



# Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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**Parish Offices Opening Hours:** Dickson St Brigid's 9am-1.00pm Tuesday, Campbell St Thomas More 9am-1.00pm Friday  
O'Connor St Joseph's 9am-1.00pm Wednesday, Watson Blackfriars 9am-1.00pm Thursday

## 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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# 6th Sunday of Easter



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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.

**Reflection** - In today's first reading, we hear of another experience of the Holy Spirit coming down on all the listeners, including those who did not believe. This reminds us of the generosity, breadth and inclusivity of God's outpouring of the Spirit of Love. Let our hearts be formed by Love. Let our lives be formed by love. Let our relationships be formed by Love.

Today's Gospel repeats words we have received in the daily readings this week: Ask, Chosen, Remain, Friend, Fruit, Love, Joy. Choose one of the words and speak it aloud. Breathe it in slowly. Allow the gift of this word to flow through you. Breathe it out upon the world. (From God's Word Daily Reflections 2024)



### Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Is 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

### First Reading - Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm - Ps 97(98):1-4

*The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,  
ring out your joy.

*The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

### Second Reading- 1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation - John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel - John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Communion Antiphon  
is Not recited when hymns are sung.**

### Communion Antiphon Jn 14: 15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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## BAPTISMS

*Hugo Wilson, Rylie Exton.*

*Odette Almeida,*

*Theodore Haskard and*

*Francesca Mulvanerty*

who will be baptised at St Joseph's  
O'Connor

*and*

*Fallulah Jones*

who will be baptised at Holy Rosary  
Watson  
this weekend.

May their lives be filled with God's peace,  
and their hearts with God's love.



## IMPACT OF CLERGY ASSEMBLY ON WEEKDAY MASSES

There will be a Clergy Assembly from 13-16 May at Galong. There will be **NO WEEKDAY MASSES** between 14-16 May at Blackfriars Watson, St Brigid's Dickson and St Joseph's O'Connor. St Patrick's Braddon will have masses as usual.

## PARISH SECRETARY INNER NORTH PARISHES

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary, Inner North Parishes (encompassing Campbell, Canberra Central, O'Connor & Watson). This is a part-time position of 25 hours (subject to review in 6 & 12 months)

Essential Requirements:

- Experience with database packages.
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction.
- Understand and administer areas of regulatory compliance (eg. WHS, child protection, copyright)
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching
- Current experience in an office environment and competent in Microsoft Suite.

Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. Pls email Deborah.foote@cg.org.au for a detailed copy of the duty statement and Selection Criteria. Applications addressing the Criteria with attached resume to Fr Anthony Riosa, SSS, anthony.riosa@cam.org.au must be received by Fri 17 May 2023.

## LADY'S MANTLE ECHO CONCERT

Lady's Mantle invites you to its concert 'ECHO' at 2pm on Sun 5 May at Holy Rosary Church. The concert includes Gustav Holst's setting of songs from Tennyson's poem 'The Princess' and madrigals.

Lady's Mantle is a small Canberra-based women's vocal ensemble, directed by Maia Harrison. In concert Lady's Mantle will be performing with percussionist Christina Hopgood and violinist Anna Harrison. Concert entry will be by donation. Proceeds will be shared between Lady's Mantle and Holy Rosary

## BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

### Training, Formation and Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers for Blackfriars on 25/26 May

We thank all those who responded to the call for volunteers at Blackfriars and advise that Father Renoir will be conducting training, formation and commissioning for Liturgical Ministers at Holy Rosary church over the weekend of 25/26 May. All current and new Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Volunteers who visit the sick and housebound are invited to attend the following activities with Father Renoir:

- \* A training and formation session after the 5pm Mass at Watson on Saturday 25 May; and
- \* Commissioning during the 10am Mass at Watson on Sunday 26 May.

