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TAKE UP YOUR CROSS DAILY AND FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST

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What is the way to glory and victory in the kingdom of God? Jesus told his disciples that he must first suffer rejection, be crucified, and then rise again on the third day. In so many words he explained that there could be no victory and no glory without the cross. Jesus' prediction of his suffering and death on the cross caused his disciples great dismay and disbelief. Peter, who was often the first to react to whatever Jesus had to say, wanted to protect Jesus from any threat or harm. That is why he rebuked the very thought of Jesus having to face rejection, condemnation, and crucifixion.

"My way or God's way"

Why did Jesus use the word "Satan" when he addressed Peter? When Jesus went out into the wilderness to prepare for his public ministry, Satan came to tempt him to follow a different path than the one chosen by the Father in heaven. Now Jesus recognises in Peter's response another temptation to seek a different and less costly path for accomplishing his mission than the way of the cross. The word "Satan" literally means "adversary" - one who stands in opposition. Jesus reminds Peter that his role is not to be an adversary but a disciple - one who gets behind his Master to follow with trust and obedience.

Victory and glory through the cross

Jesus knew that the cross was the only way he could ransom us from slavery to sin with the price of his blood which was shed for our freedom. Through his sacrificial death on the cross, Jesus defeated Satan who held us in bondage to sin and condemnation. And Jesus defeated the power of death and overcame the grave through his resurrection. Through his obedience to his heavenly Father's will, Jesus reversed the curse of Adam's disobedience. His death on the cross won pardon for the guilty, freedom for the oppressed, healing for the afflicted, and new life for those condemned to death. His death makes possible our freedom to live as the adopted sons and daughters of the merciful Father in heaven.

Losing all to gain all with Jesus Christ

A true disciple gladly gives up all that he or she has in exchange for an unending life of joy and happiness with God. God gives without measure. The joy he offers no sadness or loss can diminish. The cross of Jesus Christ leads to victory and freedom from sin and death. What is the cross which Jesus Christ commands me to take up each day? When my will crosses with his will, then his will must be done. Are you ready to lose all for Jesus Christ in order to gain all with Jesus Christ?

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	
SAT	5:00 pm -	Adoration
	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.)
SAT	9:15 am	Mass
	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 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 62(63):2-6,8-9

R: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange

for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

cf. Psalm 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Aubrey, Ana Weta Waqabuli, Juanito Gatpandan, Eugenia Moranta, Gertrude Fletcher, Peter Evans, Barry Murphy, Margaret Sullivan,

IN LOVING MEMORY

Eddie Pook, Christopher Castro, Erlinda Marquez, Sara Sabas, Peter Swan, Gordon Meech, Richard Alfred (Alf) Meech, Atilio Gric, Peter Black, Salvaña Baylin, Sr. Veronica Dunphy, John Mowbray, Denis O'Brien, Raymond Hawkes, Maria Vassallo,

*"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

Charlotte Crombie and family, Maggie Mc Keown, Dawn Boag, Mary Pidcock, Cindy Mason, Peter Bergin

*Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin
for two weeks.*

- **Institute for Synodal Evangelisation's Fourth Formation Forum: "What Do We Believe?" – Tuesday, 15 September, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Venue: Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre.** Explore the meaning of the Creed, its role in uniting Christians across generations and cultures, and how it continues to shape our faith and daily lives. Online: us06web.zoom.us/j/87199525802 (Meeting ID: 871 9952 5802) | Cost: Free (registration required) | Register: tinyurl.com/35vs84jZ Enquiries: institute@cg.org.au.
- **Faith & Light – Come and See – Saturday, 5 September from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Venue: Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Curtin.** Join Faith & Light, a Christian community for people with intellectual disabilities, their families and friends. Come and experience faith, friendship, prayer, and fellowship over afternoon tea. For more information, contact Anne on 0415 175 802.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

- **RCIA theme program this week theme is "The Life of Prayer" facilitated every Thursday 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
- **Altar Server Training at St Brigid's & St Patrick's.** St Brigid's and St Patrick's are seeking new altar servers. A three-night training course will be held on Mondays, 7, 14 and 21 September at 6:30pm. Attendance at all sessions is required for induction and rostering. To register your interest, email Hugh at hajones1981@outlook.com.
- **Cana Youth (Years 7–12) – Saturdays, 5 & 19 September, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm following the Vigil Mass. Venue: St Brigid's Parish Hall.** There will be no youth group during the Archdiocesan Assembly.
- **First Anniversary of the Grotto of Our Lady at St Brigid's – Tuesday, 8 September.** Please note that the usual 8:40 am Rosary and 9:00 am Mass will not be held. Instead, the Rosary will be prayed at 5:00 pm, followed by Mass at 5:30 pm. The celebration will conclude with a blessing prayer at the Grotto. All are welcome.

ST JOSEPH, O'CONNOR

- **Junior Schola Cantorum – Rehearsals every Saturday, 9:30 am.** Choral training for ages 8–16, preparing for the 2028 Eucharistic Congress in Sydney. Based on the Royal School of Church Music and Jubilate Deo programs. Morning tea provided. Register at: <https://linktr.ee/stjoseph.choristers>
- **Choral Vespers – Sunday, 20 September, 4:00 pm.** Join St. Joseph's Choristers for an hour of sacred choral music, featuring ychoral works by prominent Catholic composers William Byrd and James Moore, concluded with Benediction, followed by afternoon tea. Come and Sing Session at 3:00 pm RSVP here: <https://linktr.ee/stjoseph.choristers>
- **Children's Liturgy continues this term during the 8:30 am Mass until 20 September.** All children are welcome.
- **Term 4 Children's Liturgy will commence on 18 October.** We thank our wonderful volunteer leaders for their support of this important ministry. Please continue to keep our children and leaders in your prayers.
- **First Friday Adoration Vigil – Friday, 4 September 2026, from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Venue: Parish Hall.** Join us in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All are welcome to attend at any time during the evening.

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

- **Confirmation on Sunday, 30 August, New Start Time: 9:00 am.**

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

- **The Eucharist in the Life of the Church – The Eucharist and Devotion – Monday, 31 August, 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm. Venue: Parish Centre.** 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)
- **Congratulations** to our children who were confirmed on 28 August 2026. May they continue to deepen their faith.
- **Cana Kids (Years 4–6) – Sundays, 6 & 20 September, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm following the 10:00 am Mass. Venue: Parish Centre.**

FROM THE OFFICE

- **Cursillo 60th Anniversary Reunion, Saturday, 24 – Sunday 25 October, St Christopher's Parish Centre, Manuka.** To celebrate, a reunion will be held on the above dates and all who have participated in a Cursillo recently, or in the long-distant past, are invited to register and come along. Please register before 16 October. Contact acgcursillo@gmail.com More info and registration <https://tinyurl.com/cg60reunion>
- **Annual Father's Day Appeal for our Retired Priests.** The Appeal supports the 22 retired priests of our Archdiocese who have faithfully served our communities for many years. Please consider making a generous, tax-deductible donation. Donations can also be made online at www.cgatholic.org.au/donate. Thank you for your support.

"This morning my soul is greater than the world since it possesses you, you whom heaven and earth do not contain."

~Saint Margaret of Cortona



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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.