



# Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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

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Tuesday to Friday 9am to 1pm

**Physical offices re-open from Tuesday 4 February**

## The Baptism of the Lord | Year C | 12 January 2025

On today's feast, we reflect upon the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. This was not 'Christian' baptism as we understand it today. However, the scriptural images of water, Spirit and intimacy with God can lead us to remember our own baptism as a gift and calling of intimacy with the Father. While this remembrance applies to all the Christian faithful, in a special way it can hold significance for those whose vocation is marked solely by baptism, without the annual celebration of promises made in marriage, ordination or religious life. While baptism lies at the heart of all these wonderful life commitments, single people model baptismal commitment in its essentials, 'unadorned' by the other foci (so to speak). Jesus himself lived life as a single lay man in the sense that he never married or had children and he was not a priest in the Jewish tradition. Today, we give thanks for the committed single people in our families, parishes, ministries and friendship circles - God's beloved sons and daughters. What can we learn from their baptismal witness?

From God's Word, Daily Reflections, 2025

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

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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 - Cf. Mt 3: 16-17**

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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**First Reading - Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11**

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

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**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 103(104):1-4,24-25,27-30**

*O, bless the Lord, my soul.*

Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe!  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

*O, bless the Lord, my soul.*

Above the rains you build your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot,  
you walk on the wings of the wind,  
you make the winds your messengers  
and flashing fire your servant.

*O, bless the Lord, my soul.*

How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.  
There is the sea, vast and wide,  
with its moving swarms past counting,  
living things great and small.

*O, bless the Lord, my soul.*

All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up:  
you open your hand, they have their fill.

*O, bless the Lord, my soul.*

You hide your face, they are dismayed;  
you take back your spirit, they die.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.

*O, bless the Lord, my soul.*

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**Second Reading - Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7**

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to *set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own* and would have no ambition except to do good.

But when the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

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**Gospel Acclamation - cf. Luke 3:16**

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;  
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.  
Alleluia!

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**Gospel - Luke 3:15-16,21-22**

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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**Communion Antiphon - Jn 1: 32, 34**

Behold the One of whom John said:  
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

## INNER NORTH

### **Sr Dawn Carey - Requiem Mass 15 January**

Sr Dawn Carey died peacefully in Southern Cross Care Tenison Apartments, Goulburn, on 3 January 2025. Sr Dawn faithfully served our Inner North Community as an Educator in Braddon and at the Blackfriars Conference Centre, Watson. The Requiem Mass for Sr Dawn will occur **on Wednesday, 15 January 2025, at 11 am** in St Joseph's Convent Chapel, Reynolds Street, Goulburn. Interment at St Patrick's Kenmore Cemetery on Middle Arm Road will follow. May Sr Dawn rest in peace.

### **Marco Falzarano - Requiem Mass 14 January**

Our beloved St Patrick's parishioner, Marco Falzarano has entered into eternal life. His requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday 14 January, 10.00am at St Brigid's Church, Dickson.

### **Parish Secretary Position- Inner North Parishes**

People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Secretary, Inner North Parishes (encompassing Campbell, Canberra Central, O'Connor & Watson). This is a part-time position of 30 hours (subject to review in 6 & 12 months).

Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. Please email [innorth@cg.org.au](mailto:innorth@cg.org.au) for a detailed copy of the duty statement and selection criteria. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria with attached resume to Fr Anthony Riosa, SSS, [anthony.riosa@cg.org.au](mailto:anthony.riosa@cg.org.au) must be received by Friday 7 February 2025.

### **RCIA - 21 January**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) resumes 21 January, 6.30pm in St Brigid's Parish Hall, Dickson.

### **Priest rotation - 2nd weekend of every month**

On the second weekend of every month, the Blessed Sacrament Fathers will celebrate the weekend Masses in one another's parishes. They are looking forward to getting to know more parishioners across the Inner North.

## CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

### **The Feast of St Brigid - 21 February**

We are preparing for the Feast of St Brigid. More information to follow.

### **St Patrick's Novena Mass - 17 January**

Novena Mass to be celebrated January 17 at 12.30pm in St Patrick's Church, Braddon. This is in preparation for the 90th Birthday of the Church on October 19.

### **Thank you from Vinnies**

Vinnies Watson Conference thanks St Brigid's parishioners for their generous donation of goods at Christmas. These goods were used to make up hampers for both Samaritan House at Hackett and the Blue Door café at the Ainslie Village – both Vinnies services which provide assistance to mainly men struggling with drug and alcohol problems.

## OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord:

Sr Dawn Carey, Marco Falzarano, Edith Recinos, Margaret Cahill, Steve Sedgwick, Harold (Phil) Harris, Sr Paulinus Croker, Janina Hebda, Henry Gurney, Margaret Collett, James Tran, Una Ford, Peter Tormey, Patrick O'Hagen, Nola Gundry.

