

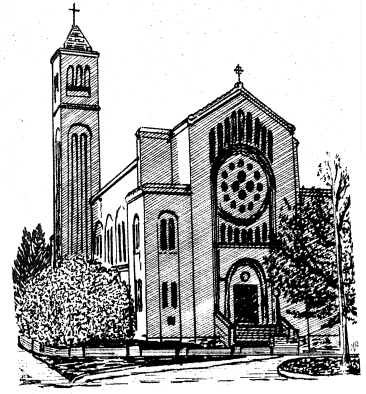
St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

12th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A

21 June 2020

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



Masses will be offered
with a maximum of 100
people present until fur-
ther notice.

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Dear Parishioners of St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

Congratulations to the newest members of our community and the Body of Christ, who receive the Sacraments of Initiation (*Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion*) this weekend. **Rebecca Langworthy, Eliza Ride, Nina Heo, Hall O'Meagher and Ella Borgo.** It has been such a joy to journey with you over these months. Your witness is a gift to us all. May you feel the love of Christ each day and may God empower you with the gifts of the Holy Spirit as He nourishes you with the Sacraments. Know of our continuing prayers and support as we all continue, together, along the pilgrim way. Congratulations!

A warm welcome to those able to join us again this weekend, including visitors. An equally warm greeting to those who must still remain at home for a little while to come. We are slowly returning to our parish and community and are now able to gather in groups of 100. This is wonderful news! At the same time these months have taught us great lessons about our baptism and what it really means to be a member of Christ's Body, the Church. While physical distanced and prevented on many fronts we are never alone, but united in the great Mystery which forever reveals its marvellous depths. Christ always provides for his Church and never abandons Her. Indeed Jesus' words to us today are not coincidental, "Do not be afraid" (Matt 10:26).

Christians have always played their role in society as *salt of the earth and light of the world* (Matt 5:13-14). Indeed Christ Himself instructed us to do so. Once more we have seen Christians 'play their part', while remaining faithful to the commands given by Christ. It is now time however for us to come together once more. The Mass is *essential* to our lives as Catholics and indeed to our society, it is everything, and we can offer the Mass in a safe manner during this time. **Please familiarise yourself with the latest protocols featured on the parish website in full.**

As we return, you may find things a little different. From this weekend there will be one access point when entering the Churches for Mass. You will be required to record your name and number and Masses must be capped at 100. Please only occupy pews which are marked, to ensure social distancing. Use sanitiser available at the entrances to wash hands and the provided sanitised cloths, to wipe down your seat upon exiting.

Finally, I want to thank those who have made our live-stream Masses, such a comforting connection possible over these months. Including readers, sacristans and priests from around the diocese. I thank Jeanine Doyle and Jasper Geelen in particular for their dedication, patience and talents. As of next week live-stream Mass will be broadcast at 12:15pm on Tuesday and Thursday only, as well as 11:00am Sunday. The following weeks will then feature the 11:00am Sunday Mass.

Finally, please collect a copy of Archbishop Christopher's latest Pastoral Letter: The Return to Our Eucharistic Home. Copies are available in the church entrances as well as online.

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

Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

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

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am, 9am
11.00am (livestreamed),
5.30pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday: 9.30am

Weekday Mass

St Christopher's

Monday to Friday: 7.30am,
12.15pm (livestreamed)

Saturday: 9.00am
(livestreamed), & 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

Monday to Friday: 5.00-6.00pm

Baptisms

Sundays: 12.30pm

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday
1.30pm, 3.00pm and 4.30pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music: Jaki Kane

RCIA—Fr Trenton van Reesch
Weekly on Thursdays, 6pm

School of Religion

Dates to be advised soon

Youth Minister—Chiara Catanzariti
Email: chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 22 Jun Sts John Fisher, bishop & Thomas More, martyrs
Tue 23 Jun 12th week in Ordinary time
Wed 24 Jun The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Thu 25 Jun 12th week in Ordinary time
Fri 26 Jun 12th week in Ordinary time
Sat 27 Jun 12th week in Ordinary time
Sun 28 Jun 13th Sunday in Ordinary time

Legion of Mary

Sunday 12.15pm

Contact: 0431 060 556

St Vincent de Paul

Assisting people in need and combatting social injustice in our community

Young Adults

Animating parish and Archdiocesan life through prayer and event participation

*Thursday 6.30pm Rosary/Bible Sharing/Fellowship SCC
Geetanjali Rogers*

Good Shepherd Prayer Group

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

Christian Meditation

*Saturday at 5pm SPC
"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)*

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*

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

NEW PROTOCOLS AND CHANGES TO MASS TIMES AND RECONCILIATION—See front page for Mass and Reconciliation times for the Cathedral and St Peter Chanel's church, Yarralumla.

