



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

Under the Care of Congregation of the Blessed
Sacrament (SSS)

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Parish Offices Opening Hours:

Watson Blackfriars Thursday & Friday 9am-1.00pm | Dickson St Brigid's Tuesday & Wednesday 9.am-1.00pm

O'Connor St Joseph's Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am-1.00pm

Campbell St Thomas More Thursday and Friday 9.30am-1.00pm

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | 25 August 2024

REFLECTION: We come to the last part of John 6. Many cannot tolerate Jesus' words about eating flesh and drinking blood, so they turn away and go home, unable to continue to follow him. Only the Twelve remain. So, Jesus asks them if they will leave too. Simon Peter answers for all of them. But look carefully at how he says what he says. He calls him 'Lord'. At that time Jews only called God 'Lord'. Then Peter digs deeply saying that Jesus' message is eternal life. He understands that Jesus is the Word of God, come as a human person. Going deeper again, Peter says 'we believe, we know'. Belief comes first, and then knowledge. It is through the encounter with Jesus that Simon and the other disciples have found faith and that faith is rewarded with knowledge of who Jesus is - 'the Holy One of God'. Just as God is Holy so Jesus is God's Holy One. This is the depth of the mystery that has been revealed over these Sundays in August. Jesus is God in the flesh who has come to bring us back to God. Not as repentant sinners, but as truly God's own dearly beloved children. When discipleship becomes difficult, can I dig deep like Simon Peter and still call Jesus, Lord? How can I deepen my faith to make me stronger? From Gods Word, Daily Reflections 2024

Parish Safeguarding Commitment

Our Parishes are 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 centre of all of our thinking and action. This approach is to follow Jesus' command in Matthew 18:1-3. Enquiries or concerns please contact: Fr Anthony Riosa SSS—anthony.riosacg.org.au - Maria Hicks (Manager) - Phone **02 6239 9806** - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) ipssc.org.au

Parish Safeguarding Officers

Blackfriars Parish, Watson: Nicole watson.safeguardingcg.org.au

Canberra Central, Dickson & Braddon: Barbara & Catherine: CanberraCentral.Safeguardingcg.org.au

St Joseph's O'Connor: Fiona: occonnor.safeguardingcg.org.au

St Thomas More, Campbell: Margie: Campbell.safeguardingcg.org.au



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CANBERRA CENTRAL incl:

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Dickson ACT 2602
ST PATRICK'S 1 Donaldson St
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ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

30 White Crescent
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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people, as Traditional Owners of the land where we gather today and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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Entrance Antiphon - Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading –Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 33:2-3, 16-23

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading - Ephesians 5: 21-32

Gospel Acclamation - John 6:63,68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel - John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God

Communion Antiphon - Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; You bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



REVISED OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS - After a recent review of the Inner North Parish Offices structure; from September the secretary contact and office hours will be as follows:

Danielle at O'Connor (Tuesday and Wednesday) and Campbell (Thursday and Friday) 9.30 - 1.00pm with contact phone number 0412 128 038.

Kathie at Canberra Central (Tuesday and Wednesday) and Watson (Thursday and Friday) 9.00 - 1.00pm with contact number 0416 823 447.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we work to find the most suitable structure.

BE AWARE -

We have been made aware that emails are going out that appears to be from any one of our Parish Priests. Please do not respond or provide any personal details, purchase gift cards or transfer money. Please disregard any emails that do not come from "**@cg.org.au**"

Blessed Sacrament Fathers Welcoming Mass - 12 September

SAVE THE DATE: The Archbishop will celebrate Mass to formally welcome the Blessed Sacrament Fathers to the Inner North Catholic Community and the Archdiocese at **5.30pm on Thursday 12 Sept, at Holy Rosary Church, Watson.**

Bringing a plate to the September 12 Welcome Mass?

Please do if you are coming, enough for yourselves rather than a crowd. To help us with catering please **email innernorth@cg.org** (use FOOD as your subject line) by **9 September** and let us know what you propose to bring. To provide as wide a range of food for all dietary preferences please consider preparing something that will cater for people who prefer not to eat: Gluten; Lactose; Nuts; Meat. Please note: All food prepared in domestic kitchens and may contain traces of gluten, lactose, nuts or meat. Please identify gluten free or vegetarian dishes.

