

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

# CANBERRA INNER NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (CINCC)

PASTORED BY THE CONGREGATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (SSS)

**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

YEAR A | 10-11 OCTOBER 2026



*In Memoriam*

**FR SEBASTIAN LUISTRO, SSS**

**9 JANUARY 1959 - 8 OCTOBER 2026**



With deep sadness and grateful hearts, we mourn the passing of our brother and father in the Congregation, Rev. Fr Sebastian Luistro, SSS, former Provincial Superior of the Province of Our Lady of the Assumption – Philippines and former Vicar General of the Congregation.

Fr Sebastian devoted many years of his life to the service of God, the Eucharist, the Congregation, and the people entrusted to his pastoral care. In the responsibilities entrusted to him as Provincial Superior and Vicar General, he carried not only authority but also the burden of accompanying his brothers, discerning difficult decisions, and helping guide the Congregation through the demands of religious and priestly life.

His death reminds us that, in the end, every title we carry, every position we hold, and every responsibility entrusted to us eventually passes away. What remains is the love we have given, the lives we have touched, the brothers we have accompanied, and the faith we have witnessed.

For those who knew Fr Sebastian personally, his memory will not simply be associated with the offices he held, but with the brother, priest, and religious he was among us. The years he shared with the Congregation have become part of our own story. His presence, his words, his service, his struggles, and his fidelity have left something of himself in the lives of his confreres and in the mission of the Congregation.

Today, we entrust him once more to the Eucharistic Lord whom he served throughout his life. We believe that the God whom he encountered in prayer, celebrated at the altar, and served in his brothers now welcomes him into the fullness of life. May the Lord grant him eternal rest, and may the perpetual light of Christ shine upon him.

## MEMORIAL MASS

**6:00 pm | Saturday, 10 October**

**St Brigid's Church, Dickson**

**Principal Celebrant:**

**Archbishop Christopher Prowse**



*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<br>(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<br>(1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) |
|         |           | Maronite Mass<br>(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<br>Adoration every<br>Friday.) |
|         | 9:15 am   | Mass                                              |
| SAT     | 8:15 am   | Novena<br>to Our Lady of the<br>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

**Psalm 129:3-4**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 25:6-10**

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 22(23)**

**R:** I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.

## SECOND READING

**Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20**

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

## 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 22:1-14 (Long version)**

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious.

He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**cf. Psalm 33:11**

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Sebastian Luistro SSS, Michael Manthey, Bernard Crook, Clare Johnston, Dora Herrera, Conrado Dela Cruz, Margaret Corbould, Yoland Gibbons, Cedric Spanos, Clare Johnston, Maggie McKeown

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Colleen Bird, Terrence Bird, Sr Tirsia Bale CSJB, Labib Jazrawi, Josh McKinnon

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mairead Thomas, Trevor 'Tony' Anderson, Enryl Bacho, Flora Mae Rublica, Ray Maher, Peter Catlin, Dawn Boag

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

## FROM THE OFFICE

- **Alpha Masterclass – Saturday, 17 October, 10:00 am at St Christopher's Cathedral Haydon Hall.**  
<https://tinyurl.com/AlphaCanberraOctober2026>
- **Catholic Women's Taskforce Annual Dinner 2026 – Friday, 30 October at 6:00 pm:** "Women in Leadership are we in a change of Era?" by Ms Phil Billington at Woden Southern Cross Club.  
<https://events.humanitix.com/2026-annual-dinner>
- **Couples in their first 10 years of marriage** are invited to share their experiences through a professional survey commissioned by the Australian Catholic Bishops. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Participants can contact the researchers directly via this survey link: <https://thepmrc.org/survey>

## CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON &amp; DICKSON

- **RCIA.** 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](mailto:innernorth@cg.org.au). **Please note that there will be NO RCIA class on 15 October as Fr Vergel will attend the SSS Provincial Chapter overseas. Classes will resume on Thursday, 22 October with the topic "The Paschal Mystery."**
- **German Mass at St Patrick's – 10:00 am Mass every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.**
- **This month's Healing Service at St Brigid's will be held on the fourth Sunday, 25 October, as Fr Vergel is away.**
- **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.