- In accordance with government restrictions, only 100 people are permitted in the church at any one time. Entry to the Mass will be through one door.
- All attendees must complete the Mass Register prior to entry.
- Communion in the hand only (not the Precious Blood).
- Physical distancing rules still apply—respecting the 4sqm p/p rule.
- Please sit where there is a 'Please sit here' marker. Every 2nd pew is closed.
- Please also use the hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your area with the wipes provided.
- No physical contact at the sign of peace.
- No collection plates to be passed around, but money/envelopes placed at collection points.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping everyone safe.

A Watchful Eye: The Cathedral will soon place security cameras around the cathedral precinct. This means the Cathedral will be able to remain opened for longer hours and ensure, after a recent wave of vandalism, that our Church is safe and secure. This project will also bring the Cathedral up-to-date with other churches and Cathedral security measures. If you are able to contribute monetarily to this project, even of the smallest amount, please contact the parish office.

School of Religion—New, Rescheduled Dates and times for Sacramental Program will be published on Parish Website on **Wednesday 24th June.**

Saint Christopher's Youth & Young Adults

Primary School Youth Group— On the **5th of July** we'll be launching our youth group 'Adventurers!' kicking off at 8:45am before **Sunday 9:30am Mass at St Peter Chanel's**. This is a group for all primary aged children, and all are most welcome! We would really appreciate your input on time, what you would like to see, etc.) Please visit: <https://forms.gle/MqE8V2wpopmqDX8R7>. Children's reflection sheets for after Mass are available on our website under 'news' on the side bar!

High School students:

ALPHA every Tuesday 7pm-8pm on Zoom. Open to all students years 10- 12 Here what it's about: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3NBFjDOil>. Join us on: <https://zoom.us/j/99139267513>, Meeting ID: 991 3926 7513 & **Q&A**—make way for an event series to gather with friends, for the opportunity for Q and A on topics that are important to you.

Young adults and professionals:

Bible study every Thursday night 6:30-7:30 on Zoom. **New members are always welcome!** Join 'Canberra Cathedral Young Adults' on Facebook to keep updated on all events! **Young Adults Brunch—28 June**, join us for 11am Mass at the Cathedral followed by brunch together! Please email me at chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au so we can reserve your place at Mass!

Planned Giving Donations—Please ensure your payments towards Planned Giving is up to date prior to the end of the Financial Year. Our last banking date for 2019/20 Financial Year is the weekend of 20/21 June. No money given after this date will be included in your Tax Receipt for that Financial Year.

2020 Planned Giving Pledge forms are now available in the churches and on the website. 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 was emailed to you with the weekly Bulletin during the week. If you would like a Pledge form emailed to you, please request this via cathedral@cg.org.au.

Planned giving Contributions: Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2020-2021 financial year will be available next weekend for pick up in the foyer of the church. Please use only these new envelopes from July onwards, rather than any remaining 2019-2020 envelopes. (Some envelopes numbers will be changed for this coming financial year so we want to avoid any confusion from using the old envelope numbers). Thank you very much to all our generous givers.

OTHER NEWS

Mass live streamed daily from the St Christopher's Cathedral. **For this week**—Tuesday and Thursday only at 12:15pm, Sunday at 11:00am. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

From Archbishop Christopher:

Plenary Council - Some Challenges: Due to COVID-19, the Plenary Council will now take place in Adelaide on October 2021 and Sydney in July 2022. May I offer four challenges and reflections.

