

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

CANBERRA INNER NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (CINCC)

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YEAR A | 18-19 APRIL 2026



DID NOT OUR HEARTS BURN WHILE HE OPENED TO US THE SCRIPTURES

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Why was it difficult for the disciples to recognise the risen Lord? Jesus' death scattered his disciples and shattered their hopes and dreams. They had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. They saw the cross as defeat and could not comprehend the empty tomb until the Lord Jesus appeared to them and gave them understanding.

Do you recognise the Risen Lord in his word and in the breaking of the bread?

Jesus chided the disciples on the road to Emmaus for their slowness of heart to believe what the Scriptures had said concerning the Messiah. They did not recognise the risen Jesus until he had broken bread with them. Do you recognise the Lord in his word and in the breaking of the bread?

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) reflects on the dimness of their perception: "They were so disturbed when they saw him hanging on the cross that they forgot his teaching, did not look for his resurrection, and failed to keep his promises in mind" (Sermon 235.1).

"Their eyes were obstructed, that they should not recognise him until the breaking of the bread. And thus, in accordance with the state of their minds, which was still ignorant of the truth - that the Christ would die and rise again, their eyes were similarly hindered. It was not that the truth himself was misleading them, but rather that they were themselves unable to perceive the truth." (From The Harmony of the Gospels, 3.25.72)

How often do we fail to recognise the Lord when he speaks to our hearts and opens his mind to us? The Risen Lord is ever ready to speak his word to us and to give us understanding of his ways. Do you listen attentively to the Word of God and allow his word to change and transform you?

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)
		Maronite Mass
		(Last Sunday of the month)
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 65:1-2*

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING *Acts 2:14, 22-33*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 15(16):1-2, 5, 7-11*

R: Lord, you will show us the path of life. (or Alleluia.)

SECOND READING *1 Peter 1:17-21*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf. Luke 24:32*

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 24:13-35*

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *cf. Luke 24: 35*

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.





WHAT'S ON

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

- **We're improving St Patrick's facilities.** Install new toilets and acquire a new organ. To contribute, please place donation in the [second collection](#) or use the dedicated TAP machine opposite the confessional.
- **Free Sausage Sizzle - St Brigid's.** Sunday, 19 April, after the 9:30 am Mass at the Parish Hall. You can bring a plate to share.
- **Healing Service - St Brigid's.** On Sunday, 19 April and then every 3rd Sunday of the month after the 9:30 am Mass.
- **Morning Tea Volunteers Needed - St Brigid's.** We are looking for volunteers for the morning tea roster after Sunday 9:30 am Mass, from 26 April to 26 July. For enquiries, please contact Trish Moore on 0412 324 644.
- **RCIA Concluding Lessons - St Brigid's.** To begin on Tuesday, 21 April 21 at 6:00 pm at the Parish Hall.

ST JOSEPH, O'CONNOR

- **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 for more details.
- **Need for 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 or 0491 138 123.
- **Sunday Children's Liturgy - During School Term Times Only.** Recommencing on Sunday, 26 April at 8:30 a.m. All children are welcome. Children under five years old should be accompanied by a parent or grandparent. Please bring a plate to share.
- **Volunteer to arrange flowers.** A volunteer is urgently needed to arrange flowers at St Joseph's on Saturdays in preparation for the Vigil and Sunday morning Mass. Please see Donna after any Mass if you would like to help out.
- **Pentecost Choral Vespers – Sunday, 24 May at 4:00 pm.** Interested in singing? New voices are always welcome! Our rehearsals are held every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. For more info: <https://tinyurl.com/PentecostChoralVespers>

