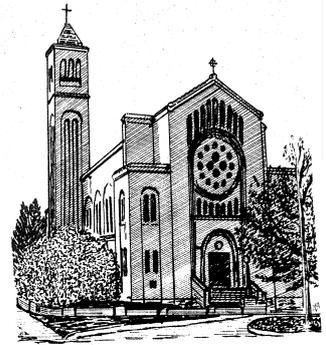


# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

11th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Year B -  
11 June 2021

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



Masses numbers at  
St Christopher's &  
St Peter Chanel's  
will be limited until  
further notice.

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Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—Friday, 8am-4pm

## Sunday Mass

### St Christopher's

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

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am,  
11.00am (livestreamed),  
5.30pm

### St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,  
Yarralumla ACT

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday: 9.30am  
2.00-3.00pm Adoration  
& Confessions

## Weekday Mass

### St Christopher's

Monday to Friday: 7.30am &  
12.15pm

Saturday: 9.00am & 12.15pm

### St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Thursday: 10.00am (9.30am  
Adoration): Anointing Mass first  
Thursday of the month.

## 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

Saturday: 5.15 - 5.45pm

## Adoration

### St Christopher's

Tuesday to Friday: 5.00-6.00pm

## Baptisms

Sundays: 12.30pm

## Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday  
1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

The parable of the Mustard Seed is not what it first seems, nor is the reality it seeks to depict. For years, the parable was always dominated by the interpretation that 'big things have small beginnings.' And while there's truth in this, one can't help but think that perhaps Jesus' intention was to go a little deeper.

Jesus preached the Kingdom that the people had longed for. He had enriched and enlightened them of the truth and purpose of their lives. And now, teaching the crowds, Jesus answers the question they are all asking. "This Kingdom you talk about? What is it like?"

Jesus' response however - in the form of a parable - is not what is expected. The keen ears anticipated hearing something like that from the prophet Ezekiel in our first reading: "The Kingdom of God is like a great Cedar"; the greatest of all the trees, prominent, imposing, and strong. The Cedar was a symbol of the might and power of the coming of God's grand ruling on earth.

Yet instead, foreseeing the misunderstandings of so many (and still many today) about the kind of salvation and the type of kingdom God promises, Jesus responds: "It's more like a mustard seed... [which] 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." "Sorry... like what!?" They would have quietly mumbled: "Does he know what a mustard seed is?" Poor choice...

Of all the seeds Jesus could have chosen, he opts for not only the smallest, but a seed that doesn't grow into a tree at all. The mustard seed becomes more like canola. Maybe a tall weed, but no strong branches in sight. The seed is not impressive nor imposing... and so *this seemed* it the worst possible comparison for the glorious kingdom.

Yet Jesus is making a powerfully sobering point. Even though we *think* we understand, just as we think we 'get it' - we discover we have no idea! This Kingdom is like nothing we have ever known. Many would have criticised: "the mustard seed doesn't even become a tree! How can it have branches?" To which Jesus responds: "Nor does the kingdom of God become what you think, expect, believe or even want it to be! Who you think it is for, and more importantly, who it is *not* for!"

The parable goes deeper still, the mustard shrub was seen as a noxious weed, disruptive and certainly a hassle! Is that not how many today view the Church, religion, Jesus and even his Kingdom? It tends to take over where it is not wanted, into the smallest cracks and darkest places, and is always triumphant. Just when one thinks it is gone, up pops again... impossible to poison or destroy. This is the Kingdom of God - beyond any conception or explanation of ours.

These words greet us with comfort when we contemplate the body which is the Church. Her roots are deep and healthy, and the kingdom is sprouting in Her, quietly growing, not in *our* image, expectations or even hopes, but in God's, each day. The approaching plenary council itself asks us, how can we participate in this sprouting of God's Kingdom, here and now?

God's kingdom is quietly advancing, on the surface often unnoticed, but its deep roots ready and full of life. "Night and day" we hear "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."

