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There is something about the place in which today's Gospel reading is set. Jesus had just prayed all night long in the hills before appointing the twelve who were to be his apostles. He then brought them down to level ground where a crowd of his disciples and a larger crowd of people full of self-interest awaited him. By creating a scene where all those gathered were rubbing shoulders with one another Luke was pointing out that this was Jesus really saying to the assembly; 'Pay close attention, for we are all in this together.' By listing blessings and woes in four pairs, Jesus was very likely reminding his audience that they had probably found themselves in the tension of experiencing the blessings and woes one on top of the other, hoping for the blessing of comfort in the midst hardship and struggle of all kinds followed almost immediately by the realisation that they had at times contributed to others' hardship or failed to comfort them when they were doing it tough. Haven't we all seen ourselves, from time to time, as a mixture of saint and sinner? If we step back for a moment from the text, we might be able to see that the greatest beatitude for us is Jesus himself. He continues to be God's blessing to the weak (all of us) in a world that reserves its admiration for the wealthy, the powerful and the famous. That's a world he invites us to change.

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 - Maria Hicks (Manager) - Phone **02 6239 9806** - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) 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. Ps 30: 3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading - Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this:
A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 1:1-4,6

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.
Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night.
Happy are they who hope in the Lord.
He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.
Happy are they who hope in the Lord.
Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind:
for the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.
Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not

raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep

Gospel Acclamation - Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 6:17,20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

How happy are you who are poor:
yours is the kingdom of God.
Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.
Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.
Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.
Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 77: 29-30

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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INNER NORTH

Eucharistic Encounter Catechesis - Each Tuesday evening at 5pm prior to our RCIA meetings. All are very welcome

2025 Jubilee Year of Hope:

Every 25 years, pilgrims from all over the world flock to Rome for a jubilee year to walk through a special door on the north side of St. Peter's Basilica--the Holy Door This bronze Holy Door uniquely depicts the salvation story, from the dawn of creation to the present, through sixteen panels that inspire the faithful to connect their

lives to the timeless story of Jesus Christ. Join us as we embark on an armchair pilgrimage from home, reading Joan Watson's "Opening the Holy Door" with scriptural reflections that provide a meaningful way to celebrate the Year of Hope. Starting **Thursday 6 March @ 8pm online**. For more information contact Emily at emilykathrynhall@gmail.com.

Welcome Event 24 February - 6-7pm

The Canberra Inner North Catholic Community warmly invite you to meet the Filipino Blessed Sacrament Fathers Provincial Superior (Fr Rudsend Paragas SSS) and General Treasurer (Fr Roel Dela Cruz SSS) who are visiting Australia. The Welcome Event is on Monday 24 February 6 to 7 pm at St Joseph's O'Connor Parish Centre. Please RSVP to innernorth@cg.org.au by **Thursday 20 February**.

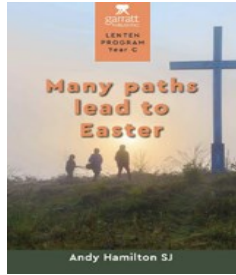
Screening of the Movie 'The Great Warning'

24 Feb, 6:30pm, at Palace Electric Cinema, 2 Phillip Law St Canberra

A movie about the world wide illumination of conscience according to prophecies of Catholic saints and mystics. To book a ticket just google fan-force.com/screenings and search by country and then ACT. For more info contact Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au

Ecumenical Lenten Study Groups 2025

Lent 'is a personal journey in which we are encouraged to remember the times we have been struck with wonder and gratitude at God's love for us and at the world that Jesus opens to us ... [While] our journey with Jesus through Lent is a personal journey ... it is not a solitary or individualistic [one]. We do not walk alone, but in company with our fellow Christians ...': Fr Andy Hamilton SJ, author of *Many Paths to Easter*, the booklet to be used this Lent in three study groups organised by the Holy Roundabout Churches (St Margaret's Uniting Church, Holy Cross Anglican Church and Holy Rosary Catholic Church). All welcome. Groups:



Wednesday, 7.30pm, beginning 5 March – online (Zoom);
Thursday, 2.30pm, beginning 6 March – St Margaret's Uniting Small Hall.
Tuesday, 6.30pm, beginning 11 March – Holy Cross Anglican Annex;
Booklets will be pre-ordered for \$10 each. Sign-on sheets and flyer in Holy Rosary Church foyer or email Roger Paul at rpaul2572@gmail.com.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

Lost Photo St Brigid's -

This treasured photo (of Ann's deceased daughter) is very special to Ann and was on the alter in St Brigid's Church in November. If you know where it might be please contact Ann **0428 498 029** or the Parish Office.