### **IN LOVING MEMORY**

Deulinda Lial, Bernardo Altamirano, Tony Boyle, John Anthony Anderson, Gabriel Savas, Paula Savas, Ivan Klaric, Maria Cuc, Edward Pook, Helen Zobec, Elizabeth (Lil) Tisdell

### **THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Harry Buckland (age 4), Colleen Lees, Aderito Kearney, Scott Allberry, Sue King, Robin Lees, Maggie McKeon, Noel Tanzer, Wendy Altamore.  
*Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for four weeks.*

## BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

### **Thank you from Vinnies**

Vinnies Watson Conference would like to thank both the Rosary School community and parishioners for their generous donation of goods for Christmas hampers. 28 families had their Christmas made better by provision of hampers and additional goods were provided to Samaritan House at Hackett and the Blue Door café at the Ainslie Village – both Vinnies services which provide assistance to mainly men struggling with drug and alcohol problems.

### **The Rosary - 9.30am Sundays**

Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary will now continue through February at 9-30 am every Sunday before the 10 am mass. This is due to more parishioners stepping forward to lead. Help is available. We still need more parishioners to attend at this time to join in saying the Rosary, support the leader and each other. A roster for Sundays in February will be displayed in the church porch from the 11th and 12th of January.

## ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

### **The Men of St Joseph - 15 January**

The Men of St Joseph meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The group will be meeting in the St Joseph's parish hall this Wednesday 15 January starting with the Rosary at 7.30pm. Please contact Andrew Italiano on 0422 929 536 for more information.

## ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

### **11.45am Friday Mass Cancelled - 17 January**

11.45am Mass on the first and third Fridays of the month will resume on Friday 7 February.

## ARCHDIOCESE

### Parish Secretary Positions - Bungendore and North Woden

People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Secretary for North Woden and for Bungendore.

**North Woden** is a part-time permanent position (Monday 9am to 3.30pm, Wednesday 9am to 4.30pm and Friday 9am to 3.30pm). Please phone 02-6281 3999 for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above with attached resume to the Parish Priest, Fr James Antony ([james.antony@cg.org.au](mailto:james.antony@cg.org.au)) must be received by **Friday 24 January 2025**.

**Bungendore** is a part-time permanent position, 10 hours per week. Please email the parish office for a copy of the duty statement [bungendore@cg.org.au](mailto:bungendore@cg.org.au). Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above with attached resume to Fr Sijo Jose, Parish Priest... [sijo.jose@cg.org.au](mailto:sijo.jose@cg.org.au) must be received by **5 February 2025**.

## 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 via the "Qkr!" mobile app or direct deposit:

**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.

### MASS, SACRAMENT & DEVOTION TIMES - week ending 19 January

|   | Blackfriars,<br>Watson | St Brigid's, Dickson   | St Joseph's,<br>O'Connor                             | St Patricks,<br>Braddon | St Thomas More,<br>Campbell          |
|---|------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Mass</b>                               |                        |  |  |                         |                                      |
| <b>Sunday</b>                             | 10.00am<br>5.00pm      | 9.30am<br>5.00pm Vietnamese<br>Mass - 1st & 3rd<br>Sunday of the month | 8.30am   | 8.00am                  | 10.00am                              |
| Tuesday to Thursday                       | 5.30pm                 | 9.00am   | 9.15am   | 12.30pm                 |                                      |
| Friday                                    | 5.30pm                 | 9.00am   | 9.15am   | 12.30pm                 | 11.45am<br><i>Resumes 7 Feb</i>      |
| Saturday                                  | 5.00pm (vigil)         | 9.00am<br>6.00pm (vigil)   | 8.30am<br>6.00pm (vigil)                             |                         |                                      |
| <b>Reconciliation</b>                     |                        |  |  |                         |                                      |
| Friday                                    |                        |  | 8.15 - 9.00am -<br>during Holy Hour                  | 12.00 - 12.30pm         |                                      |
| Saturday                                  | 4.00 - 4.30pm          | 9.30 - 10.00am<br>5.30 - 5.50pm  | 5.15 - 5.45pm  |                         |                                      |
| <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> |                        |  |  |                         |                                      |
| Tuesday                                   |                        |  | 8.15 - 9.10am  |                         |                                      |
| Wednesday                                 |                        | 8.00am - 8.00pm  |  |                         |                                      |
| Thursday                                  |                        |  |  |                         |                                      |
| Friday                                    | 6.00 - 7.00pm          |  |  |                         | 11.30am - 12.30pm                    |
| Saturday                                  |                        | 9.30 - 10.00am   |  |                         |                                      |
| <b>Anointing of the Sick</b>              |                        |  |  |                         |                                      |
| Sunday                                    |                        | After 9.30am Mass -<br>3rd Sunday of the<br>month                      |  |                         | 11.15am - 1st<br>Sunday of the month |
| Saturday                                  |                        |  | Within 8.30am<br>Mass - 1st Saturday<br>of the month |                         |                                      |
| <b>Rosary Prayers</b>                     |                        |  |  |                         |                                      |
| Tuesday to Friday                         |                        | 8.30am   | After 9.15am Mass                                    |                         |                                      |
| Saturday                                  |                        | 8.30am   | 8.15am<br>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help       |                         |                                      |