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Physical offices re-open from Tuesday 4 February

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Jesus demonstrated his unfamiliarity with the culture of fishermen on three counts. While the crowd was large, a fishing boat was hardly an appropriate choice for a podium from which to teach. What's more, in asking Peter to move into the deep and let down his nets, he proved that he knew nothing about the way in which fishermen plied their trade. They invariably used two boats in tandem with one net stretched between them. They then manoeuvred their boats to encircle the fish before dragging their catch into the nearest boat. Moreover, no experienced fisherman would dream of paying out his nets for a catch in board daylight, Fishing was a night-time occupation. Daytime was for preparations. Still, Peter complied with Jesus' suggestion, humouring him rather than anticipating a catch of any worth. The huge, unexpected catch struck him immediately as miraculous, making him conclude that he was in the presence of holiness. The only response he could think of was to declare his unworthiness. Without agreeing with Peter or uttering even a single word of criticism, Jesus invited Peter and his companions to a very different kind of fishing: enticing people to experience the in-breaking presence of God in the world. That's a deep-water venture if ever there was one! The disciples' experience on the lake that day led them to trust Jesus. Can we trust Jesus enough to embark on a similar venture? From God's Word, Daily

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 - Ps 94: 6-7

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading - Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 137(138):1-5,7-8

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you

are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Acclamation - Matt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

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INNER NORTH

11th February is World Day of the Sick - Let us pray for all our Parishioners who are sick.

Teens Youth Group – 15th February

We're back! Any high schoolers looking to explore their Faith in the new year are welcome to join us at **7pm, Saturday February 15th** at **St Brigid's Parish Hall in Dickson**. We'll be discussing this year's Jubilee Year and its theme, Pilgrims of Hope over a slice of Pizza! If you or any high schoolers would like to know more, contact us at youth.innernorth@cg.org.au.

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:

Tuesday, 6.30pm, beginning 4 March – Holy Cross Anglican Annex;

Wednesday, 7.30pm, beginning 5 March – online (Zoom);

Thursday, 2.30pm, beginning 6 March – St Margaret's Uniting Small Hall.

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

Healing Service - 16th February 9.30 am at St Brigid's Catholic Church– see flyer in the foyer for more information

St Brigid's Craft Group -

St Brigid's Craft Group will be held in the parish hall at **1pm** on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. . Inquiries Trish Moore 0412 324 644 or Mary Boyle 0450 060 058.

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

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

William (Bill) John Moore, Anne Whelan, Fr John Ryan

IN LOVING MEMORY

Rodney Sleba, Gerald Tuohy, Heather Pook, Suzanne Stafford, Jack(John Joseph) O'Brien, Alice McDonald, Florina Cabardo, 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.

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

Mass & Reconciliation timetable changes - 1– 9 February

While Fr Renoir is on leave the following timetable changes will apply:

No Reconciliation 1st, 8th and 15th February.

Sunday Mass will be -

9 February - The regular 10.00 time

Vinnies Christmas Appeal Results

Watson Vinnies Conference wants to again thank parishioners for their generous donation to our annual Christmas Appeal in December. Through both cash and online donations, we raised \$6016.38 to assist families in need in our region. Well done to all who assisted.

The Rosary - 9.30am Sundays

A roster for the Sundays in March is in the Church foyer. Also we have more pamphlets containing the Luminous mystery available from the parish office on Friday mornings at the cheap cost of \$2.

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).

ARCHDIOCESE

Eucharistic Celebration of Religious Life - 9 February - Pilgrims of Hope for over 165 years

Come and celebrate the contribution of 30 different religious orders across our Archdiocese. **11am, Sunday 9 February at St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka.**

Celebrated by Archbishop Prowse.

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.

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 16 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	11.45am Resumes 7 Feb
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		