

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

CANBERRA INNER NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (CINCC)

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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THE COUNSELOR WILL BE WITH YOU FOR EVER

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What makes us both fully human and truly like God? Is it not unconditional love which is unselfish, undying, and wholly directed to the good of others? The love of God unites us in an unbreakable bond of fidelity, friendship, and community with others. Jesus loved his own until the very end of his passion and death on the cross (Jn 13:1).

Jesus' best gift for us

Jesus promised to give his followers the best of gifts, the Holy Spirit as their Counselor and Helper. How does the Holy Spirit help us as the counselor? Counselor is a legal term for one who defends someone against an adversary and who guides that person during the ordeal of trial. The Holy Spirit is our Advocate and Helper who guides and strengthens us and brings us safely through the challenges and adversities we must face in this life.

The Holy Spirit is also the Giver of life - the abundant life which comes from God and which sustains us forever. The Holy Spirit also guides us in the way of truth, wisdom, and goodness. We can never stop learning because the Spirit leads us more and more into the knowledge of God's love, truth, and goodness. Jesus also promised his followers the gift of peace. Peace is more than the absence of conflict or trouble. Peace includes everything which makes for our highest good. Trust in God, faith in his promises, and obedience to his word lead us to peace and security in God's presence. That is why a Christian need not fear or be troubled by anything. The love of Christ brings immeasurable joy and consolation even in the midst of our trials and suffering. Paul the Apostle states, *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?... For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Rm 8:35, 38-39).

Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with the knowledge of Christ's immense love and with his gift of peace.

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	

"Easter is not just a day to celebrate; it is a season to live with renewed faith and hope."



READINGS

~Saint John Chrysostom

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Isaiah 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 65(66):1-7, 16, 20

℟: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (or Alleluia.)

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:15-18 (First option)

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21 (First option)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you

orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

John 14: 15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Dominga Sumalinog, Justin Pandian, Leone Carse, Paul Thorpe and Teodula Figuracion

IN LOVING MEMORY

Fallen Soldiers in War, Anthony & Emma Biggerstaff, Antonio Cortese, Cedric Santos, Dominic Le, Edna O'Brien, Edward Joseph, Gary Tuite, Jerica Mae Cunanan, Joan Meech, John Bryan, Maria Strazzeri, Mary Bui, Mary Gaudencio, Oswald Beale, Philomena D'Souza, Scott Wyatt, Victoria Gaudencio and Viviana Lynda Ruiz

*"Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them. May the souls of
the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*



SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Brian Brown, Don Gomez, John Sutton, Maggie McKeown, Max Vucic and Sally Grant

Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for four weeks.

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.



There will be **NO MASSES** in all CINCC churches during the week commencing **Monday, 18 to Friday, 22 May** due to the Archdiocesan Clergy Assembly taking place that week. Thank you for your understanding.

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.
- **Healing Service - St Brigid's.** The service takes place after the 9:30 am Sunday Mass on 17 May.
- **Morning Tea Volunteers Needed - St Brigid's.** We are looking for volunteers for the morning tea roster after Sunday 9:30 am Mass. For enquiries, please contact Trish Moore on 0412 324 644.
- **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 explore the richness of the Bible. Please contact Najib Raya on 0439 581 204 for further details.

ST JOSEPH, O'CONNOR

- **Sacramental Program Enrolment 2026.** Enquire by emailing kirstie.buckley@cg.catholic.edu.au.
- **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 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

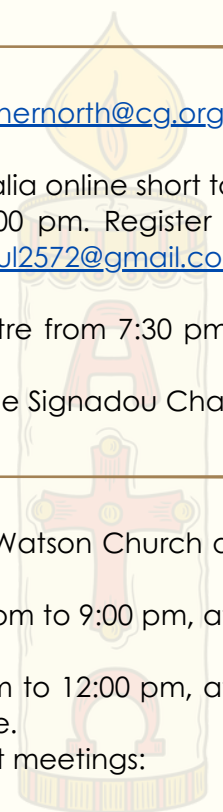
- **21st Annual St Thomas More Forum & Dinner – Wednesday, 3 June.** RSVP by 11:00 am on Friday, 22 May. For more information and to register: <https://bit.ly/stmf-030626> | Access the flyer here: <https://tinyurl.com/StThomasMoreForum2026>

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, 11 & 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.
- **ACU Noon Masses.** Starts with adoration at 11:15 am every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Signadou Chapel (during Semester period).

FROM THE OFFICE

- **Tax-deductible Receipts from Project Compassion.** These are ready for collection at the Watson Church and Canberra Central foyers. Thank you for your generosity.
- **Inner North Cana Youth Group (Grades 7-12).** Running fortnightly on Saturdays, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, after the Vigil Mass at St Brigid's, Dickson. Dates: 16 & 30 May and 13 & 27 June.
- **Inner North Cana Kids Group (Grades 4-6).** Running fortnightly on Sundays, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, after the Sunday Mass at the Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Watson. Dates: 17 & 31 May and 14 June.
- **Unpacking the Short Sayings of Jesus.** New participants welcome. Meeting fortnightly. Next meetings: Thursday, 14 & 28 May. For more information, contact Anna.Wierzbicka@anu.edu.au.
- **St Angela Merici Day Mass – Merici College.** Friday 29 May, 9:15 am at the Gymnasium.



“Our share in the body and blood of Christ has no other purpose than to transform us into that which we receive.”

~Saint Leo the Great



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

By discerning your vocation, you can discover what God is calling you to do with your life and how you can best use your gifts and talents to serve Him and others.

If you are interested in learning more about discerning your vocation, please visit the Archdiocesan Vocations website:

www.cgatholic.org.au/vocations



PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

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

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.