

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

# CANBERRA INNER NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (CINCC)

PASTORED BY THE CONGREGATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (SSS)

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
YEAR A | 11-12 APRIL 2026



## UNLESS I SEE - I WILL NOT BELIEVE

BY DON SCHWAGER

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Do you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God.

### Live and proclaim the Gospel of mercy in the power of the Holy Spirit

Jesus did something which only love and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and obedience to the will of his Father. He called his first disciples and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

### Through the gift of faith we recognise the Risen Lord and receive new life

When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognised his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring you new life, hope, and joy?

## CHURCHES

### ST PATRICK, BRADDON

SUN 8:00 am Mass  
TUE-FRI 12:10 pm Rosary  
12:30 pm Mass  
FRI 11:30 am - Adoration & Confession  
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 & Confession  
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. 1 Peter 2:2*

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### FIRST READING *Acts 2:42-47*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 117(118):2-4, 13-15, 22-24*

**℟: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting. (or Alleluia.)**

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'	I was thrust down, thrust down and falling, but the Lord was my helper.	The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'	The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.	This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (℟)	There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. (℟)	This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (℟)

### SECOND READING *1 Peter 1:3-9*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf. John 20:29*

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

### GOSPEL *John 20:19-31*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON *cf. John 20:27*

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



### 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 9:30am Mass, from 26 April to 26 July. For enquiries, please contact Trish Moore on 0412 324 644.
- **Craft Group.** All are invited every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in St Brigid's Hall from 1:00 pm onwards. For enquiries, please contact Trish Moore at 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.
- **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

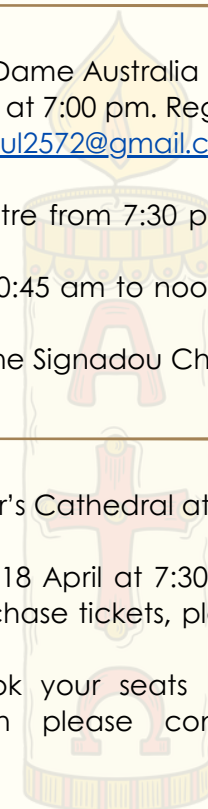
- **21st Annual St Thomas More Forum & Dinner – Wednesday, 3 June.** RSVP by 11:00 am on Friday, 22 May. For more information and to register: <https://bit.ly/stmf-030626> | Access the flyer here: <https://tinyurl.com/StThomasMoreForum2026>

### 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 [innorth@cg.org.au](mailto:innorth@cg.org.au). For more information, contact Roger Paul at [rpaul2572@gmail.com](mailto: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.
- **The Dominican Library.** Open from the second to the last Saturday of the month from 10:45 am to noon. 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

- **Deacon-elect Don Gomez. Congratulations!** His ordination will take place at St Christopher's Cathedral at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, 19 August 2026. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- **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](http://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](mailto:Kim.Mckinnon@galongfarm.org)





"He has risen. This is the heart of our faith. Mary was a silent witness of all these events. Let us ask her to help us also to receive the fullness of this Easter message."

~ Saint John Paul II

**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, 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, Maree Catlin, 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.

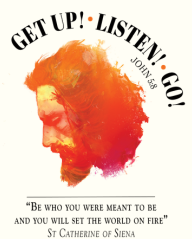
Please send any concerns or enquiries to: Maria Hicks, Manager Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS), at [ipss@cg.org.au](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au) or 02 6239 9806.

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