

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

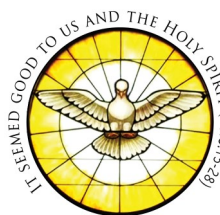


11th Sunday in Ord.
Time, Year B
16 June 2024

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Administrator: Fr Trenton van Reesch
Assistant Priest: Fr Alexander Osborne

PARISH OFFICE

55 Franklin Street, Forrest ACT 2603 (02) 6239 9846 (ph)
cathedral@cg.org.au www.cg.org.au/cathedral
Online Payments Link: www.bpoint.com.au/payments/sccp
Parish Secretary: Anita Piper — 8:30am-4:30pm Monday to Thursday. Office Closed Friday-Sunday
Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—8am-4pm Friday



YEAR OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT
August 2023– 2024

Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

Cnr Canberra Ave & Furneaux Street, Forrest (Manuka) ACT

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am (livestreamed),
5.00pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets, Yarralumla ACT

Sunday: 9.30am

Weekday Mass

St Christopher's

Monday to Friday: 7.30am &
12.15pm

Saturday & Public Holidays:
9.00am & 12.15pm

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Reconciliation

St Christopher's

Wednesday: 11.30am-12.00noon

Thursday: 6.00 - 6.30pm

Saturday: 11.00am - 12noon

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 6.00 - 6.30pm

Adoration

St Christopher's

Tuesday to Friday: 5.00-6.00pm

Rosary at the Cathedral

Mon-Fri 8am, Sat 11:40am, Sun 4:45pm

Baptisms

St Christopher's:

2nd & 4th Sundays: 12.30pm

St Peter Chanel's:

3rd Sunday: 10:30am

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday 1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN REGARDING A.C.T. LEGISLATION ON EUTHANASIA (VAD)

The legislation at present in the A.C.T. Assembly is based on a MISTAKEN COMPASSION. Compassion/love never kills but stays alongside the terminally ill sufferer. By closeness and tenderness, we accompany those who struggle with their finiteness and care for them.

The ascendancy of narratives based on euthanasia generate despair and a complete lack of genuine hope and accompaniment of our beloved dying.

Genuine Palliative care is the best and most compassionate response to the dying. It is to be uppermost in our considerations. It is to be better resourced and widely available, especially for those in rural areas.

More recent discussions on extending Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD), through the use of Power of Attorney, is a most troubling development. It crosses the line of legislation aimed at the terminally ill and is unambiguously aimed, as a form of State sanctioned suicide, at those who are not terminally ill.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Really? A Mustard Seed?

One of the shortest parables Jesus taught was that of the Mustard Seed. Yet, perhaps it's also the most significant.

As Jesus taught the crowds by the lake, He began to answer a question on all of their lips. "This Kingdom you talk about? What is it like?"

They probably anticipated something like, "the Kingdom is like a mighty Cedar." The Cedar of Lebanon was the greatest of all trees; imposing and strong. But instead... anticipating their misconceptions of the kind of redemption and kingdom God promises, Jesus responds: "It's like a mustard seed... when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

"Sorry... what?!" They must have thought, or even asked. "Sorry, but do you know what a mustard seed is?"

Of all the things to choose. Jesus chooses the mustard seed?! Not only the smallest, but a seed that does not grow into a tree at all. The mustard seed becomes more like a bush, like canola. Maybe a tall weed, but not tree-like at all. Possibly the worst comparison to the glorious kingdom. Or was it?

Jesus reveals that even though people think they understand. Just as they think: 'I get it, the small seed becomes a huge Kingdom!' They soon discover they have no idea.

Still today many would say: "but the mustard seed doesn't become a tree? How can it have branches? ... to which Jesus replies "Nor does the kingdom of God become what you expect, believe or want it to be!" God's Kingdom is otherworldly, surprising, like nothing we have ever known. We think we know who heaven is for, and who it's *not* for! But Jesus reveals a truth far stranger!

You see, the point of the parable is not that "big things have small beginnings." Every seed does that! It's that it doesn't become what you so confidently think! It emerges as something unexpected and far more marvelous than human minds could ever imagine.