After commissioning on Sunday 26 May, Liturgical Ministers are also invited to the Blackfriars BBQ and morning tea with fellow parishioners. *Please ensure that you have a current Working With Vulnerable People Card and also signed the Archdiocesan Code of Conduct prior to 25 May.*

## CARMELITE WEEKEND RETREAT—10 MAY

**PRESENTER:** Fr. Paul Maunder, OCD & Cristina Leontini, translator of *Life and thoughts of Mariam Baouardy, 'the little nothing'*. Illiterate, child-like, naive, poor, a 'little nothing', this Carmelite nun founded the Carmel of the Holy Child Jesus in Bethlehem. Fr Paul and Cristina will present her life and comment on her way of the cross in the context of today's sufferings, especially in the Holy Land.

**WHEN:** May 10 - 12, 2024 6pm (Fri) - 12:30 pm (Sunday)

**WHERE:** 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville (near Campbelltown)

**COST:** \$330 . Please register at the following link: [www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program](http://www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program)

## ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

### CHURCH REPAIRS - CALL FOR QUOTES

We are seeking tradespeople referrals for repairing and making good the presbytery garage roof/ceiling following water damage. Please contact Fr Anthony 'Thonn' Riosa for details.

### 8 MAY—UNPACKING THE CREED

The next session of this enlightening program will be held at the St Joseph's Parish Hall, O'Connor at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8 May. All welcome.

### 12 MAY—MOTHERS' DAY MORNING TEA

A Mother's Day Morning Tea will be held at St Joseph's church on Sunday, 12 May after the 9am mass. Please bring a plate to share and celebrate with your mothers, grandmothers, special aunt or friend of the family.

## ST THOMAS MORE FORUM — 14 JUNE

### Friday 14 June 2024: Engaging an AI Generation featuring Fr Rob Galea.

Forum and Dinner:: Mercure Hotel Braddon: 6.45 for 7.30pm \$99 (Dinner and Wine)

Fr Rob, based in Victoria, is an internationally acclaimed author, singer and songwriter and founder of the FRG Ministry, a charity organisation ministering to 1.4 million people each year.

To register, go to <https://bit.ly/stmf-140624> or contact the parish office.



## ARCHDIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

As part of the Year of the Holy Spirit and leading into an Archdiocesan Assembly later this year, please join others from across the Archdiocese for prayerful dialogue in the spirit of synodality (walking together). Do this by participating in one or more sessions of a Roundtable Series that is currently underway.

Future topics: Our Common Home: Justice, Outreach and Integral Ecology (24 May); Seek the City: Faith in the Public Sphere (22 June); Reconciliation and First Nations: Healing Wounds, Receiving Gifts (7 July); The Voice of the Child: Safeguarding the Gift of our Children and Vulnerable (4 Sept).

For more info and to register, go to <https://www.cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables/>. If you want to connect with others in our inner north community interested in this series, please contact Emily at [emilykathryn-hall@gmail.com](mailto:emilykathryn-hall@gmail.com).

## ARCHDIOCESE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

### 18 May | Marriage Preparation Courses

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *Engaged Encounter*- Sydney, Sat 18 & Sun 19 May. *FOCCUS* - Tues 11<sup>th</sup> June 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. *Evenings for the Engaged*- Sat 13 & 20 July. *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au) Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

# TAIZÉ PRAYER

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024



Jointly hosted by:

St Margaret's Uniting Church, Hackett  
Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Watson  
Holy Cross Anglican Church, Hackett



Holy Cross Church, Hackett  
Sunday 12 May, 6.00pm



## OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.

Carmel Ford, Fr Thomas P Brophy (brother of Maureen Quaine), Kathy Honor, Jose Rico, Ralph Booker, Veronica Cornelly, Maria Huong Pham, Sr Joy Belt RSCJ, Matthew Dwyer

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Margaret Baker, Felipe Miragaya,

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIEST & PARISH

### Contribute to the First Collection.

Account Name: Central Presbytery Fund  
BSB: 062-786 - Bank Account: 000029248  
Reference: Use your Parish Location to assist in correct allocation & Your Name (e.g. Campbell Smith)

**Planned Giving:** Planned Giving is a weekly, fortnightly or monthly contribution to the first and/or second collection via cash, direct Debit or credit card. By contributing set amounts regularly you help the parish to forecast and budget its ongoing expenses. If you are new to Planned Giving and would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Existing Planned Giving arrangements have not changed. If you have established a regular deduction, that will continue. For information, Planned Giving account details for each Parish follow. These can be used to set up new regular deductions.

