl.com/StThomasFirstReconciliation>
- **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**

- **Holy Week/Paschal Triduum Timetable 2026.** Access here: <https://tinyurl.com/WatsonHW2026>
- **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.
- **The Dominican Library.** The library in the parish centre is open each Saturday (except the first Saturday of the month) from 10:45 am to noon. All welcome.
- **ACU.** ACU Masses during semester time are as follows: 12:00 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Signadou Chapel, Ground Floor, Building 302, 223 Antill Street, Watson.

- **Archbishop Christopher Prowse's Lenten-Easter Message 2026.** <https://tinyurl.com/ArchbishopLentEaster2026>
- **Canberra Inner North Catholic Community - Consolidated Holy Week/Paschal Triduum Timetable 2026.** <https://tinyurl.com/InnerNorthHW2026>



“Our pilgrimage on earth cannot be exempt from trial.”

~Saint Augustine



**WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS...**

**OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**  
 Clare Palmer, Damian Smith, Dianne Virginia Judge, Fr Francis Fuchs PP, Jim Smith, John Walton, Joseph Lucero, Loretta Gallagher, Maria Oanh Tran, Mary Holt, Mary Pavey, Patricia Aileen Sloan, Phillip Collett, Rosa Mangeruca, Rosalinda Salazar, Roy Baculi, Ruth Schwensen and Shelagh Williamson

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

Alice McDonald, Aniceto Castro Agulto, Anthony and Emma Biggerstaff, Bill More, Dominica Cortese, Dominic Le, Dominica Maria, Domenico Musolino, Domingo Apolinar, Emilja Klaric, Felipe Miragaya, Florina Cabardo, Hazel Petry, Heather Pook, Helen Olsen, Isabel Sas Barnes, Jack (John Joseph) O'Brien, John Bryan, John Collett, John & Enid Prendergast, Kevin Tee, Lirio Lukban, Mary Kelly, Noel Falk, Norbertus Purba, Pasquale Laria, Peter Tran, Ray Minius, Romeo Cabardo, Scott Wyatt, Silvio Rossi, Terry Bird and Tony Boyle

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Brian Brown, Carmela Lubis, Deacon Karel Anak Tingang, Fr Michael Mullen, Genevieve Cuddihy, June Pollard, Lynette Kemp, Maggie McKeown, Mairead Thomas, Maree Catlin, Marie Gallagher, Michael Deane, Paul Thorpe, Sally Grant, Una Bell, Veronica Sulo and Zenaida Rosales

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

**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  
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**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

**FROM THE OFFICE**

- **Behold & Resound (Liturgy & Music) Workshop.** Saturday, 21 March from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm at St John the Apostle Church, Kippax. | Register and sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/BeholdandResound>
- **Online Launch the New Archdiocesan Institute for Synodal Evangelisation.** Thursday, 26 March from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Register your interest here: [bit.ly/institute-launch](https://bit.ly/institute-launch) Contact: [institute@cg.org.au](mailto:institute@cg.org.au) | <https://tinyurl.com/SynodalEvangelisationMarch2026>
- **Save the Date: Cursillo Weekend.** Friday, 17 to Sunday, 19 April, St Clement's Retreat & Conference Centre, Galong. Please register by Fri, 3 April. Contact [michaelderaadt@gmail.com](mailto:michaelderaadt@gmail.com). For more information and to register: <https://tinyurl.com/cursillo2026>
- **The Feast.** Join us for casual gatherings centred on God's Word and rooted in real life. Saturdays, 28 March and 11 April from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Holy Rosary Watson Parish Centre. Contact [feastcanberra@gmail.com](mailto:feastcanberra@gmail.com) or 0406 872 588. <https://tinyurl.com/TheFeastMarchApril2026>
- **National ANZAC Day Mass 2026.** Saturday, 25 April at 8:00 am at St Christopher's Cathedral. <https://tinyurl.com/ANZACMass2026>
- **Merici College Open Days.** Visit <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/> for all dates and information for our Open Day and enrolment events. | <https://tinyurl.com/MericiCollegeOpenDay2026>

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT**

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.

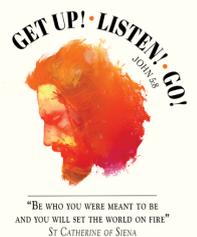
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