

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

CANBERRA INNER NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (CINCC)

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A | 26-27 SEPTEMBER 2026



WHICH SON DID THE FATHER'S WILL?

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What kind of future are you preparing for? Jesus encourages us to think - to think about the consequences of our choices, especially the choices and decisions that will count not just for now but for eternity as well. The choices we make now will affect and shape our future, both our future on earth as well as in the life of the age to come.

Repaying a debt of gratitude and showing respect where it is due

Jesus tells a simple story of two imperfect sons to illustrate the way of God's kingdom. The father amply provided for his sons food, lodging, and everything they needed. Everything the father had belonged to them as well. The father also rewarded his sons with excellent work in his own vineyard. He expected them to show him gratitude, loyalty, and honor by doing their fair share of the daily work.

Converting both heart and will to do what is good and pleasing to God

The "rebellious" son told his father to his face that he would not work for him. But afterwards he changed his mind and did what his father commanded him. The "good" son said he would work for his father, but didn't follow through. He sought his own pleasure, contrary to his father's will. Now who was really the good son? Both sons disobeyed their father - but one repented and then did what the father told him. Jesus makes his point clear - Good intentions are not enough. And promises don't count unless they are performed.

A transformed heart filled with gratitude and respect

God wants to change our hearts so that we will show by our speech and by our actions that we respect his will and do it. God offers each one of us the greatest treasure possible - indestructible peace, joy, and friendship with him in his everlasting kingdom. We can lose that treasure if we refuse the grace - the free gift of God's blessing and strength - which the Lord Jesus has won for us through his victory on the cross. The Lord Jesus fills us with the gift of the Holy Spirit who works in and through us for the glory of God. Do you seek to please God and respect his will and loving plan for your life? Allow the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with the peace, joy, and righteousness of God's kingdom (Rm 14:17).



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

READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24(25):4-9

R: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-5 (Shorter form)

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after

seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

cf. Psalm 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Maggie McKeown, Francisco Alcantara, Don Ramirez, Bella Trinidad

IN LOVING MEMORY

Sr Tirsia Bale CSJB, Labib Jazrawi, Josh McKinnon, 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, Ray Maher, 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

- **112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees – Sunday, 27 September 2026.** The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Even Just One of These Children." To help celebrate this special day, the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO), an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has developed online resources including liturgies for primary and secondary schools, homily notes, prayers of intercession, stories, and interviews. acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2026



**Even just one
of these children.**

*"Whoever welcomes one such child
in my name welcomes me."
(Mt 18:5)*

Sunday, 27 September 2026

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

- **RCIA theme program next week theme is "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 Servers Blessing Rite Mass – Saturday, 10 October at 6:00 pm.** To celebrate the blessing and initiation of our newly trained altar servers, a rite of blessing will be held during this Vigil Mass. This will be a Sung High Mass, and we take this opportunity to congratulate the 14 trainees who have completed their training and will be joining the roster of servers.

ST JOSEPH, O'CONNOR

- **Junior Schola Cantorum – Term 4 Orientation – Saturday, 17 October at 9:30 am.** Choral training and vocal formation for students aged 8 to 16 across Canberra in the Church's treasury of sacred music. The program follows the Royal School of Church and Jubilate Deo programs. Morning Teas served after rehearsals. Sign up and find out more: www.sjo.au
- **Choral Vespers – Sunday, 18 October at 4:00 pm.** Join St Joseph's Choristers for an hour of sacred choral music, featuring choral works by composers Hubert Parry, and Peter Carter, concluded with Benediction, followed by afternoon tea. Come and Sing Session at 3:00 pm, RSVP here: www.sjo.au
- **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.
- **Unpacking the Short Saying of Jesus – Thursday Meetings – 1, 15 and 29 October.** New participants are all welcome. For more information, contact Anna.Wierzbicka@anu.edu.au.

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

- **Saturday 26 September: Confessions at 4:00 pm are cancelled.**
- **The Eucharist in the Life of the Church – Thomas Aquinas on the Eucharist & Corpus Christi – Monday, 28 September | The Eucharist & Morality – Mondays, 12, 19 and 26 October | 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>
- **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 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 29-30 September.
- **The Watson Vinnies Conference will hold its annual Ozanam Appeal as a leaving collection at Watson Masses on the weekend of 17-18 October.** The Annual Appeal supports St Vincent de Paul Society Conferences in developing countries through twinning partnerships with Conferences such as Watson. Our Watson Conference currently supports Conferences in Thailand and Indonesia and is exploring support for Conferences on the predominantly Catholic and disadvantaged Indonesian island of Flores. Donation information will be available next week.

FROM THE OFFICE

- **Feast of St Lorenzo Ruiz – Saturday, 26 September, 10:00 am.** The St Benedict's Filipino Community warmly invites all to celebrate this Feast, commencing with Mass at St Benedict's, Narrabundah, and followed by a festive celebration in the St Benedict's School Hall.
- **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.
- **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>

"We need no wings to go in search of Him,
but have only to look upon Him present within us."

~Saint Teresa of Avila



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

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.

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.