Friends, let us never cease to have a childlike, unassuming anticipation for the Kingdom. That we may live lives open to the promises it brings and the seeds it subtly plants within us. That we may honestly pray: "Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

**Father Trenton van Reesch**  
Administrator, St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

# PARISH NEWS

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Director of Music

Jaki Kane

### RCIA

Please contact parish office for next program.

### School of Religion

See ad under Parish News.

### Youth Minister

Anh Tran

Email: anh.tran@cg.org.au

### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 14 Jun Weekday, Ordinary Time  
Tue 15 Jun Weekday, Ordinary Time  
Wed 16 Jun Weekday, Ordinary Time  
Thu 17 Jun Weekday, Ordinary Time  
Fri 18 Jun Weekday, Ordinary Time  
Sat 19 Jun Weekday, Ordinary Time  
Sun 20 Jun 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Legion of Mary

Monday at 5.30pm  
Haydon Hall

### St Vincent de Paul

Assisting people in need and combatting social injustice in our community

### Adventurers Youth Group

(primary school age)  
every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month, 8.45am - 9.25am @ SPC

### Good Shepherd Prayer Group

Wednesday at 7pm SPC  
Parish Room (Feb-Dec)

### Christian Meditation

Saturday at 5pm 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

#### Filipino Community

First Sunday bi-monthly at 5.00pm SPC

**LET US NOT BECOME COMPLACENT - Maintain social distancing at all times, particularly when forming the line for Communion. Please remain familiar with current protocols.**

**PLANNED GIVING DONATION PAYMENTS** —Please ensure your payments towards Planned Giving is up to date prior to the end of the Financial Year. Our last banking date for 2021/22 Financial Year is the week-end of 26/27 June. No money given after this date will be included in your Tax Receipt for that Financial Year.

**CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS** - June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart. An ancient custom involving the Sacred Heart is an "enthronement" or "consecration" of your house (and heart) to Jesus. If you live in our parish boundary and wish to place the Sacred Heart with the Immaculate Heart of Mary in your home, placing God at the centre of your lives and family, please contact 0431 060 556 or email cathedral@cg.org.au

**NEW READERS NEEDED** - The parish is in need of more readers for Sunday Masses, as available readers for some Mass times have become few. I invite members of the parish to volunteer as readers ("lectors"). You may volunteer for a particular Mass time (e.g. the Mass you usually attend) or for more than one Mass. Readers are especially needed at Masses other than 11am. Training will be provided, covering both theological as well as practical aspects (such as reading style, pace and the use of the microphones). Please contact cathedral@cg.org.au before 30 June. Fr Trenton.

**2021 PLANNED GIVING FORM (GREEN)** are available in the churches. Please complete if you want to change your contribution or your details. If we don't receive a new Pledge card, this office will assume your contributions will remain the same. Direct debit forms are also available. If you have given this office your email, the Pledge form will be emailed to you with the weekly Bulletin.

**RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE WORKS** - St Christopher's Cathedral is undergoing continual restoration and maintenance works. One current project is the restoration of the Cathedral's internal and external doors. For this reason, over the next few months individual entrances will be closed off, and you will be asked to use alternative doors. In addition, **the Cathedral will be closed for 3 days (Mon 28th- Wed 30th June)** for some essential repairs, cleaning and re-sealing of the marble tiles. **All Masses during these 3 days, will be offered in Saint Peter Chanel's Yarralumla.**

**PLENARY COUNCIL** — Oct 2021 & April 2022. As the journey continues, you are invited to prayerfully read the Working Document ('Instrumentum Laboris') <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/instrumentum-laboris/> If you've missed the recent denary zoom gathering, where we shared our thoughts on the document. To find out what Deanery you are in and to register: <https://cgatholic.org.au/plenary/> Let us continue forward, together!