**There will be no weekday Masses in Dickson this week (13-16 October).**

## 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 Music and Jubilate Deo programs. Morning Teas served after rehearsals. Sign up and find out more: [www.sjo.au](http://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](http://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 – 15 and 29 October.** New participants are all welcome. For more information, contact [Anna.Wierzbicka@anu.edu.au](mailto:Anna.Wierzbicka@anu.edu.au).

## BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

- **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 – The Eucharist & Morality – every Monday, 12, 19 and 26 October | 7:15 pm for 7:30 pm. Venue: Parish Centre.** Register at [innernorth@cg.org.au](mailto:innernorth@cg.org.au). For more information, contact Roger Paul at [rpaul2572@gmail.com](mailto:rpaul2572@gmail.com) | <https://tinyurl.com/EucharisLifeChurch2026>
- **Regular Group Gatherings: The Craft Group every Wednesday** (except 3rd Wednesday) from mid-day | **Scripture Reflection every Wednesday** from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm | **Meditation Group: 30 Minutes of Silence with God every Thursday** at 7:30 pm, Contact Debbie on 0426 838 212 | Venue: Parish Centre. All welcome.
- **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 appeal supports Vinnies Conferences in developing countries. Volunteers will be available to accept cash and EFTPOS donations. Receipts can be obtained in the foyer. To donate online, visit [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) and, in the Comments/Conference Name box, enter "Watson Ozanam Appeal." Thank you for your generous support.

**There will be no weekday Masses in Watson this week (13-16 October).**

## FROM THE OFFICE

- **Parish Support Finance Officer:** The Archdiocese is seeking a full-time Parish Support Finance Officer. The role involves parish financial reporting and data entry. Bookkeeping experience and proficiency in Microsoft 365 and financial software are essential. For a Duty Statement or to apply, contact Leanne Boyd at [leanne.boyd@cg.org.au](mailto:leanne.boyd@cg.org.au). Applications close 16 October 2026.
- **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).
- **Bible Study: Enough – Paul's Letter to the Colossians – Fortnightly sessions with The Feast Canberra.** Next sessions: Saturdays, 10 & 24 October and 7 & 21 November, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at the Watson parish centre. Enquiries: 0406 872 588 or [feastcanberra@gmail.com](mailto:feastcanberra@gmail.com).
- **Sunday Mass for the Feast of Pope St John XXIII.** Join the Dominicans and ANU Catholic Society for Mass celebrated by Fr William Loh OP. Sunday, 11 October, 5:00 pm, St John the Evangelist Chapel, ANU (51 Daley Road). Refreshments follow Mass. All welcome.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training.** Online training for new and current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion begins Monday, 26 October. Five Zoom sessions plus self-paced study. Cost: \$110. Contact the Parish Office for details or visit: [www.acu.edu.au/pastoral](http://www.acu.edu.au/pastoral).
- **Fatima Day Pilgrimage to Penrose Park Bus Trip – Tuesday, 13 October.** Led by Fr Emil Milat, meeting at Pearce Church 6:30 am for 7:00 am departure (return 5:30 pm) <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1635863>

"The important thing is not to think much but to love much; and so do that which best stirs you to love."

~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



### Formation Forum: What is the Role of the Church in the World?

Join Anne Kirwan and Luke Maher as they explore the Church's mission through service, education, advocacy and care.

**Thursday, 22 October,  
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm,**

Haydon Hall or online. Free.

Register:

[tinyurl.com/formation-role](https://tinyurl.com/formation-role).

Enquiries:

[cenacle@cg.org.au](mailto:cenacle@cg.org.au)

## 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](mailto:CanberraCentral.Safeguarding@cg.org.au)
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- **Blackfriars, Watson**: Nicole | [Watson.Safeguarding@cg.org.au](mailto:Watson.Safeguarding@cg.org.au)

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](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au) or 02 6239 9806.



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<https://tinyurl.com/CGComplaintConcernForm>

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