

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

CANBERRA INNER NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (CINCC)

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WHY DO YOU SPEAK TO THEM IN PARABLES?

BY DON SCHWAGER

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What is the best and easiest way to help people understand God's kingdom? Like the rabbis of his time, Jesus very frequently used **parables** - short stories and images taken from everyday life - to convey hidden truths about the kingdom of God. Like a skillful artist, Jesus sketched memorable pictures with short and simple words. A good image can speak more loudly and clearly than many words. Jesus used the ordinary everyday illustrations of life and nature to point to another order of reality - hidden, yet visible to those who had "eyes to see" and "ears to hear". Jesus communicated with vivid illustrations which captured the imaginations of his audience more powerfully than any abstract presentation could. His parables are like buried treasure waiting to be discovered (Mt 13:44).

What can the parable about seeds and roots teach us about the kingdom of God? Any farmer will attest to the importance of good soil for supplying nutrients for growth. And how does a plant get the necessary food and water it needs except by its roots? The Scriptures frequently use the image of fruit-bearing plants or trees to convey the principle of spiritual life and death. *Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit* (Jer 17:7-8; see also Ps 1:3)

One lesson from this parable is clear: *the harvest is sure to come*. While some seed will fall by the wayside and some fall on shallow ground and never come to maturity, and some be choked to death by the thorns; nonetheless a harvest will come. The seed that falls on good soil, on the heart that is receptive, will reap abundant fruit. God is always ready to speak to each of us and to give us understanding of his word. Are you hungry for his word? And do you allow anything to keep you from submitting to God's word with joy and trusting obedience?

BUILDING A "COMMUNITY OF COMMUNITIES" Consultation Survey | 10-30 July 2026

All parishioners are warmly invited to share their reflections through a short survey. Your responses will help us honour the identity, gifts, traditions, and pastoral needs of each of our communities, while strengthening our shared mission in faith as a "community of communities".

tinyurl.com/InnerNorth2026



CHURCHES

ST PATRICK, BRADDON

SUN	8:00 am	Mass
	10:00 am	German Mass (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month)
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 of the month) 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 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 64(65):10-14

℟: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. 1S3:9, John 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9 (Short version)

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

cf. Psalm 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Troy Joseph Bobbin PP, John Mowbray, Fr Tony McGlynn SJ, Fr Ross Morrow SJ, Fr Peter Douglas SJ, Fr Michael Kennedy SJ, Marija Belsa, Rod Parton, David Hardaker, Norma Clarke, Sr Ursula Drennan RSM, Cedric Swanson, Sarafina Barbaro, Rev Prof Michael Tate AO, Nada Turkovic, Regina Sliwinski, Christina Littley, Anthony Wright, Brian Brown and Mila Mandich,

IN LOVING MEMORY

Peter Tran, Dorothy Olsen, Eva Cabardo Arado, Sem Anthony Cabardo, Katey Tuite, Antony Lawrence Fernando, Caterina Schimizzi, Joseph Dong, Geof Gale, Juan C Tiu, Claudine Ignace Radjam, Alfred & Jane Mercieca, Alister Perera and Peter Desmond (Des).

"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

Dinesh Nair, Maura Crofia, Ana Jacobs, Loc Bui, Celeste Matilda Erlic, Thanksgiving from a St. Brigid Parishioner, Peter Evans, Maureen Dawes, Amanda Johanson, Joe Pachi, Chuan Antonio Tiu, Manjula Peiris, Sienna Moore, Meryl Bollard, Baluyut Family, Kleindyn Joy Diclas, Sally Grant, Sam Bantett and Josephine Rose O'Brien.

Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for two weeks.

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.cgcatholic.org.au/vocations



CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

- **Save the Date – Christmas in July Function on Saturday, 25 July 2026. Venue: St Brigid's Parish Hall.** Parishioners from St Patrick's and St Brigid's are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$50 per person, fully catered. Proceeds will support parish projects, including toilet renovations at St Brigid's and new facilities at St Patrick's. Donations and raffle prizes are gratefully accepted.
- **RCIA program facilitated by Fr Vergel SSS commencing on Thursday, 6 August at 6:00 pm. Venue: St Brigid's Parish Hall.** 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 innernorth@cg.org.au.
- **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.
- **Youth Choir on 2nd Sunday, 12 July** - All youth, young adults, and the young at heart are welcome! Practice at 9:10 am before Mass. Come and join us at the choir corner.

ST JOSEPH, O'CONNOR

- **Sacramental Program Enrolment 2026.** Enquire by emailing kirstie.buckley@cg.catholic.edu.au.
- **Vinnies at St Joseph's.** Thanking all the parishioners for your wonderful support of the 2026 Winter Appeal. Your generous donations of over \$4,000 will help families in need across the O'Connor and Lyneham communities this winter. Thank you for your kind generosity.
- **Junior Schola Cantorum – Term 3 Orientation Saturday, 25 July at 9:30 am. Venue: Parish Hall.** Families are invited to meet fellow choristers, enjoy a brief vocal assessment, and learn more about the program. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://linktr.ee/stjoseph.choristers>
- **Choral Vespers – Sunday, 19 July at 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 3:00 pm, RSVP here: <https://events.humanitix.com/choral-vespers-july-2026>
- **Unpacking the Short Sayings of Jesus – Meeting fortnightly on Thursdays (Next meeting: 23 July).** New participants welcome. For more information, contact Anna.Wierzbicka@anu.edu.au

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

- **The Eucharist in the Life of the Church – Mondays, 13, 20 & 27 July, 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Venue: Parish Centre.** Online presentations on The Eucharist in Systematic Theology. Register at innernorth@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

- **Planned Giving Envelopes.** Please note that your new box is available for collection in the foyer of your church.
- **Alive Praise Nights- BBQ + Praise Night for Young Adults. Thursday, 16 July 6:00 pm. Venue: ACU Signadou Chapel, Watson.** All are welcome!
- **Institute for Synodal Evangelisation third Formation Forum, "Who is the Church?" – Tuesday, 21 July 2026, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Venue: Veritas Building, Australian Catholic University.** Join us for an evening exploring the reality of the Catholic Church in Australia today. Online option available for those outside Canberra, Cost: Free (registration required) Register: bit.ly/formation-forum-church Livestream link provided upon registration, Enquiries: institute@cg.org.au
- **Guinness & God is Back! – Wednesday, 22 July 2026, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm. Venue: King O'Malley's Irish Pub, Civic.** University students and young adults (18–30 years) are invited! The event features Simon Carrington speaking on "Dating with Passion and Purpose." Enjoy inspiring conversation, live music, and great company in a relaxed setting. Hosted by ACU and the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn: www.guinnessandgod.com

"Faith lifts the soul. Hope supports it.
Experience says it must.
And Love says let it be!"

~Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton



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

You are all invited!

Ordination to the
Permanent
DIACONATE
of

DON GOMEZ

by Archbishop Christopher Prowse
5:00 p.m. | Wednesday, 19 August 2026
St Christopher's Cathedral, Canberra



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.

Parish Safeguarding Officers:

- **Central Canberra, Dickson & Braddon:** Barbara | CanberraCentral.Safeguarding@cg.org.au
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- **St Thomas More, Campbell:** Margie | Campbell.Safeguarding@cg.org.au
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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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**ARCHDIOCESAN
ASSEMBLY
2026**

Saturday, 22 August 2026

cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly/

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.