**INCLUSION SURVEY** — Throughout June we are conducting a congregational survey on inclusion, disability, chronic health conditions and accessibility. There will be hard copy versions of the survey in the foyers with a box to return forms. There is also an online version of the survey available on the parish website. We encourage everyone to take the short survey to help us know how we can care for you and your loved ones best. If you have any questions, please contact Cate at [cate.canberra@gmail.com](mailto:cate.canberra@gmail.com).

**PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE CHECK IN CBR APP** —To assist with COVID-19 compliance and data collection requirements, use the "Check In Cbr" App. Download onto your smartphone and register, then simply scan QR code at the church entrance each visit.

### Cathedral Tap & Go Machines

The tap machines in the Cathedral have been intermittently not working due to maintenance work on a nearby Optus mobile tower. This issue should be resolved by this weekend. However, parishioners are also welcome to donate during the collections or using the donation boxes in the Cathedral. Planned Giving through the Parish Office is also available. Please see ways of giving at the bottom of the page.

### 2021 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM

**First Reconciliation** classes start 13 Jul for 11 Aug. **First Eucharist** classes start 17 Aug for 12 Sept. More information and Enrolment forms can be found on [www.cg.org.au/cathedral](http://www.cg.org.au/cathedral) or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846.

### Parish Collections

Like many in our community, our parish has felt the Covid financial pinch. The finance council encourage you to consider recommencing your weekly financial contributions. Please consider direct debt and electronic forms of contribution to parish planned giving. Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

### New ways of Giving

- Direct Debit
- Qkr app
- Tap & Go
- Collection Point

More information:

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Our parish acknowledges and celebrates the original custodians of this sacred land, the Ngunnawal people.

**Mass will be live streamed** from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Sunday at 11:00am. The congregation will be filmed during the livestreaming. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

#### **PRESENT PROTOCOLS - Please be familiar with current guidelines**

- In accordance with government restrictions, 260 people are permitted in the Cathedral, respecting the 2sqm p/p rule.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS **MUST USE THE CBR CHECKIN APP** and sign in upon entry (including children) . Records are destroyed after 28 days.
- Holy Communion is received only under one Species.
- Physical distancing rules **still apply**. Please use hand sanitiser upon entry.
- Families can sit together.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- Please **DO NOT** return bulletins, but keep or dispose of appropriately. **Please maintain social distancing 1.5m, at all times, including in the single line formed to receive Holy Communion.**

**Canberra Catholic Bookshop**— Extensive range of Sacramental & Religious Gifts, Books, Music & Church Supplies - You are always welcome: Opening Hours—Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 5 pm; Saturday 9 am – 1 pm. Ph: 6239 9888, Ground floor, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest.



**8 Week Marriage Discernment Course**—18 June & 6 Aug, 10am-12pm. Registration close 14 June. 75% sponsorship is available for 10 individuals – single or dating – to participate in a live, online vocational discernment program. Delivered via Zoom. Includes small group work. Cost (after discount) is \$25 per person. Expressions of interest to [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) 0429 192 869

**Blackfriars Lecture - Mental health education: supporting young people to thrive**—15 June, 5:45-7:00pm, Veritas Building, ACU Canberra Campus. Speaker: Heidi Prowse, Chief Executive Officer, Mental Illness Education ACT. The event is free. Info—[www.oed.canberra@acu.edu.au](http://www.oed.canberra@acu.edu.au).

**Vinnies CEO Sleepout for the Homeless**—17 June—COVID has resulted in more homeless people in Canberra needing help but also greater difficulties in raising funds. For information or to sponsor Canberra resident, Neville Tomkins, participating in his 10th Sleepout, go to <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/ceos/act-ceos/neville-tomkins-scouts-australia/>

**Marriage and Family** - Visit [cgatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/](http://cgatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/) for all information on the groups, movements, ministries and programs offering formation and support for marriage & family life in our Archdiocese.

