



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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NEW Parish Offices Opening Hours:

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

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

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | 8 September 2024

REFLECTION: There are many stories about Jesus healing someone in need. Today a deaf man with a speech impediment is brought to Jesus. How blessed that man was to have friends who wanted the best for him! I am reminded of a cousin who was born unable to hear or speak but because his parents understood the value of early childhood intervention, he was given the best possible start in life. He developed various forms of communication that in time enabled him to support himself through work, qualify as a sporting umpire and travel the world.

Sometimes we just need others to enable us to be the best we can be. Jesus gave the deaf man his full attention—he took him aside in private and by word and action opened him to a new way of living. Further he didn't want the deaf man to tell others about him because he wanted all the attention to be on the man's wellbeing rather than on himself. Jesus does all things well and gives the man hope for the future. Have there been moments in my life where I have led others to freedom because I have enabled them to see and feel the power of God? Or perhaps someone has led me? This could be a valuable reflection for today.

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

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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:

ST BRIGID'S 2 Bancroft St
Dickson ACT 2602
ST PATRICK'S 1 Donaldson St
Braddon ACT 2612

Fr Sebastian Luistro SSS



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

58 Boronia Drive,
O'Connor ACT 2602
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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 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading - Isaiah 35:4-7

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 145(146): 7 - 10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading - James 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Communion Antiphon - Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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INNER NORTH

Safeguarding Sunday - 8 September

The Canberra Inner North Catholic Community and the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

Blessed Sacrament Fathers Welcoming Mass – THIS THURSDAY 12 September

You are cordially invited to the formal Welcome of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (SSS) on **Thursday 12th September, 5.30pm at Holy Rosary Church, Watson**. Archbishop Christopher Prowse will offer the Eucharistic Celebration. Fellowship follows after the Mass.

Blessed Sacrament Fathers Welcoming Mass - Volunteering

Our **CHOIR** for the 12 September welcoming Mass will be drawn from all 4 parishes. ALL WELCOME. **If you wish to participate** please email fiona.mckenna@outlook.com.au ASAP for details re hymns, rehearsal etc.

Mass will be followed by a simple shared meal. Please bring a plate (including food that can be eaten by those who prefer not to eat Gluten, Lactose, Nuts or Meat). To help us with catering please email innorth@cg.org.au (With FOOD as the subject line) by 9 September and let us know what you intend to bring.

Baptisms

Congratulations to those being baptized in our Inner North Parishes this weekend. Danum Ramos at St Joseph's O'Connor and Maya Nair at St Brigid's Dickson. May their lives be filled with God's peace and their hearts with God's love, on this Baptismal day and all days to come.



Ecumenical Season of Creation 2024 - 20/21 September

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.' (<https://seasonofcreation.org/about/>)

To mark this year's Season of Creation (1 September to 4 October), St Margaret's Uniting Church, Holy Cross Anglican Church and Holy Rosary Catholic Church ('Holy Roundabout') are collaborating in two events.



On Saturday, 21 September, 2 – 5.30pm, a festival at St Margaret's and Holy Cross (cnr Antill St and Phillip Ave, Hackett). Theme: **Active Travel: Good for You AND the Planet.** Community action groups, activities, Rosary Primary School student artwork and, from 4 – 5.30pm, a Q&A forum involving candidates for the ACT election answering questions from Dickson College students. Sausage sizzle and café.

On Sunday, 22 September, 9.30am, a Celebration of Creation service under the cherry tree at St Margaret's and Holy Cross.

Theme: **Earth.** Ecumenical celebration of worship and thanksgiving, community and prayer on caring for our shared home. Morning tea will follow the service; please bring a plate.



Teens Youth Group - 7 September

Our next Teens Youth Group is coming up on Saturday the **7th of September at 7pm at St Brigid's, Dickson**. For more details, contact us at youth.innernorth@cg.org.au

Parish Office Hours & Primary Contact Numbers have recently changed.

Please see the front page.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

Weekend Mass & Reconciliation time changes - 21 September to 13 October

Due to clergy leave, weekend Mass and Reconciliation times at St Brigid's Dickson will differ during the above dates (inclusive),

- The Saturday Vigil Mass will be celebrated at the later time of 6.30pm.

