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The dominant theme in the Scripture readings of today is that of looking beyond the surface and the immediate. Abram receives an invitation from God to look upwards and try to count the stars to comprehend something of God's infinity. In the transfiguration of Jesus, we learn that the Divine is not about looking beyond but looking more deeply at what is in the here and now. Like Abram's stars, the transformation of Jesus is captured in light. Teilhard de Chardin uses the word 'diaphanous' to portray what he describes as the thin veil between what we immediately see and what is beyond the concrete and the visible but still present in it. Peter expresses the natural human tendency of holding onto something, when he speaks of 'building three tents'. However, Jesus helps him to realise the impossibility of his impulse. Such transforming encounters are stored in the heart, not in man-made tents. Here they are deepened and kept alive through the cycle of remembering, sharing, prayer and reflection.

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 26: 8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First Reading - Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 26(27):1,7-9,13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading - Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take

as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel - Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Communion Antiphon - Mt 17: 5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

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INNER NORTH

Baptisms

Congratulations to Willow and Maxwell
Graham - Matheson who will be Baptised at
Blackfriars Holy Rosary and also Hudson Hill, Louie
Wilson, Harrison and Raef Cuzner and Winifred Whiteley-
Black who will be Baptised at St Joseph's this weekend.
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.

Bishop-Elect Tony Percy farewell: You are warmly invited to join Archbishop Christopher and the Archdiocese for a special farewell Mass for Fr Tony Percy. This will take place at 5.00pm on the Solemnity of St Joseph, Wednesday 19 March 2025, at St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest ACT. Following the Mass, light refreshments will be served in Haydon Hall at 6.00pm.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

PowerPoint Operator Wanted We need your help on PowerPoint operation in the mass. If you could spare some time during the mass monthly or occasionally to help out ppt operation, please contact ppt operator after mass or Parish Office. Training will be provided.

St. Patrick's Day Monday, 17 March, 2025.

The feast of the Patron Saint will be celebrated with Mass at St Patrick's Church Braddon at 12:30 PM followed by refreshments and a cup of tea. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate to share after Mass. Food that reflects the Parishes multicultural congregation will be most welcome.

Stations of the Cross- During Lent the Community of the Risen Lord will be reflecting on the Way of the Cross every Friday at 7.00pm at St Brigid's Church, Dickson.

Holy Week Singing - 17-20 April

Would you like to praise God through your voice in the Holy Week? Please come and sign up to join the choir for the Holy Week singing, or contact Ling at lingwlyau@yahoo.com.hk for details. Practice dates will be advised. Hope to see you there.

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

Please Note - Mass on Wednesday 19 March will be at 9.00am instead of the regular time 5.30pm

The Rosary - 9.30am Sundays

Thank you to those parishioners who have offered to lead the Rosary at 9-30 am for the Sundays in March. More parishioners are needed to support the leader and voice the responses at this time. A roster for April will soon be available in the church foyer this weekend. Rosary booklets are available from the Parish Office on Friday mornings for the low cost of \$2 Carmel

GangGang - Thursday 20 March 10.30 am It would be great to see more parishioners joining us every third Thursday of the month for 10-30 am at GangGang cafe in Frencham place, Downer. This is a social gathering and newcomers are always welcome.

Taizé – Prayer, Silence, Meditative Song

Sunday, 6pm. Holy Cross Anglican / St Margaret's Uniting. 6 April, 4 May, 1 June.

ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

On all Fridays of the Lenten Season. The Stations of the Cross will take place immediately after the 9.15am

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord:
Uqasha Imran Amjad, Kitty Mullaney, Colin Duggan, Joseph 'Joe' Quigley, Barry Collis, Kevin Tee, Fr Kevin Flynn

IN LOVING MEMORY

Dominica Cortese, Helen Olsen, Tecla Perera, Clude Anthony, Isabel Barnes, Rev Francis Carroll, Felix Dennis Anderson, Kate Dwyer, James Bergin, Domingo Apolinar, Silvio Rossi

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Madelon Harvey, Errol Whitson, Patricia Brown, Robin Lees, Maggie McKeown, Colleen & Robin 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.

Mass and again at 6pm lead by the Syriac Catholic Community

St Joseph's Lectors (Readers)

Reading training for Lectors will be held on the Saturday's of Lent after the 8:30am Mass by Donna. Current lectors may wish to familiarise themselves with our new microphone

The Men of St Joseph - 19 March

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 19 March starting with the Rosary at 7.30pm. Please contact Andrew Italiano on 0422 929 536 for more information.

St Joseph's Feast Day- Morning Tea - Sunday 23 March

Everyone of the Canberra Inner North is warmly invited to celebrate St Joseph's Feast Day morning tea after the 8:30am Mass, and the resumption of the Children's Liturgy. Please bring a plate to share, if you are able. God bless.

St Joseph's Children Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be starting Sunday 23rd March at 8:30am. Parents, guardians or grandparents are asked to stay with their children if under 5 years old or unsettled. Anyone interested in the planning or delivery of liturgical outcomes or supervision, please meet Donna after Mass (~9am) on Saturday morning at St. Joseph's Church. Please pray for this formational initiative.

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

Claim the Date: Sunday 6 April 11.30-1.30

The St. Thomas More Parish Pastoral Council has convened our **2025 Parish Assembly for Sunday 6 April 2025 from 11.30am until 1.30pm.** Following our 10am Mass that day there will be a Parish Brunch in lieu of Morning Tea in the Holy Faith Hall.

All Parishioners are invited to attend as we consider the future priorities of our St. Thomas More Parish Community. Full details of the Assembly will be released after our combined PPC/PFC meeting on Wednesday 12 March 2025

St Thomas More Forum - 26 March 7.30-9pm

Venue Holy Faith Hall, 30 White Crescent , Campbell

Cost \$20 and \$10 (Student/Concession) - Refer to flyer for more information.

50th Reunion - Class of 1975. A reunion will be held on the weekend of 18 October 2025 for students from **Catholic Girls High School Braddon** and **Daramalan College**, who finished Year 12 in 1975 (including those from that group who finished before Year 12). Several activities are planned over the weekend, with the main event on Saturday evening 18th. To RSVP, please use one of the event channels:

Email:GHS.Dara1975@gmail.com or Facebook: Daramalan College Alumni group; Merici College Alumni group; or Dara - Braddon 1975 group. Spread the word to your classmates!

Contribute to the First Collection:

Account Name: Central Presbytery Fund

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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 23 March

	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 Friday	5.30pm	9.00am	9.15am *Stations of the Cross every Friday after morning Mass*	12.30pm	11.45 1st & 3rd Friday of the Month
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	11.00-11.30 1st & 3rd Friday of the Month
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		8.00am - 8.00pm			
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 Thursday *During Lent*		8.30am	After 9.15am Mass	12.10pm	
Saturday		8.30am	8.15am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help		