Fr Trenton

NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

RCIA

Miss Becky Langworthy
Contact Office

School of Religion

Miss Chiara Catanzariti

Youth Coordinator

Miss Anita Donaldson
youth.cathedral@cg.org.au

Safeguarding Officer

Ms Siobhan Reeves
cathedral.safeguarding@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon June 17 11th Week in Ord. Time
Tues June 18 11th Week in Ord. Time
Wed June 19 11th Week in Ord. Time
Thu. June 20 11th Week in Ord. Time
Fri. June 21 11th Week in Ord. Time
St Aloysius Gonzaga
Sat. June 22 11th Week in Ord. Time
Sts John Fisher and Thomas Moore
Sun June 23 12th SUNDAY in ORD TIME,
YR B

PARISH GROUPS

St Vincent de Paul

Good Shepherd Prayer Group
Wednesday at 7pm SPC
Parish Room (Feb-Dec)

Christian Meditation
Saturday at 4:30pm SPC

Other Communities

Spanish Community
First Sunday of the month at
11.30am SPC

African Community
Second Sunday of the month at
11.45am SPC begins Feb.

Filipino Community
First Sunday bi-monthly at
5.00pm SPC

For details of any of the
above, contact the Parish
Office.

PARISH MORNING TEA— First Sunday of the month in the Haydon Hall after the 8am Mass. Everyone is welcome! Next date: **Sunday 7th July**.

KEEP DOORS CLOSED— During these colder months, please keep the Cathedral doors closed when entering and exiting the church. Thank you.

PLANNED GIVERS - To help the parish save money and reduce waste, some paper envelope givers have had their giving numbers changed, therefore it is EXTREMELY important that envelope givers only use the CURRENT/NEW envelopes from July onwards - (please note the new RED envelopes) - if you have any envelopes left from last year, please throw them away as there is a risk that your generous contribution may be allocated to someone else.

CALLED & GIFTED— Have you ever wondered what mission has been entrusted specifically to you? Do you feel called to serve God more deeply? Called and Gifted is a discernment process to help us to understand our spiritual gifts, and understand how discerning and pursuing your call can change your life, your Parish and the world! The Cathedral Parish will run the program over 5 sessions from **6.30pm** on a Thursday night in the Haydon Hall every fortnight from **27 June** at a cost of \$38.50 (GST inclusive) per person. Please register at <https://www.trybooking.com/CRWOD>.

CONVERSATIONS ON FAITH— 7pm on Wednesday **18th June**, for part 3 of our series on Faith and the Hard Books of the Bible. This week we have Associate Professor Sr Michele Connolly rsj, who will be traveling from Sydney to join us. In this session we will hear about the character of St Paul and how his life radically changed through an encounter with the risen Jesus. Join us as we discuss his writings, what he was doing in his mission to the Gentiles and how he understood this very new experience of life in and with Christ. All are welcome.



READ AND FEED: CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY BOOK CLUB— Focusing on cultivating a deeper spiritual life. Starting with *Spiritual Warfare and the Discernment of Spirits* by Dan Burke – an excellent introduction to the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola. Available to purchase from the Catholic Bookstore, Amazon, Dymocks, Parousia Media online store and/or Veritatis Publishing. Don't worry if you can't purchase the book as we'll be reading sections out loud on the night. Held every **Friday 7pm-8:30pm** in the **Haydon Hall**. Food and drinks provided.

Lectors (new and current) for SPC/SCC masses: The parish is seeking lectors for SPC 9:30 a.m., especially SCC 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass. If you are interested, please send the following information to the email scc.spc.readers@gmail.com Please include your name, phone contacts & email. Lectors training - will be on a Saturday morning or afternoon. Time and date TBA.



SCAN TO FIND OUT
WHAT'S HAPPENING
IN THE PARISH!

JUNE 2024

ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL YOUTH

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



NOTICES

Giving and Receiving— Direct debit and QKR options are available, as well as TapnGo machines Thank you sincerely for your generosity. If you are able, perhaps consider donating to 1st and 2nd collection via direct debit .
The First collection: contributes to clergy of the Archdiocese. If you make an offering through direct debit, please include that you are a parishioner of the Cathedral Parish.

BSB: 062-786 Account Name: CATHEDRAL
Bank Account: 000029248 Reference: FORREST & SURNAME

The Second collection: contributes to parish mission and maintenance. If you would like to give and are not currently registered for Planned Giving, please deposit into the following bank account:

BSB: 062786 Account Name: St Christopher's Cathedral
Bank Account: 000015080 Reference: Planned Giving # and Surname (only current Planned Givers);
or Donation (parishioners not registered Planned Givers).