- There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday evening (but Saturday morning will continue) and

- The Sunday morning Mass will be celebrated at the earlier time of 9.15am.

Saturday Mass	6.00pm 6.30pm
Saturday Reconciliation	9.30 - 10.00 5.30 5.50pm
Sunday Mass	9.30am 9.15am

Healing Service - 15 September

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

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

New payment devices

"Smart Terminals" have been installed near the side entrances to Holy Rosary Church. This is because the old Quest Donation Tap devices operate on the 3G network which is being shut down. Like the devices installed in the church foyer and just inside the main church doors, the new Smart Terminals allow you to choose how much to donate. Pre-set amounts on the Donate screen are \$5, \$10 and \$20. Or you can also choose to donate another amount. To do this, tap on 'Other Amount' on the Donate screen. It will take you to a screen where you can enter in the amount you wish to donate.

Thank you very much for your support of our priests and the parish.

Thank You

The parish wishes to thank most sincerely the following parishioners for their untiring, voluntary help in preparing the parish centre, setting up, serving refreshments and clearing and tidying up after Fr Renoir delivered the Eucharistic celebration of thanksgiving for the life of Sr Veronica Dunphy RSCJ last Wednesday 28th August at Holy Rosary church. Siobhan and Richard Tanzer, Roger Paul, Hugh and Irena Bilton, Jacquie Cortese, Anne Moore, Lorraine Vahland and Carmel Lewis. Seating arrangements were very much appreciated by the mourners.

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord: John Jarvis, Helen Baldwin, Terry Snow, Sr Veronica Dunphy, Raymond Hawkes.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Eddie Pook, Sylvia Mantinaos, Gabriel Aroso Sr, Jocelyn Esperida, Rodolfo Esperida Sr, Betty Collet, Peter Black, Fr Joe McGeehan, Basilio Lo Re.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Denise White, Margaret Corbould, Noel Tanzer, Wendy Altamore, Noel Cristobal, Sue King, Maggie McKeon, Robin Lees, Steve Sedgewick, Zachary Mason, Daniel Whiley, Christopher Martin

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.

Calling Gardeners - 7 September

We are looking for help with gardening on Saturday 7 September. If you can help, please email christopher.webb@me.com with your details and the implements you could bring.

Ozanam Appeal - 14-15 September

The Parish Vinnies Conference will hold its annual Ozanam Appeal as a leaving collection at Masses next weekend 14-15 September. Conference volunteers will be available to take cash and provide receipts. Donations can also be made online and there will be further information about how to do this next week. The appeal is named after Frederick Ozanam,

who founded the Society in France in the 1820s. The annual appeal helps support Society Conferences in developing countries. These conferences are twinned with Conferences in the first world such as ours here in Watson which provide funds to undertake their important work. Watson has twin conferences in Thailand and Indonesia and also supports projects in India from time-to-time.

Sunday morning Mass time change - 21 September to 13 October

The Sunday morning Mass will be celebrated at **10.15am** (instead of the usual 10am) during the above dates (inclusive).

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

St Thomas More Parish 60th Anniversary Celebration - 17 November

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.

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is 12 pm WEDNESDAY

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

MASS TIMES week ending 15 September

Blackfriars Cnr Phillip Ave & Antill St, Watson	
Tuesday to Friday	5.30pm
Saturday (vigil)	5.00pm
Sunday	10.00am 5.00pm

St Brigid's 2 Bancroft St, Dickson	
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	
Tuesday to Friday	9.15am
Saturday	8.30am
Saturday (vigil)	6.00pm
Sunday	8.30am

St Patrick's 1 Donaldson St, Braddon	
Tuesday to Friday	12.30pm
Sunday	8.00am
German Mass Sunday	10.00am

St Thomas More 30 White Cres, Campbell	
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
 or via Qkr! mobile app

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

St Thomas More 30 White Cres, Campbell	
Anointing of the Sick	
Sunday (1st of the month)	11.15am