

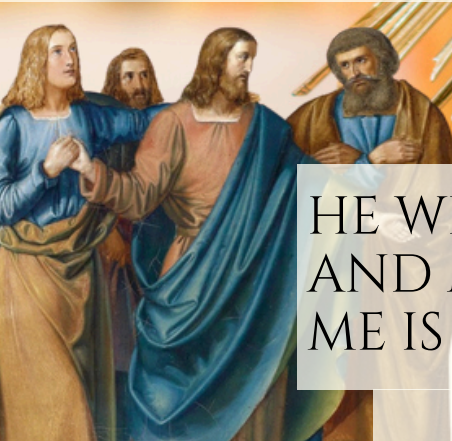
CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

CANBERRA INNER NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (CINCC)

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HE WHO LOVES FATHER AND MOTHER MORE THAN ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME

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Who or what takes first place in your life - in your daily thoughts, cares, and concerns? God has put us first in his thought, care, and concern for our well-being and future. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding kindness and mercy towards us. Even while we were hopelessly adrift through our own sinful pride, rebellion and unbelief, he choose to give us his own beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for our sake - to set us free from slavery to sin, Satan, and death.

The love of God comes first

Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for the Lord Jesus who calls us to follow him. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies, if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do.

True love overflows in kindness and mercy towards others

True love for God compels us to express charity (merciful deeds of kindness and goodness) towards our neighbors who are also loved by God because he created each of them in his image and likeness. Mother Theresa of Calcutta once told a marvelous story about a destitute family who had nothing to eat for days. When news of their impoverished condition came to the Missionary Sisters of Charity, Mother Theresa personally went to their home and brought them some food supplies. The mother of the family immediately divided the food in half and carried it off. When she returned, Mother Theresa asked her, "Where did you go?" She gave the simple answer, "To my neighbors, they are hungry also!" Mother Theresa said, "I was not surprised that she gave - poor people are really very generous. I was surprised that she knew they were hungry. As a rule, when we are suffering, we are so focused on ourselves, we have no time for others."

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

READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Psalm 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:8-11, 13-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 88(89):2-3, 16-19

℟: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. 1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who

finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

cf. Psalm 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me,
his holy name.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Sr. Ursula Drennan RSM, Cedric Swanson, Sarafina Barbaro, Rev. Prof Michael Tate AO, Nada Turkovic, Regina Sliwinski, Christina Littley, Adrian Manwaring, Anthony Wright, Brian Brown, Ferangis Fadie, Gwenda Romer (nee Hewitt), Mila Mandich, Terence Nolan, Betty Dadd, Ian (Bill) McKenzie and Barry Foster

IN LOVING MEMORY

Caterina Schimizzi, Joseph Dong, Geof Gale, Juan C Tiu, Claudine Ignace Radjam, Alfred & Jane Mercieca, Alister Perera, Barbara Avis, Bonifacio Gaña, David Wignall, Gwen Gleeson, John Byrne, Joseph Tran, Karl Marian Daniel Holmes, Ma. Cecilia "Bachie" Santiago, Marianita del Castillo, Micheal Ekpe, Peter Desmond (Des), Peter Tran, Philip Bui, Wilbourne & Wilson Librando

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Joe Pachi, Chuan Antonio Tiu, Manjula Peiris, Sienna Moore, Meryl Bollard, Ashley Bawden, Baluyut Family, Kleindyn Joy Diclas (*exams in June*) Peter Catlin, Sally Grant, Sam Bantett, Xanthe O'Neill and Josephine Rose O'Brien

Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for two weeks.