For more information or to set up monthly payments via direct debit, please contact the Parish Office. For step by step Qkr! instructions, visit cgcatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/ **Thank you for your generosity**

CARETAXI: SAFE CHURCH TRANSPORT— Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, and more; qualified and caring drivers. Visit caretaxi.com.au, or 0451 734 334.

LIVING WORD - ARCHDIOCESAN DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS – Stay connected. Sign up for FREE at cgcatholic.org.au/LivingWord/

His Word for Kids is for children aged 2 to the end of primary school. It will run on the last Sunday of every month during the 9:30 SPC mass. To assist in delivering this important ministry please contact marcelle.disanayake@gmail.com. Materials and a program will be provided.

Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public and Political Life 2024 - 7 August 6pm We are at the crossroads in Australia in particular, and in the Western World in general. Fundamental human values are under great strain, and so an overarching societal narrative is becoming opaque. The Tim Fischer Oration aims to enlighten and encourage us to seek out and promote a free and fair society. Do join us in our noble endeavour. **Speaker:** Professor Helen Alvare, Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University **Q&A:** Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter **For more information & tickets visit** www.tfo.org.au

Vocations Discernment Dinners- alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House—2nd Thursday of the month. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au.



CGVocations
CANBERRA · GOULBURN



Year of the Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light
Of the Holy Spirit,
Did instruct the hearts
Of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in His
consolations.
Through the same
Christ our Lord

Amen.

AUGUST 2023—AUGUST 2024

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Lucas Tran

Those who are ill: Gregory John McClelland, Cyrus & Maximus Mee, Maria Louisa, Rose Hook, Nicoletta Ricciuti, Sonja Vocisano, Archie Ferris, Tony Dickins, Marilena Damiano, Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Maja Marija Olip, McKenzie Killian, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne.

Anniversaries of death: Fred Thorpe, Kathleen Ford, Thomas Bradshaw, Geof Gale, Frs Barney & Paddy Lynch, Kathleen Louise Hogan, Tony Conlan, Geraldine Pearson, Dorothy Black, Emilio Rao, Ron Pearson, Theresa Borg, Catherine Alice Duffy, Raymond Taylor, Luke Robert Webber, David Black, John Milard, Madge Colvin, Thomas Douglas, William Hudson, Elizabeth Ann Taylor, Bishop Aloysius Morgan, Fr Peter Cronin, Ian Lees, Patricia Kane, Yvonne Bradley, Andriana Koukari, Ken Roberts, Richard Roberts, Maria Mendes, Patricia Flood, John Connors, Etienne Jevardat de Fombelle, Danny Scorpecci, Patrick Brazil, Patricia and Bernie Shepherd, Lea Connellan, Kevin and Brede Guthrie, Marie Jones, Uliana Antonelli

Recently Deceased: David Grimmond, Agnes Sorrentino, Sheila van Gent, Kevin Conlan, Emilia Belmonte, Domenico Barbatano, Sam Catanzariti, Maria Gallo, Victims of the Bondi Junction attack, Ian "Bob" McPherson, Tom Greally, Keith Drury, Ger-Jan Bruins OSA, John Morrison, Maria Gelones,



Cathedral QR code

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Responsorial: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

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!

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life

First Reading

Ezk 17:22-24

The Lord says this: ‘From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shades of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

Second Reading

2 Cor 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.’ He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’ Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

READERS ROSTER JUNE

Mass	Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
	15/16 June	22/23 June	15/16 June	22/23 June
5.00pm (SCC)	Stewart Unwin Rebekah O’Meagher	Stewart Unwin Samantha Hazlett		
8.00am (SCC)	Zvon Seselja Dione Smith	Marcus Smith Zvon Seselja		
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Corcoran Fiona Wheeler	Marcelle Disanayake Jaye Corcoran		
11.00am (SCC)	Samantha Hazlett Mark Hyman	Les Buszynski Jacqueline Hipwell	Edwina Hyman Bianca Goh	Jacqui Ramesh Kathy Ruston
5.00pm (SCC)	Lynette Yap Kevin Woods	Francilia Gomes Liz Porra		

© The scriptural quotations are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers. The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and Gospel Verses, and the Lenten Gospel Acclamations, and the Titles, Summaries, and Conclusion of the Readings, from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved. The prayers are from the English Translation of the Roman Missal © 2010 International Committee on English in the Liturgy Inc. (ICEL). All rights reserved.