

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

CANBERRA INNER NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (CINCC)

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE LIKE THE SUN IN THE KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER

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What can malicious weed-sowing tell us about the kingdom of God (Mt 13:25)? The image Jesus uses in this parable is a common everyday example of planting, harvesting, and sorting the good fruit from the bad. Weeds can spoil and even kill a good harvest if they are not separated and destroyed at the proper time. Uprooting them too early, though, can destroy the good plants in the process.

Letting God's word take deep root in the heart

Just as nature teaches us patience, so God's patience also teaches us to guard the seed of his word which he has planted in our hearts and to beware of the destructive force of sin and evil that can destroy it. God's word brings life, but Satan seeks to destroy the good seed which has been planted in the hearts of those who have heard God's word. God's judgment is not hasty, but it does come. And in the end, God will reward each according to what they have sown and reaped in this life. In that day God will separate the evil from the good. Do you allow God's word to take deep root in your heart?

Growth and transformation from within

What can mustard seeds and leaven teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within.

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
SAT	8:00 pm	
	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 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your
name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every
thing, to whom you might have to prove that you
never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in
strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to
all. You show your strength when your sovereign power
is questioned and you expose the insolence of those
who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are
mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there. By
acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope that
after sin you will grant repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16

R: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when
we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the
Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could
never be put into words, and God who knows
everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he
means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by
the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30 (Short version)

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The
kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who
sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was
asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the
wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted
and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The
owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not
good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where
does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done
this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you
want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No,
because when you weed out the darnel you might
pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the
harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers:
First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt,
then gather the wheat into my barn."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

cf. Psalm 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a
memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who
fear him.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Beverley Nelson, 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,

IN LOVING MEMORY

Michael Newn, Rodney Baxter, Dorothy Olsen, Eva
Cabardo Arado, Sem Anthony Cabardo, Katey Tuite,
Antony Lawrence Fernando,

*"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 Crotia, Ana Jacobs, Loc Bui,
Celeste Matilda Erlic, Thanksgiving from a St Brigid
Parishioner, Peter Evans, Maureen Dawes, Amanda
Johanson, Sally Grant.

Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for two weeks.

FROM THE OFFICE

- **Planned Giving Envelopes.** Please note that your
new box is available for collection in the foyer of
your church.
- **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](https://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! Hosted by ACU
and the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn:
www.guinnessandgod.com

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.
- **Cana Youth (Years 7–12) – Saturdays, 25 July, 8 August, and 5 & 19 September, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm following the Vigil Mass. Venue: St Brigid's Parish Hall.**
- **In preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress 2028 in Sydney, Fr Sebastian will present two talks on the Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, 23 & 30 July, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.** All are welcome.

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, 20 & 27 July, 7:00 pm for 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)
- **Cana Kids (Years 4–6) – Sundays, 26 July, 9 August, and 6 & 20 September, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm following the 10:00 am Mass. Venue: Parish Centre.**

FROM THE OFFICE

- **Eucharistic Retreat Day with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia.** Saturday, 25 July, 8:30 am–3:30 pm at Sacred Heart Primary School, Pearce, and Mary Help of Christians Parish, South Woden. For enquiries, contact sydney@op-tn.org. Register at trybooking.com/DLVXK.



Please note that on Saturday, 1 August 2026, there will be only ONE VIGIL MASS in the Inner North Parishes at 6:00 pm. Adoration begins at 5:00 pm at St Brigid's Catholic Church, Dickson.
*Please bring a plate to share.

"The things that go on within you
are more important than those
that take place in your life."

~Saint Charbel Makhlouf



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
- **St Joseph, O'Connor**: Noel | OConnor.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.