

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

CANBERRA INNER NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (CINCC)

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YEAR A | 7-8 NOVEMBER 2026



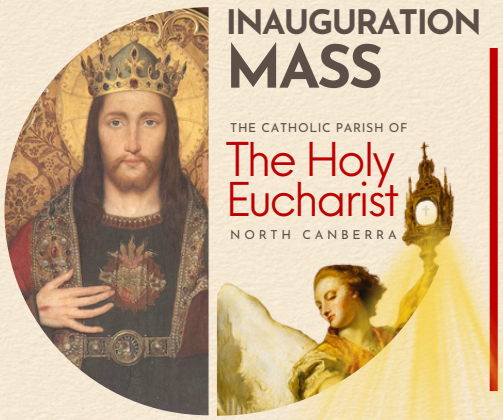
THE FOOLISH WILL MISS HEAVEN'S WEDDING FEAST

ADAPTED FROM A REFLECTION
BY DON SCHWAGER (DAILY SCRIPTURE)

Being prepared for what matters most in life requires more than good intentions. The parable of the ten virgins reminds us that faith, character and a relationship with God cannot be developed at the last moment. The wise virgins were ready when the bridegroom arrived because they had prepared in advance, while the others assumed there would always be more time. Their experience serves as a reminder that missed opportunities often result not from lack of desire, but from lack of preparation.

Many important things in life require consistent effort and commitment. Faith, trust in God and spiritual maturity are built through daily prayer, reflection and obedience. Just as a student prepares before an examination and a traveler ensures they have the necessary documents before a journey, we are called to nurture our relationship with God before moments of challenge or decision arise.

This passage also encourages us to be attentive to God's voice in our everyday lives. Readiness is not about living in fear of the future, but about remaining faithful in the present. By seeking God daily and keeping our hearts open to His guidance, we can live with confidence and hope, knowing that we are prepared to respond when He calls us into a deeper relationship with Him and ultimately into His eternal kingdom.



SATURDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2026
5:00 PM ADORATION | 6:00 PM MASS

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT:
ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE

MERICI COLLEGE AUDITORIUM,
WISE STREET, BRADDON, ACT

- Please bring a plate to share.
- Note: The only other Sunday Mass in the parish on the weekend of 21-22 November 2026 will be the 5:00 pm Sunday Mass at Rosary Church, Watson.

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 - 12:30 pm	Adoration & 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 - 11:00 am	Adoration
	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Adoration
SAT	9:30 am - 10:00 am	Adoration & Confession
	5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Confession 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 - 9:10 am~~	~~Adoration (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 - 5:45 pm	Confession
	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 - 11:45 am	Adoration
	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 - 4:30 pm	Confession
	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass
FRI	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Adoration



Readings

Entrance Antiphon
Psalm 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading
Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 62(63):2-8

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

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (Long version)

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation
cf. Matthew 24:42,44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Communion Antiphon
cf. Psalm 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Prayer Intentions

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED – Fr Sebastian Luistro SSS, Anthony Baut, Norma Price, Leila Meera Jordan, Giuseppe Barbaro, Mrs Christina F Belihomji, Doris Merina Negri, Ted Hopkins, Laura Coles, Josephine Rose, Paul Bohun, Michael Manthey, Bernard Crook, Jose Rheza Gomez

IN LOVING MEMORY – Johannes Handoko, Maria Danh Tran, Matta Tran Tit, Doris Mary Grech, Graeme Lawson, Capt. Raymart Cabangcala, Margie Rigodon, Monica n'ee Dempster, Virginia Nunes, Margie Rigodon, Glenn McCluskey, Erlinda & Lito Suerto, Natalia Kucharski, Ivy Alice Dennis

SPECIAL INTENTIONS – Retired and Sick Priests, Fr Hilton, Dawn Boag, Cindy Mason, Barry Malone, Amikai Diclas, Kelvin Diclas, Helena Paul, Mairead Thomas, Trevor 'Tony' Anderson, Flora Mae Rublica, Ray Maher, Residents of Goodwin Village Ainslie

Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for two weeks.

Envelopes for listing the **Holy Souls to be included in the Book of Remembrance during the month of November** are available in the church foyers or from the parish office. **We would greatly appreciate it if names could be printed clearly so that we can record them accurately.**

Please be advised that there will be no weekday Masses in any of our churches from 17 to 20 November 2026 due to the Archdiocesan Clergy Retreat.

