



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | 6 October 2024

REFLECTION: God created man and woman for each other. We encounter Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden but the blessed state of their existence is short lived. Sin enters the garden and both the man and the woman blame each other rather than take responsibility for it. From the time of their expulsion until New Testament times, man and woman are beset by difficulties in their relationships. The Pharisees question Jesus on the legitimacy of divorce and he redirects them to God's original design of man and woman as one flesh which cannot be divided. Yet they persist in questioning him and Jesus' teaching becomes more confronting. It is as challenging today as it was in the first century. In some ways the attitude of the Pharisees in questioning Jesus echoes the excuses raised by Adam and Eve for their sin. In contrast, the innocence and acceptance of the children in the final verses of today's Gospel model an appropriate attitude for those who seek the kingdom. The second reading from Hebrews provides the bridge. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we can regain our original innocence and enter the family of God.

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.riosa@cg.org.au - Maria Hicks (Manager) - Phone **02 6239 9806** - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) ipss@cg.org.au

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

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ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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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.

Entrance Antiphon Es 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading - Genesis 2:18-24

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 127 (128)

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading - Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel Acclamation - 1 John 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

Gospel - Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Communion Antiphon - Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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INNER NORTH

Baptisms

Congratulations to Annabella Da Pozza and Hendrix Moon who will be baptized at St Joseph's O'Connor this weekend. May their lives be filled with God's peace and their heart with God's love, on this Baptismal day and all days to come.



Marriage Preparation Courses 8 October -

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *FOCCUS* - Tues 8th October 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare. *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

Australian Catholic University Mass

If you wish to attend will be held in the Signadou Chapel - Wednesday October 9 16 & 23 at **12.00-12.30 pm**

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

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).

Does God Heal Today? - 13 October

Explore the Alpha topic on God's healing from **2.30 to 4.30pm on Sunday 13 October at Holy Rosary Parish Centre**. Come along, enjoy the hospitality and discuss healing with others. Please **book via the Parish Office by noon on Friday 11 October** for catering purposes. This session will include a brief introduction to the Victory In Christ "Breakthrough with Healing" sessions being conducted in the evenings of 23 and 24 October (see Canberra Central Notices).

Recitation of the Rosary

Throughout the month of October, recitation of the Rosary will take place after the 5-30 pm mass on each Thursday evening at 6-15pm namely 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st of the month in front of our Lady's statue. Our first gathering will be especially for our parish families. We will recite the Luminous Mysteries



Laudato Si' Banner

The *Laudato Si'* ('Praise be to you') banner at the front of Holy Rosary Church reminds us of Pope Francis's 2015 encyclical, with its comprehensive approach to

God's creation and the place of humankind in his plan. In the encyclical, the Pope refers to St Francis of Assisi showing 'us how inseparable is the bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace' (LS, 10).

ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

Unpacking the Creed

Our regular meeting will be on the second Wednesday of the month, that is, Wednesday 9 October at 7.30pm, at St Joseph's, in the parish hall. All are very welcome. For more information, contact Anna via email at Anna.Wierzbicka@anu.edu.au

St Joseph's Vinnies - urgent call for help

St Joseph's Vinnies has been an important part of the

parish for the last 70 years. Each year it has provided regular emergency financial and material assistance to about 80 families and individuals in O'Connor and Lyneham.

At present St Joseph's Vinnies has an urgent need for help in delivering this service. We are asking parishioners to consider helping out for about 2 hours a month over the coming months as we rebuild St Joseph's Vinnies. It will not involve administrative responsibilities or meetings. Rather, as a volunteer you will accompany a Vinnies member with home visits at a time that suits you. **Without this help, St Joseph's Vinnies cannot continue.**

As Pope Francis has stressed, outreach ("going to the peripheries") is core to our Catholic faith and purpose. Please contact Adrian Fordham on 0428977404 for further information.

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

Parish Office closed - 10 October

For enquiries during this time, please contact Kathie on (m) 0416 823 447 (e) innorth@cg.org.au.

Remembrance Book for the Faithful Departed

November 2024 is a Month for the Holy Souls and also the month when we will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Parish of St. Thomas More.

