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CANBERRA INNER NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (CINCC)

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FEAR NOT - YOU ARE OF MORE VALUE THAN MANY SPARROWS

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What does fear have to do with the kingdom of God? Fear is a powerful force. It can lead us to panic and flight or it can spur us to faith and action. The fear of God is the antidote to the fear of losing one's life. *I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. O fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no want! Come, O sons, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord.* (Ps 34:4,9,11)

Godly fear, reverence, and respect for God's ways produce wisdom and right judgment

What is godly fear? It is reverence for the One who made us in love and who sustains us in mercy and kindness. The greatest injury or loss which we can experience is not physical but spiritual - the loss of one's heart, mind, and soul to the power of hell. A healthy fear of God leads to spiritual maturity, wisdom and right judgment and it frees us from the tyranny of cowardly fear and sinful pride that refuses to do what is right, good, and just - especially in the face of opposition and evil. Do you trust in the power of God's love and truth that can conquer every fear and form of evil and wrongdoing? The Lord Jesus willingly embraced the cross for our sake to atone for our sins and to free us from slavery to sin, Satan, and death. Do you believe in the power of his cross and victory over death, despair, and sin?

Proclaim boldly what no earthly power can destroy - the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ

When Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God he met opposition and hostility from those who refused to believe in him. He tells his disciples that they must expect the same treatment if they are to live and to proclaim the reign of God. There is both a warning and a privilege in his statement. Just as Jesus had to carry his cross, so the disciples must carry their cross and not try to evade it. To suffer for the faith is to share in the work of Christ. As one hymn states: Lift high the Cross of Christ! *Tread where his feet have trod.* The Holy Spirit gives us power and grace to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Do you trust in God's grace to carry your cross for Jesus' sake?

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Psalm 27:8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35

℟: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. John 15:26,27

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair

on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

cf. Psalm 144:15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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

"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

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 (dying)

Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for four 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 Saturday, 25 July 2026** 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.

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, 21 June 4:00 pm.** Join us for a peaceful hour of sacred music with Benediction, followed by afternoon tea. Come and Sing Session at 3:00 pm, RSVP here: <https://events.humanitix.com/choral-vespers-june-2026>

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

- **St Thomas More Feast Day Morning Tea - Sunday, June 21.** Let us celebrate our feast day and the many children of the parish who are completing their First Holy Communion! There will be a special morning tea after the 10:00 am Mass. Morning tea contributions welcome. All Welcome!
- **Our Lady's Grotto** is being relocated closer to the church. The blessing will take place on Sunday, 21 June, before the final blessing at the 10:00 am Mass.

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 every Monday at 7:00 pm in the parish centre. 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).

FROM THE OFFICE

- **Don Gomez's Institution as Acolyte and Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders.** *Acolytate* - Sunday, 21 June at 5:00 pm at Holy Rosary Church (Celebrant: Fr Richard Thompson). *Candidacy* - Sunday, 28 June at 11:00 am at St Christopher's Cathedral (Celebrant: Archbishop Christopher Prowse). All are welcome to attend.
- **Cenacle: Institute for Synodal Evangelisation - 'Who is God?'. Thursday, 25 June.** 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the ACU Veritas Building (Room 301.10.19), Watson: <https://tinyurl.com/CenacleJune2026>
- **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. Next meeting: Thursday, 25 June. 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 kindly note that your new box is available for collection in the foyer of your church.

"We must love our neighbor as being made in the image of God and as an object of His love."

~Saint Vincent de Paul



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



Winter Appeal 2026

Campbell Conference:

Leaving collections after Sunday Masses on 21 June at St Patrick's at 8:00 am and St Thomas More at 10:00 am.

O'Connor Conference:

Leaving collections after Saturday and Sunday Masses on 20 & 21 June at St Joseph's.

Watson Conference:

Leaving collections after Saturday and Sunday Masses on 4 & 5 July at St Brigid's and Holy Rosary Church

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.