Volunteers needed for this special Mass

to be readers, prayers of the faithful, join a combined choir, play instruments for this Mass to welcome the Blessed Sacrament Fathers. Nominations are being assembled THIS WEEK by each PPC. To volunteer please contact parish office: innernorth@cg.org.au

Vessels Youth Group

Our Vessels Youth Group for children between years 3-6 across all parishes in the Inner North is back! Last time, we were incredibly blessed to get over 30 kids to learn all about the Creation Story with us and we are pleased to announce our next topic: **Fruits of the Holy Spirit**. Join us at **6pm on Sunday August 25 at Holy Rosary Watson**, we've got faith, fun, games, snacks and even refreshments for the parents! It's sure to be a fruitful evening for all, so if you or your child are interested, contact us at youth.innernorth@cg.org.au.

Teens Youth Group

Our next Teens Youth Group is kicking off once again on August 24, at 7pm. If any high schoolers are looking for a place to develop their faith (or grab a slice of pizza), then join us at St Brigid's Parish Hall. For more details, contact us at youth.innernorth@cg.org.au.

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

Dominican library - Saturdays

In the Parish Centre, 10.30 am to noon. All welcome.

CALLING GARDENERS We are **looking for help on Saturday 7 September** to mulch Dominic's Garden and tidy the grounds of leaf litter etc ahead on the Welcome Mass on September 12. If you can help, **please email christopher.webb@me.com** with your details and the implements you could bring (rakes, forks, shovels, wheelbarrows, trailers etc) **by 2 September** so we can organise the chaos 😊.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

Could Simon Broomhall please contact the parish office

St Brigid's Community of the Risen Lord Weekly Meeting - Friday's

Meets weekly on a Friday. Meeting commences with Holy Mass at 7.00pm followed by a live message and live adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Healing Service St Brigid Church, Dickson

Every 3rd Sunday 9.30am Mass will be followed by a Healing Service at St Brigid's Church, Dickson.

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

St Thomas More Parish 60th Anniversary Celebration - 17 Nov

SAVE THE DATE We invite you to celebrate 60 years with us! Celebrations commence at 10am with a family Mass, which will be followed by BBQ brunch and lawn games. 30 White Crescent, Campbell.

ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

St Joseph's Early Learning Centre

For the younger families they have some vacancies. The Pre-School has a very strong connection to the Catholic faith and offer a beautiful way to start your children's journey into their education within the St Joseph Parish community. For more information please email sjo.act.edu.au/elc

ARCHDIOCESE

Father's Day Appeal - Collection for our retired priests:

There are 25 retired priests in our Archdiocese. We should remember our retired priests as we celebrate the theme for the **Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15). Please join us in generous

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord: Helen Baldwin, Terry Snow, Sr Veronica Dunphy, Raymond Hawkes, Antonius (Tom) Penders
Fr Peter Gannon

IN LOVING MEMORY

Gabriel Aroso Sr, Jocelyn Esperida, Rodolfo Esperida Sr, Betty Collet, Peter Black, Fr Joe McGeehan, Fr Rafael Cabezon, Jose Prateleal, Guiseppe Schimizzi, Dorothy Olsen, Katey Tuite, Carmelo Abbondante, Catherine Spano, Zelma McManus, Brian Ward, Marjorie Eileen and Joseph Martin Lyons, Basilio Lo Re.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Margaret Corbould, Noel Tanzer, Wendy Altamore, Noel Cristobal, Sue King, Maggie McKeon, Robin Lees, Steve Sedgewick, Zachary Mason, Daniel Whiley, Marjorie Letts,

Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for four weeks. You are welcome to email the parish office if you would like to renew your prayer request.

giving. You can make a gift today:

By envelopes

By giving at: www.cgatholic.org.au/donate

By calling: (02) 6239 9801

Thank you for taking care of our priests in their retirement.

Cultural Competency - 31 August

The Catholic Women's Taskforce, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has a workshop on 31 August. Kylie Shea, a Ngunnawal woman will facilitate the sessions where we will learn about Ngunnawal culture. Venue: Parish Centre Aranda. Register via www.cgwomen.org.au

Living in the Divine Will Retreat: at St Clement's Conference Centre Galong NSW. Lead by Frs Hugh Thomas CSSR and Emil Milat. Friday 5pm 13 September to after lunch Sunday 15 September. The talks focus on how various saints and mystics draw us to live in the Holiness of God. For more info. contact Fr Emil on emil.milat@cg.org.au

Archdiocesan Assembly - 18 - 20 October

All are invited to join us on our pilgrim journey of discernment.