**Alan Tongue – Man of Christian Faith** – 23 June, 7.30pm, Parish Centre, Strangways Street, Curtin. Former Canberra Raiders player (2000-2011) and captain, creator of innovative programmes for teenagers and now NRL ambassador will be the next guest speaker at the North Woden Parish of the Transfiguration Parish Pastoral Council talk series. Refreshments served. All welcome. Register: [E.wodennorth@cg.org.au](mailto:E.wodennorth@cg.org.au) or P 6281 3999.

**Annual St Thomas More Feast Day Dinner and Forum** - Friday 25 June 2021, Mercure Hotel, Ainslie. Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO: 'The Pell Case: Lessons for Church and State'. \$90.00 - 2 course, with pre-dinner canapés and wine. Bookings essential, by Friday 18 June. <https://250621stmdinner.eventbrite.com.au>. Or contact the parish, [campbell@cg.org.au](mailto:campbell@cg.org.au), 0416 823 447.

**Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce dinner** —16 July, Southern Cross Club Woden to celebrate women's ministry. Scholar and teacher, Sr Margaret Beirne RSC will give a talk on St Mary Magdalene. Three course meal \$65. All welcome. Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>.

**Reflection Day for Women** 24th July - Father Epeli Qimaqima is hosting a Reflection Day for women of all ages and states of life to be held at St Joachim's, Lidcombe in Sydney. Commencing with Holy Mass and will include time for personal prayer, adoration and confession, as well as the opportunity for fellowship. Registration details can be found at: <https://www.vocationcentre.org.au/events/reflection-day-for-women-2021/>

**Retreat - Finding God in Australia**—6-8 Aug. Fr John Hill will lead a retreat to be held at St Clement's, "Finding God in Australia". Contact St Clement's to register. [info@stclement.com.au](mailto:info@stclement.com.au) or phone 02 6380 5222 Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm.

**Inaugural Tim Fisher Oration on Ethics in Public & Political Life** - 26 August 2021, 6:30pm. Great Hall, Parliament House, Canberra. \$30.00. visit [www.tfo.org.au](http://www.tfo.org.au) or contact [jeanie.alberto@cg.org.au](mailto:jeanie.alberto@cg.org.au).

**Women's prayer/sharing Groups**— Contact: [calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com](mailto:calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com) "Call to connect" catholic women's ministry can help you with free starter kits. More information : <https://womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/women-prayer-groups/>

#### **We pray for...**

**Those to be baptised:** Nevaeh McFeeters; Connor Coote; Arthur Duffy

**Those who are ill:** Fr Laurie Blake, Teddy Kartadinata, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Melania Widjaja, Edhie Rahardja, Danny Yuwono, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian, Fr Laurie Blake, Fr Peter Gannon, Mineke Peerboom.

**Anniversaries of death:** 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 Millard, 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,

**Recently Deceased:** Debbie Kensey, Clarence Pickard, John Thompson, Graziella Foini, Evelyn O'Keefe, Betty Unwin, Romina Samoza De Reiz, Achilles Diokno, Maria Alves Dos Reis Valentin, Katarina Res, Lorraine Davies, Desmond Power, Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, Gail Fenton, John Kelleher,

# Readings of the Day – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year B



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**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 Psalm:** *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

**Ez 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 shade 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 Reading

**Mk 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.

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### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			
Mass	12/13 June	19/20 June	
5.00pm (SCC)	Scott Pobihun Stewart Unwin	Jacob Madden Ruth Meadows	
6.00pm (SPC)	Damien Balachandran Felicity de Fombelle	Geraldene Ford Mike Nash	
8.00am (SCC)	Philip Pocock Liza Quinn	Becky Langworthy Assigned	
9.30am (SPC)	Dominic Chin Liz Porra	Gloria Osborne Jaye Longland	
11.00am (SCC)	Cecilia Flores Leeann Galloway	Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman	
5.30pm (SCC)	Jacob Madden Beaky Langworthy	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone	

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