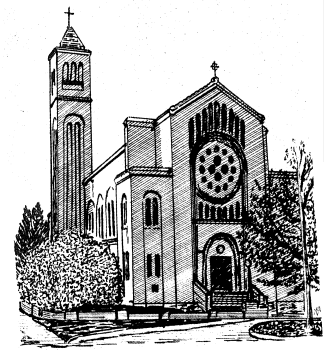


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

12th Sunday in Ord.
Time, Year A
25th June 2023

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



YEAR OF WALKING
TOGETHER
8th August 2022-
8th August 2023

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Parish Secretary: Anita Piper — 8:30am-4:30pm Monday to Thursday. Office Closed Friday-Sunday

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

Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

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

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am
5.00pm

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

Saturday (& Public Holidays):
9.00am & 12.15pm

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Thursday: 10.00am

Anointing Mass (2nd Thurs of 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

Rosary at the Cathedral

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

Baptisms

2nd & 4th Sundays: 12.30pm

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday
1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

SHOULD WE BE AFRAID OF GOD?

Our Lord almost tells us a contradiction: firstly He says, not to be afraid, and then, He tells us specifically to be afraid, to 'fear him who can destroy the body and soul in hell.'

Should we be afraid then, or shouldn't we?

Fear can be a good and beautiful thing if it is used well. We should remember it is something created by God. At its heart, fear (and every other emotion) is a fruit of love. We only fear losing what we love. Think of the witness of the martyrs who didn't love their lives as much as they loved Christ, and so went to Him without fear. Or think of the man who's trying to lose weight, he doesn't miss it when it's gone, in fact he's glad because he loves muscle more than fat, health more than infirmity. Our Lord tells us that He is afraid for us, He is afraid of losing us.

Our Lord specifically tells us not to fear losing our bodies, but to fear losing our souls. In other words, He tells us to love our eternity with Him, more than our temporary time here. Fear always reveals what a person truly loves.

Who should we fear?

Jesus tells us to fear him who can destroy both the body and soul in hell. Who is this person? There's a few candidates: the Devil? God? Ourselves?

In the grand scheme of things the devil is no different to an escaped tiger or a really bad neighbour, we ought stay clear away and to take adequate precautions because there is a big risk of harm, but he isn't going to be our judge, only our accuser.

In some ways it's natural for us to fear God, after all he's the biggest authority there is, and the most powerful, but, if we know God, we cannot fear him. We might fear His disappointment or His disapproval, the same way we might love and fear our parents or our spouse. God is love, and so we ought to love God above all else, and thus fear losing him above all other fears.

The only sensible person then, to fear, is to fear ourselves. We are the only ones who have the power and authority to ruin our souls. Who will make us lose sight of God? The devil will try to scare us away from him, the world will distract us, but it is yourself who is responsible. This is a hard pill to swallow.

You are the biggest threat to yourself.

We need to accept responsibility, or we'll have to accept consequence.

Fr Alex.



NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music
Ms Jaki Kane

RCIA

Miss Becky Langworthy
Contact Office

School of Religion

Miss Chiara Catanzariti

Youth Ministers

Miss Chiara Catanzariti
Mr Andre Le
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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon June 26 12th Week in Ord. Time
Tues June 27 12th Week in Ord. Time
Wed June 28 12th Week in Ord. Time
St Irenaeus
Thu. June 29 12th Week in Ord. Time
Sts Peter & Paul, the Apostles
Fri. June 30 12th Week in Ord. Time
Sat. July 1 12th Week in Ord. Time
Sun July 2 13th SUNDAY in Ord TIME

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.

Join us

Save Calvary Hospital

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn
Calvary Hospital Bruce
Catholic Health Australia

www.savecalvary.com.au

2023/24 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES— are now available for pick up in the church foyer. Please note, some givers have had their giving numbers changed, therefore it is IMPORTANT that envelope givers only use the CURRENT envelopes from July onwards. Please discard last year envelopes to avoid risk of your generous contribution being allocated to someone else. Thank you for your continuous contribution

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DAY— Friday dinner **30 June to 4pm Saturday 1 July**. In the peaceful rural setting of St Clement's retreat centre Galong, this is a time of talks by Archbishop Christopher Prowse and other speakers to help a person discern a call to priesthood/religious life. Rsvp by 23 June to Fr Emil Milat emil.milat@cg.org.au 6248 5472. Cost \$50

ST MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE— Join Archbishop Christopher & other pilgrims, pilgrimage to Eden on **Saturday 29 August**. Archbishop will lead the pilgrimage leaving from St Christopher's

Cathedral at 7:30am. 11am Pilgrim's walk from Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. 12pm Mass followed by 1pm Lunch.

RSVP & more information: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1073904?eid=1073904> or Sue Heffernan 0405251947 / Bernadette 0429774119



Our Lady of the Visitation, you who arose and went with haste towards the mountain to meet Elizabeth, lead us also to meet all those who await us to deliver them the living Gospel: Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord! We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay, but with readiness and joy. We will go peacefully, because those who take Christ take peace, and well doing is the best wellbeing.

