

# CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH

## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 July 2023

**St Brigid's**  
Cnr Bancroft & Wilshire Sts, Dickson

**St Patrick's**  
Cnr Donaldson & Cooyong Sts, Braddon

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#### Priests

Fr Emil Milat

#### Parish Secretary

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#### Parish Office Hours

Wed 9.30 –4.00pm,  
Fri 1.00 –4.00pm

#### MASS TIMES

##### Saturday

6:00pm St Brigid's

##### Sunday

8:00am St Patrick's

9:30am St Brigid's

10:00am German Mass, St Patrick's

5.00pm Vietnamese Mass, St Brigid's (odd Sun's)

#### Weekday Masses

Wed, Thurs & Sat: 9:00am (St Brigid's)

Tuesday to Friday: 12:30pm (St Patrick's)

#### Goodwin Village Ainslie Nursing Home: next

Mass Tues 25 July 10.30am note liturgy on other Tuesdays.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

##### St Brigid's Dickson

##### Saturday

9:30am-10:00am

5:30-5:50pm (before Vigil Mass)

St Patrick's, Braddon: Friday 12.00 noon

#### Pray the Rosary

Tuesday to Saturday 8:35am St Brigid's Church

Please Note: Watson have their weekday Tues–Fri Masses at 5.30pm.



*Mumeri was created by Dr Lisa Buxton in August 2013 to celebrate the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney's inaugural Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mass held at St Mary's Cathedral. The theme for the Mass 'Holy Spirit in this Land' was captured in the artwork through the use of Aboriginal and Catholic symbolism.*



#### St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

This winter we are highlighting the increasing rate of older women who either are or are at risk of becoming homeless. Vinnies helps many older women in this situation and we are asking for your help to do more.

You can donate by filling in

the envelopes in the Church and either posting them or giving to one of the Vinnies volunteers at Mass. As always thanks for your generosity.

Our Parish is covered by the Watson conference who are seeking new members, if you would like to find out about this ministry pls contact the parish office.

**Planned Giving Envelopes for the next financial year:** Now available in the Church foyer. We say thank you to all those who have been giving to the planned giving. Whilst we encourage people to give by direct debit or credit card (these forms are available in the foyer, or contact the Parish Office), envelopes are also a welcome option as this enables us to have a regular pledged income. Once again we thank everybody for their generous donation to the Parish.

**Leaves Working Bee:** Please claim the date. Our annual working bee to clear the leaves from the grounds of St Brigid's Church will be Saturday morning 29 July, starting at 8.00 am, or as you arrive.

**"Moving House" Cuppa:** we are having a special morning tea on Sunday 16 July after the 9.30 am Mass at St Brigid's, this is for all those who have moved residence recently. Over the last 3 years a number of long term Parishioners have moved homes, we would like to acknowledge this significant event for them, even though many still travel to worship here. Claim the Date. If anyone would like to help, especially if you can contact those in this category, please see Fran or Gabrielle by the Parish Office.

**New Life in God's Spirit Seminar:** run by Good Shepherd Prayer Group, starts 19 July. See Foyer for more info.

### SHEPHERDS CORNER

The North Deanery Meeting to discuss future of the parishes met recently, with representatives from the Inner North parishes and the Vicar General and the Chancellor for the next phase of discussions for the future plans of the parishes. A representative of our parish was Bill Meani the PPC Chair. There was an overview from each parish and a brief about the coming gaps in our archdiocese, including the loss of 4 priests in 2021 – 2022 (not including Father Paul Nulley) and our future needs. There was also a focus on formation and building on connecting with our local communities. The Vicar General and Chancellor gave an overview of what is not possible and what may be possible in the future. For the next step in the consultation process there will be a meeting after World Youth Day by the same group in late August. There was a positive atmosphere among the group. God's blessings Fr Em

P.s. pls join our special Cuppa after Mass this Sunday see above for more info. :)

### ROSTERS THIS WEEK 15/16JULY

#### Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee  
Readers John & Maryanne Larkin

#### Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Marc Adorni-Braccesi  
Readers Theresa Okwudike,  
Michael Kelly

#### Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Ken Maher  
Readers Dominica Rossi, Marion-Connie Lowery  
Morning Tea Gabrielle & Paul Messina  
Counting Trish Moore, Damian Smith  
Church Fran & Delani. Carl & David  
cleaning Grace  
Altar Society Ros Willey

### ROSTERS THIS WEEK 22/23JULY

#### Saturday 6:00pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee  
Readers Eileen Wignall, Marjorie Rego

#### Sunday 8:00am St Patrick's

Acolyte Ashley Bawden  
Readers Ray Toohey, Mary Boyle

Altar Society Barbara Anderson

#### Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Gabrielle Messina  
Readers Sue Hancock, Judith Hurditch

Counting Judith Hurditch, John Skene  
Church Ling & Flora, Maria Lusiany  
cleaning

**Naidoc Week:** This year it will be celebrated from 17 July until 23 July. This year there will be a special Mass celebrated at St Christopher's Cathedral and various regions in the Archdiocese. More information to follow next week.