Watson Vinnies Conference Appeal. The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding its annual Winter Appeal as a leaving collection at Masses on the first weekend in July – the 5 and 6. We will have EFTPOS facilities and cash options available. If you wish to donate online in advance of that date, go to: <https://www.vinnies.org.au>. Tap the Donate button at the top right of the screen. Type your dollar amount and then tap the Donate button at the bottom of that screen. Fill in your details, including email and address to obtain a receipt. In the Comments/Conference Name box type 'Watson ACT Winter Appeal'. Tap the Payment Options button. Type your credit card or Paypal details. Note you do not have to make a contribution to the 'Cover Platform Costs'. Then finalise payment.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

- **Save the Date – Christmas in July Function on Saturday, 25 July 2026.** Venue is at St Brigid's Parish Hall. Parishioners from St Patrick's and St Brigid's are invited to attend. Cost is \$50 per person (fully catered; menu details to follow) Proceeds will support parish works at both churches, including toilet renovations at St Brigid's and new facilities at St Patrick's. Donations and raffle prizes are welcome.
- **RCIA program:** Adults who are interested about learning the Catholic Faith or desire to be Catholic may enlist themselves for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) by contacting our email innorth@cg.org.au. The program would start this August at a date to be announced.
- **Canberra Central – Volunteer Availability (1 August – 1 November)** We are updating our volunteer roster for this period. Please let us know your availability. New volunteers are welcome interested individuals can contact Trish Moore at trish@mooreinvestments.com.au. Thank you for your support.

ST JOSEPH, O'CONNOR

- **Sacramental Program Enrolment 2026.** Enquire by emailing kirstie.buckley@cg.catholic.edu.au.
- **Sunday Children's Liturgy - During the 8:30 am Mass during the School Term.** All children are welcome. Children under five years old should be accompanied by a parent or grandparent.
- **Junior Schola Cantorum - EOI Open.** An opportunity for choral training and faith formation for students aged 8 to 16 in the Church's treasury of sacred music: Chants, Polyphony and Hymns. Register your interest here: <https://linktr.ee/stjoseph.choristers>
- **Choral Vespers – Sunday, 19 July 4:00 pm.** Join St Joseph's Choristers for a peaceful hour of sacred music with Benediction, followed by afternoon tea. Come and Sing Session at 3:00pm, RSVP here: <https://events.humanitix.com/choral-vespers-july-2026>
- **First Friday Adoration - 3 July 2026.** There will be a Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration Vigil, from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm, at St Joseph's Parish Hall (next to the church). All welcome to stay or come and go at any time during the evening.

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

- **The Eucharist in the Life of the Church.** Join us at the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 30 June 2026, 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm, for an online presentation by Archbishop Fisher OP on Eucharistic Miracles. Register at innorth@cg.org.au. For more information, contact Roger Paul at rpaul2572@gmail.com | <https://tinyurl.com/EucharisLifeChurch2026>
- **The Craft Group.** Offering friendship, company and cuppa on Wednesdays (except 3rd Wednesday) from mid-day in the parish centre. All welcome!
- **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)
- **Parish BBQ after the 10:00 am Mass.** Join us every last Sunday of the month (28 June this month). Everyone is welcome! come along and enjoy each other's company!

FROM THE OFFICE

- **Don Gomez's Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders.** Sunday, 28 June at 11:00 am at St Christopher's Cathedral (Celebrant: Archbishop Christopher Prowse). All are welcome to attend.
- **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. Date(s): 27 June.
- **Unpacking the Short Sayings of Jesus.** New participants welcome. Meeting fortnightly every Thursday. For more information, contact Anna.Wierzbicka@anu.edu.au
- **Living in the Divine Will Retreat led by Frs Emil Milat and Marco Killingsworth.** From Friday, 3 July at 5:00 pm to Sunday, 5 July (after lunch) at St Clement's Conference Centre, Galong NSW. The talks will focus on how various saints and mystics inspire us to live in the holiness of God. For more information, please contact Fr. Emil: emil.milat@cg.org.au
- **Planned Giving Envelopes.** Please note that your new box is available for collection in the foyer of your church.

"The soul cannot live without love.
We can never love our neighbor
too much."

~Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini



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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Please send any concerns or enquiries to the above parish email addresses. You may also contact Maria Hicks, Manager of the Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS), at ipss@cg.org.au or 02 6239 9806.

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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.