

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

CANBERRA INNER NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (CINCC)

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DO YOU BEGRUDGE MY GENEROSITY?

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What can work and wages, welfare and the unemployed tell us about the kingdom of God? In the parable of the labourers in the vineyard we see the extraordinary generosity and compassion of God (Mt 20:1-16). There is great tragedy in unemployment, the loss of work, and the inability to earn enough to live and support oneself or one's family. In Jesus' times labourers had to wait each day in the marketplace until someone hired them for a day's job. No work that day usually meant no food on the family table. The labourers who worked all day and received their payment complain that the master pays the late afternoon labourers the same wage. The master, undoubtedly, hired them in the late afternoon so they wouldn't go home payless and hungry.

God is generous and gives us work for his kingdom

God is generous in opening the doors of his kingdom to all who will enter, both those who have laboured a life-time for him and those who come at the last hour. While the reward is the same, the motive for one's labour can make all the difference. Some work only for reward. They will only put in as much effort as they think they will get back. Others labour out of love and joy for the opportunity to work and to serve others. The Lord Jesus calls each one of us to serve God and his kingdom with joy and zeal and to serve our neighbour with a generous spirit as well.

Empowered to serve with a joyful and generous spirit

The Lord Jesus wants to fill each one of us with the power and strength of the Holy Spirit so we can bear great fruit for God's kingdom (the fruit of peace, joy, righteousness, and love) and also bring the fruit of his kingdom to our neighbour as well. We labour for the Lord to bring him praise, honor, and glory. And we labour for our neighbour for their welfare with the same spirit of loving-kindness and compassion which the Lord has shown to us.



Save the Date

INNER NORTH PARISH INAUGURATION MASS

SATURDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2026

VIGIL MASS TO BE PRESIDED BY ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE
MERICI COLLEGE AUDITORIUM, BRADDON ACT

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	
FRI	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass
	6:00 pm -	Adoration
	7:00 pm	

READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

R: The Lord is near to all who call him.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:20-24,27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too

received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

cf. Psalm 118: 4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Maggie McKeown, Francisco Alcantara, Don Ramirez, Bella Trinidad

IN LOVING MEMORY

Frank Zobec, Bishop Pat Power, Wilfredo Baylin, Reynaldo Magada, Sylvia Mantinaos, Peg Butz, Eddie Pook, Christopher Castro

*"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

Retired and Sick Priests, Fr Sebastian Luistro SSS, Balthazar Quaine, Michael "Emu" Deane, Val Malone, Peter Catlin, Yola Bier, Charlotte Crombie and family, Dawn Boag, Tony Anderson

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

FROM THE OFFICE

- **Attention All Parish Volunteers** – If you are involved in any voluntary ministry within the parish and have not yet completed and signed your **Code of Conduct form**, please note that forms are available in the foyer. We kindly ask that you complete and sign the form as soon as possible and return it to any of our Priests or Deacon. Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment for everyone in our parish community. Thank you for your support and commitment to serving our parish.
- **World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2026, 27 September** – acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2026

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

- **RCIA theme program next week theme is "The Life of Christ" (24 September) and "The Paschal Mystery" (1 October) 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. **Please note that there will be NO RCIA classes on 8 and 15 October as Fr Vergel will attend the SSS Provincial Chapter overseas.**
- **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 Monday, 21 September at 6:30 pm. 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) – Saturday, 19 September, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm following the Vigil Mass. Venue: St Brigid's Parish Hall. Topic Night: Be a Disciple!**

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.

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

- **Saturday 19 September and Saturday 26 September: Confessions at 4:00 pm are cancelled.**
- **Parish Feast Day – Feast of the Holy Rosary.** Join us on Sunday, 11 October as we celebrate our Parish Feast Day at the 10:00 am Mass. Parishioners are invited to bring a flower or small green sprig to place before Mary during the singing of Ave Maria. Morning tea will follow Mass. All are warmly welcome to celebrate with us.
- **The Eucharist in the Life of the Church – Thomas Aquinas on the Eucharist & Corpus Christi – Mondays, 21 & 28 September, 7:15 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>
- **Ecumenical Creation Service – Sunday, 20 September, 9:30 am.** Join the Holy Roundabout churches for an Ecumenical Creation Service under the cherry tree at St Margaret's and Holy Cross, Hackett. This year's Season of Creation theme is "Living Water", focusing on hope and ecological healing. Morning tea follows; please bring a plate.
- **The Craft Group.** Offering friendship, company and cuppa on Wednesdays (except 3rd Wednesday) from mid-day in the parish centre. All welcome!
- **Meditation Group – 30 Minutes of Silence with God.** Join us for meditation each Thursday at 7:30 pm. Venue: Parish Centre. For further information, please contact Debbie on 0426 838 212. All are welcome.
- **Scripture Reflection** for the following Sunday is held each Wednesday from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Venue: Parish Centre. All welcome.
- **ACU Noon Masses.** Please note that there will be NO MASSES on the 22-23 and 29-30 September.
- **Cana Kids (Years 4–6) – Sunday, 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.** Please register before 16 October. Contact acgcursillo@gmail.com More info and registration <https://tinyurl.com/cg60reunion>
- **Fatima Day Pilgrimage to Penrose Park Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, led by Fr Emil Milat – Tuesday, 13 October.** Return bus transport: \$55 pp. No refunds. For bookings and information: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1635863> or email wodensouth@cg.org.au.
- **Braddon Catholic Girls High School 50th Reunion Year 10 (1974) and Year 12 (1976) Saturday, 17 October at 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.** Venue: Merici College, Wise St Braddon. Bookings are essential and tickets cost \$30. Book via Humantix by searching "Merici Alumni" then select the event "Class of 1974/1976 Reunion Braddon" RSVP by 1 October. Celebrations will continue from 7:30 pm at the Ainslie Football Club, 52 Wakefield Avenue Ainslie.

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

~Saint Pio of Pietrelcina



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

- **Feast of St Lorenzo Ruiz – 10:00 am on Saturday, 26 September.** The St Benedict's Filipino Community warmly invites all to celebrate this Feast beginning with a Mass in St Benedict's, Narrabundah.
- **The Chosen Season 6 Exclusive Early-Access Screening – 6:00 pm on Friday, 25 September.** Venue: Haydon Hall. All are invited but registration is required via www.trybooking.com/DPIPW. Please also note that all participants under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

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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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.