

12th Sunday in Ord.

Time, Year B

23 June 2024

YEAR OF THE

HOLY SPIRIT August 2023– 2024

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

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Is it Christ who sleeps? Or you?

I've long been fascinated that John the evangelist took the time to write: "Jesus did many things... [yet] if every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written" (Jn 21:25). So, the question for me is why? Why did the gospel writers choose to tell certain accounts while leaving others out?

Today we hear from Mark, the story of Jesus calming the storm. Earlier, Jesus had been teaching the people, gathered on the shore. They marvelled at his teaching; inspired by his presence and words. The crowd soon however became so large that Jesus is forced onto the calm, gentle Galilean Sea, to teach from a boat! Eventually, after a full day, Jesus invites his companions: "Let's cross over to the other side". Exhausted however, He soon drops off to sleep, and a violent storm begins to take hold.

What a sharp contrast to the calm waters present only hours before. Everything in the scene has now drastically changed. Yet, the one constant remaining? Jesus. Jesus has gone nowhere.

The boat is now tossed about, at the mercy of the waves, the authority and presence of Jesus seem a distant memory. The experienced fishermen are struggling, fearing for their lives, swamped by the chaos and uncertainty the storm has brought. And in their struggle, they conclude that Jesus now does not care – fear has become the great accelerant of anger, and blame.

And yet we must ask ourselves: Is it Christ who sleeps, or them?

Saint Augustine writes: "I want to urge you not to let the faith sleep in your hearts against the storms and waves of this world". Those "sailing in the boat are souls crossing the present age on a paltry piece of wood (Wisdom 10:4)... the boat is also a figure of the Church. We are all of us temples of God, and every one of us is sailing a boat in his heart, and we don't suffer shipwreck" if our thoughts are on him.

Augustine explains: "You have heard an insult- it's a high wind; you've gotten angry- it's a wave. So as the wind blows and the waves break, the boat is in peril, your heart is in peril, your heart is tossed about. When you hear the insult, you're eager to avenge it; you do avenge it, and by giving way to someone else's evil, you suffer shipwreck." "And why is that? Because Christ is asleep in you. What does it mean that Christ is asleep in you? That you have forgotten Christ. So wake Christ up, remember Christ; let Christ stay awake in you, think about Him."

Friends, Jesus restores the calm, the order, but not without a gentle rebuke and the revealing question: "Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?" At first it seems reasonable and obvious as to why they are fearful – the boat is going down! Yet Jesus reminds them of his presence even during the temptations and wiles that thrash against their boat. Fear had undermined their faith and trust, yet in this crucial moment, Jesus seeks to restore and strengthen it, lest they - lest the Christian - become distracted or fearful in the trials and journey of life.

Even the disciples, with Jesus in their midst, struggled in the act of faith. Often, we think how different, how distant we are from the twelve. When in truth... how similar! Their lack of faith was rebuked—and, by extension so too is ours. The peace and truth of God, indeed the One who has authority over these winds and waves, was *always* present, even as the violent storm raged all around. So too is this the truth, as the storm rages today. The Lord never promised freedom from the storms of life, in fact, he admitted the opposite (Jn 16:33). Yet, what he *did* do, is promise that He will be with us in the turmoil; and that awake to this Truth, through faith, He would sooth the strongest wind and calm the greatest storm.

Fr Trenton



Sunday Mass

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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

NOTICES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon June 24 12th Week in Ord. Time Nativity of St John the Baptist

Tues June 25 12th Week in Ord. Time

Wed June 26 12th Week in Ord. Time

Thu. June 27 12th Week in Ord. Time

Fri. June 28 12th Week in Ord. Time St Irenaeus

Sat. June 29 12th Week in Ord. Time Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles

Sun June 30 13th 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

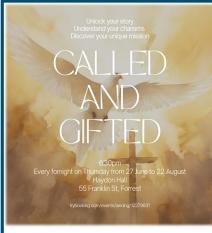
For details of any of the above, contact the Parish Office.

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.

PLEASE NOTE 5:30pm Mass and 6pm Confession at SPC on Tuesday 25 will be cancelled. Adoration will be available at the Cathedral.

SCAM MESSAGES— It has come to our attention scam emails have been circulating. These email address look similar to clergy, parish or religious addresses and request money or assistance. Please do not respond to any of these emails, texts etc. of this kind and block and delete them.



CALLED & GIFTED

Every person was created with a unique mission. We are to be apostles – called and sent forth, completing differing tasks in the world, to assist in building the Kingdom of God.

To help fulfil the mission that we have been entrusted, the baptised receive charisms. Charisms are spiritual gifts or special abilities, given to us by the Holy Spirit, allowing us to represent Christ and to be a channel for His goodness, love, and mercy. Our charisms never belong to us, but are to be used for the sake of others and for God's purposes.

There are many benefits to discerning our personal charisms. It can provide a newfound appreciation of the depth to which God sees us, loves us, and calls us – individually. Knowing our personal charisms can assist in discerning which activities and ministries our efforts will ultimately bear the most fruit. Understanding our charisms can contribute to a greater personal ownership of the mission Christ has entrusted to the Church. Our charisms are a continual reminder that we are never called to fulfil this mission alone, rather we are called to unite ourselves with the Holy Spirit and allow Him to work through us.

The Archdiocese is currently celebrating the Year of the Holy Spirit, discerning what it means to become a synodal Church, grounded in a shared understanding of evangelisation, discipleship, and mission. The Church is fully alive when all the faithful are collaborating with the Holy Spirit to exercise their charisms in the service of others and the Church.

Called and Gifted is a program to help individuals discern the gifts that God has given to them, and understand how to use these charisms in their lives, in their Parish and in the world.

The Cathedral Parish will commence a Called and Gifted program next Thursday, **27 June** from **6.30pm**. The program will meet fortnightly for five sessions at a cost of \$38.50 per person for the full program. To register please visit <u>https://www.trybooking.com/CRWOD</u>.



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

NOTICES

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ROUNDTABLE— FAITH IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE. The next Roundtable will provide a forum for discernment and discussion on how the Church can engage with public life and secular spaces, and how that aligns to the mission of our Archdiocese. This will include an opportunity to engage with the Conversation in the Spirit process. Tuesday 9 July 2024 | 6:30pm-8:00pm, Haydon Hall, St Christopher's and online (zoom). To register cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables

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

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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: Claire Asikhia

Those who are ill: Mary Lou Davies, 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: Uliana Antonelli, 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 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, Patrick Brazil, Patricia and Bernie Shepherd, Lea Connellan, Kevin and Brede Guthrie, Marie Jones,

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,

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Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia! **Communion Antiphon:** The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

First Reading

Job 38:1. 8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

Second Reading

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them. From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here

Gospel

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

READERS ROSTER JUNE				
Lectors			Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	22/23 June	29/30 June	22/23 June	29/30 June
5.00pm (SCC)	Stewart Unwin Samantha Hazlett	Les Buszynski		
8.00am (SCC)	Marcus Smith Zvon Seselja	Dione Smith Zvon Seselja		
9.30am (SPC)	Marcelle Disanayake Jaye Corcoran	Clarice Poh Dominic Chin		
11.00am (SCC)	Les Buszynski Jacqueline Hipwell	Jacqui Ramesh Edwina Hyman	Jacqui Ramesh Kathy Ruston	Volunteer
5.00pm (SCC)	Francilia Gomes Liz Porra	Anthony Brierley Lynette Yap		

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Mark 4:35-41

2 Cor 5:14-17