**High Tea for The Farm, Galong:** Sister Kate Cleary has been invited by a group of Parishioners to speak at a High Tea on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 12.30- 2.30pm at The Parish Hall, Campbell. For now claim the date, but this will be a fundraiser and awareness raising for the great work that is happening there to support women in need to get back on their feet. If you would like to help please contact Kim via the Campbell Parish office, on **0416 823 447**

## Download the Qkr! App for Easy Giving

The Qkr! (pronounced Quicker) app is an easy and secure way to contribute to the First and Second Collections plus any special donations.

Step 1: **Download Qkr!** on your Android phone or iPhone. Go to *app store* & type in search area Qkr.

Step 2: **Register** Select your country of residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register.

Step 3: **Find your Parish** Our parish will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10 km of the parish, or search for our parish by name (Canberra Central Parish).

Step 4: **Register your debit card** When first accessing our parish, you will be prompted to add a profile. This allows you to make orders and payments.

**Monthly Healing Mass** with the Risen Lord Community: this month will be 16 July as part of the 9:30am regular Mass St Brigid's Dickson. There will be Anointing on the Sick and prayer teams available after the Mass, with worship lead by the RLC. All Welcome to come to pray for their intention or for another person

## Interchurch Day Hike 5 August 2023

If you are interested, please see notice board for more information.

**Next Vocations discernment dinner** on Thursday 10 August at Fr Josh's presbytery Queanbeyan 5:30pm Mass then dinner/talk. More info next week.

### Please Pray for

#### The Sick

Brenda Curren, Joan Goodwin, Nadine Hartley, Gabriel Hengkiarto Indra, Mary O'Hanlon, Alphonsa

Bankobsky, Dave Senior, Baby Remi Elliott, Tony Bandle, Joyce Thompson, Matthew Templeton

#### Recently Deceased:

John Day, John Kirkland, Rex Carmody, Felicity William, John Mahon, Roslyn Tippetts,

Domingo Apolinar

**Anniversary:** Eva Arado, Sem Carbardo, Dorothy Olsen, Ricarte Polloso,

Tin Nguyen, David Wignall,

## Regular Parish Groups/Meetings

### Charismatic Prayer Group

In Dickson Parish Hall each Friday, Mass, worship, talk & prayers at 7:00pm-9:30pm. For more details contact Shan at [shahandra777@gmail.com](mailto:shahandra777@gmail.com)

### Eucharistic Adoration: Twelve Hours for the Lord

Weekly Adoration, every Wednesday in Dickson church, from 8:00am to 8:30pm, with Benediction at 8:20pm. For enquiries to help on the roster pls see Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au). **Please Note:** Adoration continues in 2023 also each Saturday 9.30- 10.00

### Living in God's Divine Will Prayer Group

Gathering 25-27 August at Galong for the Annual Retreat Weekend. A focus on the path of holiness as revealed by Catholic mystics. For more info. please contact Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au)

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: every 1st Saturday of the month at St Brigid's Church 10am. Includes Rosary and Consecration to Immaculate Heart of Mary



### Legion of Mary

Meets weekly in Dickson Parish hall. Legionaries are simply Mary's means of action in the world today! Come and join any time. For more information contact Sherree via text:

0407 610 526.

### Parish Library – St Brigid's Hall

A large selection of Catholic books is available for borrowing in our Parish Library. One recommendation is book no. 22, *Walking With Mary. A biblical journey from Nazareth to the Cross* by Dr Edward Sri, an easy and insightful read about how Mary's own journey of faith applies to our daily lives. Books may be borrowed when the hall is open, eg. after Sunday Mass, or please contact Legion of Mary for access at other times.

### Craft Group:

Craft Group on Wednesday fortnightly at 1pm in St. Brigid's Parish Hall. Enquiries Mary Boyle 0450 060 526

**Parish Youth Group:** The next Parish Youth Group Saturday 22 July . This is held regularly in the Dickson Parish Hall at 7.00pm. We provide pizza with fun activities. Next meeting we will watch a video on St Mary Magdalene to reflect on, more info see Bart or Fr Emil 0414 523 036.

First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 64:10-14

**R.** The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows,  
you level it, soften it with showers,  
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,  
the meadows covered with flocks,  
the valleys are decked with wheat,  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

**Child Safeguarding update:** Did you know– the Archdiocese has a child protection policy? All volunteers in ministries are asked to sign a declaration they have read it. For more info. contact the parish office.

*We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.*

Second Reading Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The seed is the word of God,  
Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:1-9

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**