As part of the 60th Anniversary of the Parish, the PPC supported by Kathie in the office has prepared a Remembrance Book of our departed Parishioners. If you would like to have a name added please email the Parish office. We continue to keep our deceased loved ones in our prayers.

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). Please see Mass times on the back page.

VICTORY IN CHRIST - Breakthrough with healing - 24 October

A time of praise, worship and prayer ministry with Lalith Perera, Spiritual Director of the Risen Lord Community. 24 October 2024 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at St Brigid's Church, Dickson. Conducted by Archbishop Christopher and Lalith Perera - Entrance free.

The event is also being held on 23 October 2024, 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Mary Help of Christians Church, Pearce, conducted by Lalith Perera.

ARCHDIOCESE

Government House Spring Morning Tea 8 October @10am

The Marymead CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn Auxiliary invite you to be their guest for a unique morning tea experience on the beautiful grounds of Government House. There will be morning tea, craft, preserves and a raffle. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased here: <https://revenue-aus.keela.co/government-house-2024>

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord: Meg Price, Esther Caputo, Beverly Rosevear, Fr Brian Ebert, Anthony Side, Margaret Madya, John Jarvis.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Mary Bergin, Labib Jazrauri, Peter-John DiMichiel, Domenico Musolino, Colleen Bird, Richard La'Porte, Iris La'Porte, Alice Phillips, Simon La'Porte, Rosy La'Porte, Danilo Punzalan, Harry Josie Brackett, Frank Zobec, Eddie Pook, Sylvia Mantinaos.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Margaret Collett, Willy Ong, Ruth Schwensen, Paul Thorpe, Una Ford, Rose Marie Fisher, Sue King, Robin Lees, Maggie McKeon, Denise White, Noel Tanzer, Wendy Altamore, Steve Sedgwick, 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.

Catholic Women's Ministry

Retreat Day 12 October 10am - 3.15pm

This is being held at St Monica's Church and Parish Hall. For more information please see flyer in the Church foyer. Why not attend with a friend or two. Registration is essential.

Archdiocesan Assembly -18 - 20 October

When? Friday 18 (5:00pm) to Sunday 20 (12:30pm) October, 2024. To register at cgevangalisation.org.au/ assembly.evangelisation@cg.org.au

Ecumenical Marian Procession and "Yes"

Youth Rally -Goulburn – 27 October Join us in Goulburn for an inspiring journey of faith and celebrate our diverse communities at this year's Marian procession. For any youth in years 6-12, there will also be the "Yes" Youth Rally following the Rosary Procession! For more information please email Goulburn@cg.org.au

Catholic Women's Taskforce Annual

Fundraising Dinner - 1 November

The 2024 Catholic Women's Taskforce annual fundraising dinner for MacKillop House, Lyneham will take place on 1st November 2024 at the Canberra Southern Cross Club from 6.30 pm. For more information see flyer in your church foyer or to register go to <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/cwtad/> Enquiries: Monica Phelan on **0413 315 486 - Bookings close 18/10**

Mission: Transform Lives - theirs.. and yours

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing journey that combines your professional experience with meaningful community impact and living our faith in practice? Hear inspiring stories from Palms mission participants at our Discovery Online session Wednesday 9 October. Explore unique opportunities matching your skills to sustainable solutions **Venue:** Online via Zoom– To register at palms.org.au/events. **Contact details - 02 560 5333** palms@palms.org.au **Date:** Wednesday 9/10/ 2024

MASS TIMES
Week ending 13 October

Blackfriars Cnr Phillip Ave & Antill St, Watson	
Tuesday to Friday	5.30pm
Saturday (vigil)	5.00pm
Sunday	10.00am 10.15am 5.00pm

St Brigid's 2 Bancroft St, Dickson	
Tuesday to Saturday	9.00am
Saturday (vigil)	6.00pm 6.30pm
Sunday	9.30am 9.15am
Vietnamese Mass Sunday (1st & 3rd)	5.00pm

St Joseph's 58 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
or via Qkr! mobile app.

SACRAMENT & DEVOTION TIMES
Week ending 13 October

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 58 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