1. **A JOURNEY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The Plenary Council is a work of the Holy Spirit. This means we journey together by way of silence, listening and patient discernment. This is the most important foundation we must all share. Already this journey has taken us over two years. We need to assess how we have fared in this challenge. I would say we have much room for improvement.
2. **CONFUSION OVER THE WORD "GOVERNANCE".** The key word "governance" requires greater definition. It has a theological meaning; it is a derivative of our baptism whereby we share in the mission of Christ as Priest (sanctifying), Prophet (teaching) and King (governing). It also has a corporate meaning. Good governance is anchored in administrative processes and protocols alongside essential words like "transparency" and "accountability". The Catholic Church has much to learn from this corporate meaning.
3. **THE CHANGE IN CATHOLIC DEMOGRAPHICS.** The recently deceased and loved member of the Plenary Council Facilitation Team, Columban priest Fr Noel Connolly, wrote: "By 2050, 80 per cent of Catholics (globally) will live in or trace their origins to the Global South. "The typical Christian will soon be a poor coloured woman from a shantytown in Kinshasa, Buenos Aires, Manila or some other large city in the majority world ... "Forty nine per cent of all Australians are born overseas or have a parent born overseas." We are challenged to do more to engage our huge vibrant Catholic migrant and youth communities.
4. **TO AGREE ON EVANGELISATION AS THE KEY.** Surely we all agree evangelisation is the key pastoral paradigm of the Plenary Council. Discernment is still required as to how this paradigm is to engage practically our complex Australian evolving culture and those on the periphery of life, especially our First Australians.

Plenary Council: Pentecost saw the release of the information gathered for the discussion papers for the six areas for the Writing Groups which will form the *Instrumentum Laboris*. The results can be viewed at: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>.

How to still contribute financially to St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

As our churches are not open for Masses due to Corona Virus, our weekend collections are not being taken up. If you would like to contribute to the First Collection, you can make a direct transfer from your bank account.

The First collection is for the support of clergy in the parish and beyond. Each priest in a parish draws a personal stipend from the first collection for living expenses, food and housekeeping. Funds are also directed to Priests in parishes where the first collection is insufficient to meet their stipend; the support of the Archbishop, Vicar General and Chancellor; Priests in remote dioceses across Australia; Clergy Retirement Foundation (in support of sick and retired clergy)

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

The Second collection, which includes the planned giving program, is the main source of our parish income. The second collection funds are used for the day to day running of our parish. That is to pay for the repairs, wages, insurance, utilities and the many other expenses incurred to keep our parish functioning. If you would like to give towards the Parish expenses 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 Number and Surname (only for current Planned Givers); or Donation (by parishioner's not registered Planned Givers).

Archdiocesan Marriage & Family Month: Live-streamed, 30 minute marriage enrichment presentation available this Sunday 21st (and next) at 11.45am straight after the 11am Online Mass at the Cathedral. Join us at <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/> and ask questions of our local guest presenter couple. Richard Marson & Helena Zobec from Ministry to the Newly Married will be speaking on "The Five Love Languages" and how they can help you be effective in expressing love to your spouse. More information <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/marriage-family-month-june-2020/>

Last weekend's international **Catholic Marriage Summit** attracted an amazing 35,000 couples online! Free access to the talks is no longer available but you can freely join 25,000 other Catholic couples who are continuing to encourage each other and share tips and stories on Facebook (search 'Catholic Marriage Summit'). For access to the 70+ talks by well know marriage educators you now need to pay to subscribe

Tap & Go PayWave Machine to contribute to the Church collections without the necessity of carrying cash. Please PayWave your card at the pre-set Tap N Go machine located in the Church Foyer when you exit the church. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

We pray for...

Those who are ill: Linda Seaniger, Lauren Nihill, Arianna Vignale, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Jacqueline Khin.

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

Recently Deceased: David Clark, Robert Somes, Dante Scorpecci, Rita O'Connor, Denis Hogan, Joyce Cook, Tony Donohoe, Katarina Kish, Sr Mary Agnes, Colleen Cotter, Keith McLaughlin, Peter Becker, Regina Paredes, Hilda Quinones, Shirley Evans, Josip Persic, Don Fumer, Henry Tabisz, Mary-Anne McGrath, Rod Frazer, 4 children killed at Oatlands, Roberto Emilio, Bruce Kennedy, Ronald D'Cruze, Brian Kelly, Betty O'Neill,

Readings of the Day – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

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 PSALM: *Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.*

First Reading

Jer 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

Second Reading

Rom 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Reading

Mt 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'