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

Cuppa and a Biscuit after Mass.

Stop off for a chat, cuppa and a biscuit after the three weekend Masses let's get to know each other

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Br Matt McKeon, Sr Elaine McCusker, William (Bill) John Moore, Anne Whelan, Fr John Ryan

IN LOVING MEMORY

Domingo Apolinar, Mary Thomas, Matthew Thomas, Silvio Ross, Romeo Cabardo, Florina Cabardo, Kevin Nolan, Rodney Sleba, Gerald Tuohy, Heather Pook, Suzanne Stafford, Jack(John Joseph) O'Brien, Alice McDonald, Emilia Klaric, John Collett.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Karen Mobbs, Patricia Brown, Robin Lees, Maggie McKeown, Jenny Hodges, Peter Catlin, Deulinda Lial, Colleen Lees, Noel Tanzer, Wendy Altamore.

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.

better. Would love to hear from anyone who would like to help set up occasionally, there is a sign up sheet in the foyer

GANG GANG - Time to have our first gathering for the year at Gang Gang in Frencham place, Downer on the third Thursday of the month, February the 20th at 10 -30 am. Depending on weather, we could be indoors or out. Bring a friend. Newcomers welcome to this purely social get together

The Rosary - 9.30am Sundays

The new roster for the leaders to enter their names for March is available in the Church foyer. We still need others to attend at 9.30 am on Sundays to support and voice the responses. Rosary booklets available from the parish office on Friday mornings at the low cost of \$2. Thank you Carmel

ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

READERS (LECTORS) – TRAINING - Saturday mornings

We are seeking new readers, including teens and young people, to join our Liturgy Team. Donna will be providing reader training and practice to anyone interested on Saturday mornings after the 8:30am Mass (9:00am).

Repair to the Parquetry Floor in the Church - 18 - 21 February *

Whilst repairs take place in the Church, there will be no Mass celebrated in St Joseph's Church on these days.

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL COMMUNITY

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

All of those involved in the Campbell Conference want to pass on our sincerest thank you to all who donated to our Christmas Appeal this year. We raised a total of \$6525 mostly from parishioners at St Thomas More and from St Patrick's. In addition with the great help of our school we delivered a record 35 hampers over the Christmas period to families and others in great need.

When my arms can't reach people who are close to my heart...

I always hug them with my prayers.



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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
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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 23 February

	Blackfriars, Watson	St Brigid's, Dickson	St Joseph's, O'Connor	St Patricks, Braddon	St Thomas More, Campbell
Mass					
Sunday	10.00am 5.00pm	9.30am 5.00pm Vietnamese Mass - 1st & 3rd 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	
Saturday	5.00pm (vigil)	9.00am 6.00pm (vigil)	8.30am 6.00pm (vigil)		
Reconciliation					
Friday			8.15 - 9.00am - during Holy Hour	11.30 - 12.30pm	
Saturday	4.00 - 4.30pm	9.30 - 10.00am 5.30 - 5.50pm	5.15 - 5.45pm		
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament					
Tuesday			8.15 - 9.10am		
Wednesday		9.30 to 10.30 am* (8.00am - 8.00pm resumes 5th Feb)			
Thursday					
Friday	6.00 - 7.00pm				11.30am - 12.30pm
Saturday		9.30 - 10.00am			
Anointing of the Sick					
Sunday		After 9.30am Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month			11.15am - 1st Sunday of the month
Saturday			Within 8.30am Mass - 1st Saturday of the month		
Rosary Prayers					
Tuesday to Friday		8.30am	After 9.15am Mass	12.10pm	
Saturday		8.30am	8.15am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help		