**Canberra Central : A/C Name** Canberra Central Parish  
**BSB:** 062786 **A/C:** 000013150 **Ref:** Name & Giving Number

**Blackfriars: A/C Name:** Blackfriars Parish Watson  
**BSB:** 062786 **A/C:** 000013341 **Ref:** Name & Giving Number

**St Joseph's: A/C Name:** St Joseph's Parish  
**BSB:** 062 786 **A/C:** 000012798 **Reference:** Parish & Name

**St Thomas More:** A/C Name: St Thomas More Parish  
**BSB:** 062786 **A/C:** 000014869 **Ref:** Campbell/Surname

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is 4 pm TUESDAY  
Ph: 0416 823 447 email: innernorth@cg.org.au

## In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

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Hugh Zochling, Ray Hempel, Joseph Nguyen, Christine Nguyen, Evelyn Matriano, Davide Verri, Bedelia delos Santos, Sabina - Mary Coles, Mary Pavey, Anne Corver, Sue King, Barbara Wilson, Una Bell, Philip Bailey, Peter Catlin, Rosa Maria Santos, Gloria Sibley, Beth Delos Santos, Fr Ellis Clifford, Una Ford, June Pollard, Philip Cruz, Maureen Blood, Robin Lees, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Elizabeth Webster, Colleen Brackett (& friend Jackie), Baby Remi Elliott, Tony Bandle, Clare Packer, Robyn Cross, Paul Thorpe, Kahren Maclean (daughter of Joycelyn), Ernst Willheim, Mahsa Raoofian, Lyn Mowbray, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Carmel Slammon, Alphonsa & Maria Bankovsky

## WEEKDAY & SATURDAY MORNING MASSES

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
St Patrick's (Braddon)		12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	
St Thomas More's (Campbell)					11:45am*	
St Brigid's (Dickson)		9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am
St Joseph's (O'Connor)		9:15am	9:15am	9:15am	9:15am	8:30am
Holy Rosary (Watson)		5:30pm	5:30pm	5:30pm	5:30pm	
ACU-Signadou (Watson)			12:00 noon**			

\* During school term, as advised when Classes attend.

\*\* Wednesdays during University Terms (Term 1: 14/2/24-29/5/24; Term 2: 29/7/34-28/10/24)

## SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES

	Saturday Vigil Mass	Sunday Morning & Evening Masses				
		8:00am	8:30am	9:30am	10:00am	5:00pm
St Patrick's (Braddon)		8:00am			10:00am*	
St Thomas More's (Campbell)					10:00am	
St Brigid's (Dickson)	6:00pm			9:30am		5:00pm**
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	6:00pm		8:30am			
Holy Rosary (Watson)	5:00pm				10:00am	5:00pm
ACU-Signadou (Watson)						

\* German Mass

\*\* Vietnamese Mass (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)

## ADORATION & SACRAMENTS

	Reconciliation
St Patrick's (Braddon)	12:00pm - 12:30 Friday
St Brigid's (Dickson)	9:30am - 10:00am Saturday 5:30pm - 5:50pm Saturday
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	During Holy Hour 8:15am - 9:00am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 5:30pm - 6:00pm Saturday
Holy Rosary (Watson)	4:00pm - 4:30pm Saturday
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
St Patrick's (Braddon)	
St Brigid's (Dickson)	8:00am - 8:00pm Wednesday
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	8:15am - 9:15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Holy Rosary (Watson)	6:00pm - 7:00pm Friday
Pray the Rosary	
St Brigid's (Dickson)	8:30am Tuesday to Saturday
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	After morning Mass Tuesday, Wed (Cenacle), Thursday, Friday
Holy Rosary (Watson)	Before 10:00am Mass, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays
Anointing of the Sick	
St Joseph's (O'Connor)	8:30am First Saturday of the month
St Thomas More (Campbell)	11:15am First Sunday of the month