When? Friday 18 (5:00pm) to Sunday 20 (12:30pm) October, 2024

Where? a decentralised gathering involving 'Hubs' in Canberra,

Goulburn, Young, Narooma and Cooma. There is also a 'digital' experience offered to all in the Archdiocese.

Scan the

QR code for more detailed information



PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is 12 pm WEDNESDAY

Ph: 0416 823 447 | 0412 128 038 email: innernorth@cg.org.au

MASS TIMES**Blackfriars** Cnr Phillip Ave & Antill St, Watson

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| Tuesday to Friday | 5.30pm |
| Saturday (vigil) | 5.00pm |
| Sunday | 10.00am 5.00pm |

St Brigid's 2 Bancroft St, Dickson

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| Tuesday to Saturday | 9.00am |
| Saturday (vigil) | 6.00pm |
| Sunday | 9.30am |
| Vietnamese Mass Sunday (1st & 3rd) | 5.00pm |

St Joseph's 61 Boronia Drive, O'Connor

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| Tuesday to Friday | 9.15am |
| Saturday | 8.30am |
| Saturday (vigil) | 6.00pm |
| Sunday | 8.30am |

St Patrick's 1 Donaldson St, Braddon

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| Tuesday to Friday | 12.30pm |
| Sunday | 8.00am |
| German Mass Sunday | 10.00am |

St Thomas More 30 White Cres, Campbell

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| Friday * (1st & 3rd of the month) | 11.45am |
| Sunday | 10.00am |

* School attends during school term

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CLERGY & PARISH**Contribute to the First Collection:**

Account Name: Central Presbytery Fund
 BSB: 062-786 - Bank Account: 00029248
 Reference: Your parish location, name and intention (e.g. Campbell Smith 1st collect)

Contribute to your parish:

Canberra Central : A/C Name Canberra Central Parish
 BSB: 062786 A/C: 00013150 Ref: Name & Giving Number

Blackfriars: A/C Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson
 BSB: 062786 A/C: 00013341 Ref: Name & Giving Number

St Joseph's: A/C Name: St Joseph's Parish
 BSB: 062 786 A/C: 00012798 Ref: Name & Giving Number

St Thomas More: A/C Name: St Thomas More Parish
 BSB: 062786 A/C: 00014869 Ref: Name & Giving Number

SACRAMENT & DEVOTION TIMES**Blackfriars** Cnr Phillip Ave & Antill St, Watson

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| Reconciliation | |
| Saturday | 4.00 - 4.30pm |
| Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| Friday | 6.00 - 7.00pm |
| Rosary Prayers | |
| Sunday (1st & 3rd of the month) | 9.00am |

St Brigid's 2 Bancroft St, Dickson

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| Reconciliation | |
| Saturday | 9.30 - 10.00am 5.30 - 5.50pm |
| Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| Wednesday | 8.00am - 8.00pm |
| Saturday | 9.30am - 10.00am |
| Rosary Prayers | |
| Tuesday to Saturday | 8.30am |
| Anointing of the Sick | |
| Sunday (3rd of the month) | After 9.30am Mass |

St Joseph's 61 Boronia Drive, O'Connor

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| Reconciliation | |
| Friday (during Holy Hour) | 8.15 - 9.00am |
| Saturday | 5.15 - 5.45pm |
| Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| Tuesday to Friday | 8.15 - 9.10am |
| Rosary Prayers | |
| Tuesday to Friday (Cenacle on Thursdays) | After 9.15am Mass |
| Saturday Rosary Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help | 8.15am (before Mass) |
| Anointing of the Sick | |
| Saturday (1st of the month) | 8.30am (within the Mass) |

St Patrick's 1 Donaldson St, Braddon

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| Reconciliation | |
| Friday | 12.00 - 12.30pm |
| Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| Friday | 11.30am - 12.30pm |

St Thomas More 30 White Cres, Campbell

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| Anointing of the Sick | |
| Sunday (1st of the month) | 11.15am |