Inaugural Mass Joint Choir Rehearsals. Saturdays, 11:00 am-12:00 pm at the Merici College Auditorium (14 & 21 November). Join us in singing for the first Mass of our new Parish. Details, music and the WhatsApp group: https://linktr.ee/inaugural.mass.choir



What's On

Central Canberra, Braddon & Dickson

- **St Patrick's Parish Afternoon Tea – Friday, 13 November, 1:15 pm (after the 12:30 pm Mass).** All parishioners are warmly invited to afternoon tea in memory of Fr Sebastian Luistro, marking one month since his passing into eternal life. All are welcome.
- **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. ***Next RCIA classes on Thursday, 12 November with the topic "The Holy Trinity."***
- **No German Mass this month.** Please note that the German Mass at 10:00 am at St Patrick's, Braddon, will not be celebrated on the third Sunday of this month and until further notice.
- **Cana Youth (Years 7-12) Cana Youth will be held at St Brigid's Catholic Church, Dickson, 7 & 14 November, 6 December.** Sessions run from 7:00 pm–9:00 pm following the Vigil Mass. All young people in Years 7–12 are warmly welcome to attend.
- **Church Rosters – 15 November to 19/20 December 2026.** Rosters will be prepared shortly. Current volunteers will be contacted by email to confirm their availability. If you would like to join a ministry roster or volunteer, please contact Trish Moore at trish@mooreinvestments.com.au

St Thomas More, Campbell

- **No 10:00 am Mass at Campbell on Sunday, 22 November.** The Mass is cancelled due to the Inauguration Mass of the Inner North Parish, which will be celebrated on Saturday, 21 November at Merici College.
- **Farewell Mass for Fr Anthony – Sunday, 29 November at 10:00 am for the Mass, followed by a BBQ.** To help with the BBQ, contact Joanne Gale at joannegale28@gmail.com. All are welcome!
- **The Trauma of Tenors. You are invited to a performance of The Trauma of Tenors on Saturday, 7 November, 2:30 pm. Venue: Holy Faith Hall, St Thomas More School, White Street, Campbell.** This is a dramatised play reading with music presented by The Significant Others, a drama group that raises funds for Home in Queanbeyan. Everyone is welcome.

St Joseph, O'Connor

- **Please be advised that there will be no weekday Masses from 15 October to 13 November 2026.**
- **Regular Group Gatherings: *Unpacking the Short Sayings of Jesus Fortnightly meetings on Thursdays*** (Next sessions: 12 & 26 November), Venue: Parish Centre, Contact: Anna.Wierzbicka@anu.edu.au. All are welcome! | **Term 4 Children's Liturgy, during the 8:30 am Sunday Mass.**
- **Choral Vespers – Christ the King Sunday, 22 November at 4:00 pm.** Join St Joseph's Choristers for the final Choral Vespers of 2026 as we mark the close of the liturgical year on the Solemnity of Christ the King. An hour of sacred choral music, featuring choral works by composers John Rutter and Federico Caudana, concluded with Benediction, followed by afternoon tea. Come and Sing Session at 3:00 pm, RSVP here: www.sjo.au
- **Junior Schola Cantorum Term 4, 2026 – Every Saturday 9:30 am.** Choral training and faith formation for students aged 8 to 16 in the Church's treasury of sacred music. Our training draws on the Jubilate Deo Programme and the Royal School of Church Music. Sign up and find out more: www.sjo.au
- **St Joseph's Spring Clean Working Bee – Saturday, 14 November from 9:30 am–11:00 am**. Help clean and beautify St Joseph's Church for Advent by joining our working bee.

Blackfriars, Watson

- **Watson Vinnies would like to thank the generous parishioners of Watson** for their support of the recent Ozanam Twinning Appeal. More than $4,870 was raised to assist Vinnies Conferences in developing countries, including Indonesia and Thailand.
- **The Eucharist in the Life of the Church – The Eucharist & Evangelisation – every Monday, 9, 16 & 23 November | 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
- **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.
- **Cana Kids (Years 4-6) Cana Kids will be held at the Parish Centre, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Watson, 8 & 15 November.** Sessions run from 11:00 am–12:00 pm following the 10:00 am Mass. All children in Years 4-6 are warmly welcome to attend.
- **Bible Study: Enough – Paul's Letter to the Colossians – Fortnightly Sessions with The Feast Canberra.** Next sessions: Saturdays, 7 & 21 November, 2:00 pm–4:00 pm, at the Watson parish centre. Enquiries: 0406 872 588 or feastcanberra@gmail.com.
- **ACU Mass and Prayer 2026:** Campus Mass, 12:00 pm–12:30 pm, Tuesday 10 November & Tuesday 1 December, Signadou Chapel, Building 302. Remembrance Day Prayer Service, 10:45 am–11:10 am, at the campus flagpoles. All are welcome!



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***
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~ **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

CATHOLIC VOICE
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Calling all young artists!
Create an artwork inspired by ***Everyone Is Invited*** and show what bringing people together at Christmas means to you. The winning artwork will feature on the December Christmas cover of Catholic Voice. Scan the QR code for details.
Entries close 16 November.



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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- **St Thomas More, Campbell:** Margie | Campbell.Safeguarding@cg.org.au
- **Blackfriars, Watson:** Nicole | 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 or 02 6239 9806.

Complaint/Concern Form for Parishes – The online Complaints and Concerns Form may be used to raise safeguarding concerns, make a complaint, or provide feedback. All submissions are treated confidentially and are reviewed by the Manager, Professional Standards and Safeguarding in line with Archdiocesan policies and procedures: https://tinyurl.com/CGComplaintConcernForm

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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.