

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

CANBERRA INNER NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (CINCC)

PASTORED BY THE CONGREGATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (SSS)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR A | 25-26 APRIL 2026



I CAME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE ABUNDANTLY

BY DON SCHWAGER

www.dailyscripture.net

Do you know the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over his own? The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want (Ps 23:1). Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! (Ps 80:1) We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture (Ps 100:3).* The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: *He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms (Is 40:11).* Jesus says he is the Good Shepherd who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1 Pt 2:25).*

The Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls

What can shepherding teach us about God and our relationship with him? At the end of each day the shepherd brought his sheep into shelter. They knew the voice of their shepherd and came at his beckoning. So familiar was the shepherd and his sheep, that each was called by a distinct name. In the winter the sheep were usually brought to a communal village shelter which was locked and kept secure by a guardian. In the summer months the sheep were usually kept out in the fields and then gathered into a fold at night which was guarded by a shepherd throughout the night. He was literally the door through which the sheep had to pass.

The Scriptures describe God as a shepherd who brings security and peace to his people. *The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore (Ps 120:8).* Even the leaders of God's people are called shepherds: *they shall lead them out and bring them in; that the congregation of the Lord may not be as sheep which have no shepherd (Nm 27:17).* Just as a shepherd kept watch over his sheep and protected them from danger, so Jesus stands watch over his people as the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1 Pt 2:25).* Do you know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to God?

AN ANZAC PRAYER - ANZAC DAY - 25 APRIL

Remember, O Lord, all those the brave and the true, who have died the death of honour and are departed in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. In that place of light from which sorrow and mourning are far banished, give them rest, O Lord, thou lover of men. Amen.



Lest we forget.

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 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22 (23)

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
or Alleluia.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS...

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Dominga Sumalinog, Maria Oanh Tran, Mary Holt, Paul Thorpe, Ruth Schwensen, Scott Wyatt, Teodula Figuracion and Terence Nolan

IN LOVING MEMORY

Victoria Gaudencio, Marry 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 Strazzeri, Maria Xuan, Mary Bui, Norbertus Purba, Paul Doyle, Philomena D'Souza, Richard Dobrowolski, Scott Wyatt, Sr Joy Belt and Tecla Perera

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Brian Brown, Deacon Karel Anak Tingang, Don Gomez, 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.





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.
- **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.

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 University of Notre Dame Australia online short talks and group discussion at the Holy Rosary Parish Centre on Mondays 4, 11 and 18 May, 7:00 pm. Register at innorth@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

- **Book Launching - Trauma and Meaning in French Concentration Camp Poetry – Friday, 1 May at 6:00 pm.** Location: Alliance Française de Canberra, Turner. RSVP by Tuesday, 28 April at belle.joseph@anu.edu.au
- **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
- **Vocations Discernment Dinner at Calwell Presbytery – Thursday, 7 May at 6:00 pm.** Prayers and conversation for single men exploring a call to priesthood. For more information, contact Fr Emil Milat at emil.milat@cg.org.au.
- **Merici College - Enrolling Now.** Visit <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/> for all dates and information for our Open Day and enrolment events. | <https://tinyurl.com/MericiCollegeOpenDay2026>
- **Prophetic Intercession Training with Cyril John.** Wednesday and Thursday, 13-14 May. For more information, contact Susana 0419 902 293 or Yohan 0415 346 775 | To register: <https://shorturl.at/Yx8uV>
- **Honourable Justice Simon Steward AC's Public Address on Jurisprudence and Theology – Wednesday, 13 May at 5:30 pm.** Location: ANU Law School, Acton. Registration is essential via this link: <https://events.humanitix.com/public-lecture-by-justice-simon-steward/tickets>

“Easter proclaims that nothing is impossible with God and that his love can overcome all obstacles”

~Saint Francis of Assisi



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

Support Our Future Priests: Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal 2026

Please consider supporting the formation of our future priests—men courageously saying “yes” to God’s call.

Your gift. Their formation.

Our future. Your generosity helps form priests who will celebrate the sacraments, care for the vulnerable, guide the young, and console those in grief. The Archdiocese invests over \$50,000 each year in every seminarian's formation. Please give today using the payment slip, QR code or email:

Financial.Services@cg.org.au



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.

CONNECT WITH US...

Fr Renoir Jr. Z. Oliver, SSS (Moderator)
E: renoir.oliver@cg.org.au

Fr Sebastian A. Luistro, SSS (Community Superior)
E: sebastian.luistro@cg.org.au

Fr Anthony “Thonn” C. Riosa, SSS
E: anthony.riosa@cg.org.au

Fr Vergel Dalangin, SSS
E: vergel.dalangin@cg.org.au



WWW.CGINNERNORTH.ORG.AU

Parish Secretaries:
Kathie Guillester and Cerisse Gomez
E: innernorth@cg.org.au
M: 0416 823 447 or 0412 128 038
P: PO Box 900, Dickson ACT 2602



“BE WHO YOU WERE MEANT TO BE AND YOU
WILL SET THE WORLD ON FIRE”
ST CATHERINE OF SIENA