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

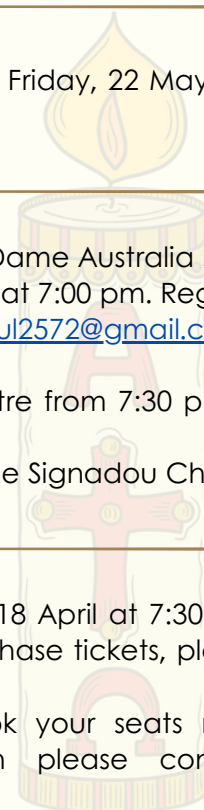
- **21st Annual St Thomas More Forum & Dinner – Wednesday, 3 June.** RSVP by 11:00 am on Friday, 22 May. For more information and to register: <https://bit.ly/stmf-030626> | Access the flyer here: <https://tinyurl.com/StThomasMoreForum2026>

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

- **The Eucharist in the Life of the Church.** Learn more through a series of University of Notre Dame Australia short courses. Introductory video and group discussion in the parish centre on Monday, 20 April at 7:00 pm. Register at innernorth@cg.org.au. For more information, contact Roger Paul at rpaul2572@gmail.com | <https://tinyurl.com/EucharisLifeChurch2026>
- **Scripture Reflection** for the following Sunday is held each Wednesday in the parish centre from 7:30 pm to 8.30 pm. All welcome.
- **ACU Noon Masses.** Starts with adoration at 11:15 am every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Signadou Chapel (during Semester period).

FROM THE OFFICE

- **Canberra Bach Ensemble's Easter Oratorio and 'Heaven laughs, Earth exults'.** Saturday, 18 April at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, 19 April at 2:00 pm at St Christopher's Cathedral. For more info and to purchase tickets, please visit www.canberrabachensemble.com
- **Farm in Galong Gala Dinner 2026.** Saturday, 2 May at Hellenic Club Woden. Book your seats now: <https://events.humanitix.com/farm-in-galong-gala-dinner-2026> For further information please contact Kim.Mckinnon@galongfarm.org





"Easter is a season of profound transformation, a time when the old gives way to the new and the broken is made whole. It is a reminder that God's power is made perfect in weakness, and that His grace is sufficient for all our needs."

~ Saint Faustina Kowalska

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The 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

WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS...

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Maria Oanh Tran, Mary Holt, Ruth Schwensen, Scott Wyatt and Terence Nolan

IN LOVING MEMORY

Victoria Gaudencio, Mary Gaudencio, Cedric Santos, Oswald Beale, Viviana Lynda Ruiz, Anthony and Emma Biggerstaff, Dominica Cortese, Dominic Le, Edward Joseph, Felipe Miragaya, Francisco Bale, Helen Olsen, John Bryan, John & Enid Prendergast, Joseph Hop, Lily Louis, Louis Joseph, Maria Xuan, Mary Bui, Noel Falk, Norbertus Purba, Paul Doyle, Richard Dobrowolski, Scott Wyatt, Sr Joy Belt and Tecla Perera

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Brian Brown, Deacon Karel Anak Tingang, Gwenda Romer (nee Hewitt), June Pollard, Lynette Kemp, Maggie McKeown, Mairead Thomas, Max Vucic, Veronica Sulo and Zenaida Rosales



Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for four weeks.



A very warm welcome to Fr Vergel Dalangin, SSS, as a new member of our community.

We wish him every blessing as he begins his pastoral ministry with us.



VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DINNERS



Key Details for 2026

- When:** Monthly on Thursdays at 6:00 PM
 - 12 March in Pearce
 - 9 April at Archbishop's House
 - 7 May in Calwell
- Who:** Single men exploring a call to the priesthood.

- What:** Prayer, Conversation, & A Meal
- Contact/RSVP:**
 - Fr. Emil Milat: emil.milat@cg.org.au or 02 6286 1908
- Occasional weekend retreats also held

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.

Please send any concerns or enquiries to: Maria Hicks, Manager Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS), at ipss@cg.org.au or 02 6239 9806.

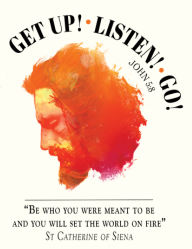
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