

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

CANBERRA INNER NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (CINCC)

PASTORED BY THE CONGREGATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (SSS)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR A | 2-3 MAY 2026



LORD, SHOW US THE FATHER

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Do you allow any troubles to rob you of God's gift of peace? As much as we try to avoid it, we inevitably encounter challenges and trials that can shake our confidence and our trust in God. Jesus knew that his disciples would be put to the test when their Master was taken from them during his suffering and passion - his arrest, trial, and rejection by the leaders of his own people, and crucifixion by the Romans. Jesus encouraged his disciples to put their faith and hope in God the Father and also in himself.

When adversity or trouble comes your way, does it make you lose hope or give into fear and despair, or does it press you closer to the Lord Jesus and to the strength and help he offers you? When the people of Israel became discouraged and grew weary during their 40 years in the wilderness, the Lord assured them that he would personally bring them safely into the promised land.

This land of promise was a sign that prefigured and pointed to the true heavenly homeland which God offers to all who accept his gift of salvation through his Son, Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus, through his victory on the cross and his resurrection, has opened the way for each one of us to live in peace and friendship with our heavenly Father.

Doing the works that Jesus did

Wherever we go the Lord Jesus wants us to bring the good news and blessings of his kingdom to as many people as we can. The Lord Jesus calls us the salt of the earth. He wants us to bring the flavor of his goodness and holiness into every area of society we are engaged in. Christ calls us the light of the world. He wants us to make him known and loved by helping people to see the radiance of his love and truth and the beauty of his kingdom. That is why Jesus continues to commission his followers throughout every age to "make disciples of all nations"(Jn 17:18, Mt 28:19).

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 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32(33):1-2, 4-5, 18-19

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (or Alleluia.)

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

1 Peter 2:4-9

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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 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



CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

- **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) - Becoming Catholic.** Do you or someone you know want something more in life? Come explore the Catholic faith. Those who are interested are invited to send their details or contact the office at innernorth@cg.org.au.
- **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 9:30am Mass, from 26 April to 26 July. For enquiries, please contact Trish Moore on 0412324644.
- **Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible (24 Sessions) - St Brigid's.** Everyone is warmly invited every Tuesday evening (commencing 19 May) at 6:15 pm to attend the special presentations that explores the richness of the Bible. Please contact Najib Raya on 0439 581 204 for further details.

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.** 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

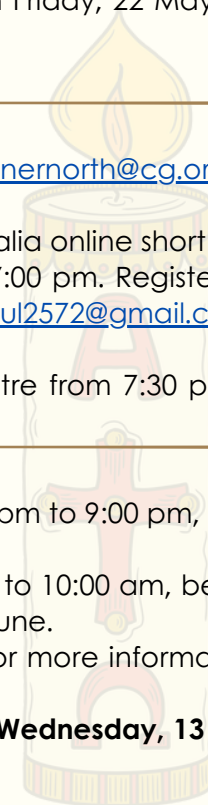
- **21st Annual St Thomas More Forum & Dinner – Wednesday, 3 June.** RSVP by 11:00 am on Friday, 22 May. For more information and to register: <https://bit.ly/stmf-030626> | Access the flyer here: <https://tinyurl.com/StThomasMoreForum2026>

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

- **School of Religion – First Communion and Reconciliation.** Please contact the office at innernorth@cg.org.au to express your interest and obtain the necessary forms.
- **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 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.

FROM THE OFFICE

- **Inner North Cana Youth Group (Grades 7-12).** It will run fortnightly on Saturdays, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, after the Vigil Mass at St Brigid's, Dickson. Dates: 2, 16 & 30 May and 13 & 27 June.
- **Inner North Cana Kids Group (Grades 4-6).** It will run fortnightly on Sundays, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am, before the Sunday Mass at the Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Watson. Dates: 3, 17 & 31 May and 14 June.
- **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>



"The world's your ship and not your home."

~Saint Thérèse of Lisieux



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

MORE NOTICES

- **ACU Noon Masses.** Starts with adoration at 11:15 am every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Signadou Chapel (during Semester period).
- **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>
- **Vocations Discernment Dinner at Calwell Presbytery – Thursday, 7 May at 6:00 pm.** For more information, contact Fr Emil Milat at emil.milat@cg.org.au.

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

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

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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



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.

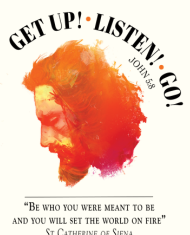
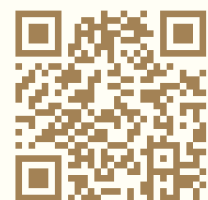
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