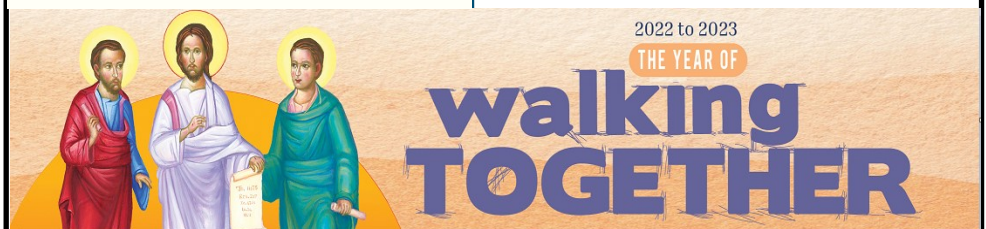
Our Lady of the Visitation, with your inspiration, this World Youth Day will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we take, as You once did. Make it a time of testimony and sharing, fraternization, and giving thanks, each of us looking for the others who always wait. With you, we will continue on this path of gathering, so that our world will gather as well, in fraternity, justice and peace.

Help us,
Our Lady of the Visitation,
to bring Christ to everyone,
obeying the Father,
in the love of the Spirit!

CONVERSATIONS ON FAITH—Tuesday 27 June from 7-9pm in Haydon Hall. Join us to discuss Faith and Life with Dr Sarah Jensen, Dr Ingrid Kensey and Madeline Kirk, locals with experience in approaching life issues with charity and conviction. All are welcome

Catechesis by Fr. Alex on the Sacraments and the fundamentals of our Catholic Faith
Do you want to learn more about your faith? Or learn how to answer questions about our faith? Do you sometimes feel as though you have missed learning some of the basics? Come and join our monthly adult catechesis. Our Fourth session is: **The Eucharist, how to get the most out of Mass Monday 3 July Haydon Hall 6:30-7:30pm**

SCHOOL OF RELIGION— First Holy Communion classes start **Thurs 27 July 6pm-7:30pm** in St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. Please contact the office to enroll or for more info.



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.

FARM IN GALONG: EOFY GIVING— As the end of the financial year approaches we invite you to consider a donation to the Farm to help continue to provide holistic services to Women and Children in need. Bank Details are: BSB: 633 000 Account number: 165 751 173



TRAINING FOR NEW READERS— 1st July Saturday 1:00pm—3:00pm at St Christopher's Cathedral. Current readers at SCC & SPC are invited.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2023— Support older women facing homelessness in the ACT & surrounding region. This winter, Vinnies are aiming to raise \$400,000. These funds will provide emergency accommodation, food, clothing, medical costs and more. Please donate this Winter. Call 13 18 12 or visit www.vinnies.org.au

SAVE THE DATE! —The Good Shepherd prayer group invites you to our New Life in God's Spirit seminar. A 7 week seminar held every Wednesday evening 7pm-9pm from 19 July to 30 August at St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla. Teachings, worship, prayer and fellowship. Everyone is welcome! To register call /text Susanna 0419 902 293 or Neda 0415 266 019

Position Vacant—Parish Secretary Sth Belconnen—People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for St. Matthew and St. Vincent's Parish. This is a permanent part time position, 22hrs per week. Essential Requirements: Experience with database packages, strong communication & organizational skills, ability to work on own & part of a wider team. Understand & administer areas of regulatory compliance. Understanding & respect of the Catholic Church. Please phone 6254 1827 for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Essential Requirements listed above, with a current resume may be addressed to Parish Priest - Fr. Simon Falk at southbelconnen.cg.org.au by 30th June, Interviews held on Wednesday 5th July.



Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour "new wine into fresh wineskins" (Mk 2:22) Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Archdiocese in the years ahead. St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor pray for us. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. All Saints of God, who name and guide our parishes, pray for us.
Amen.

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Alonzo De Marco, Isaac De Mamiel, Archie Reddan, Olivia Ciccarone

Those who are ill: Marilena Damiano, Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin & Geraldine Conlon, Maja Marija Olip, McKenzie Killian, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, 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 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: Robert Howe, Antonio Loizzo, Eufemia Laeyes, Teresa Martiniello, Peter Sutherland, Emola Cicchini, Graeme Clarke, Theresa Harris, Fr Bob Maguire, John Boyd-Boland OFM, Laurence Mooney OSA, Brian Johnston CSsR, Patricia Steele, Carmen Chavez, Fr Michael Brillantes,

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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: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, say 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

'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 through 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

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.'

READERS ROSTER JUNE

		Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	24/25 June	1/2 July	24/25 June	1/2 July	
5.00pm (SCC)	Crystal Lavien Stewart Unwin	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman			
6.00pm (SPC)	Mike Nash Fiona Wheeler	Mike Nash Fiona Wheeler			
8.00am (SCC)	Marcus Smith Dione Smith	Phil Pocock Marcus Smith			
9.30am (SPC)	Wanda Kaucz Jaye Corcoran	Damian Balachandran Raphael Molu			
11.00am (SCC)	Leeann Galloway Mark Hyman	Leeann Galloway Becky Langworthy	Edwina Hyman Leeann Galloway		Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway
5.00pm (SCC)	Solange Pereira Anthony Brierley	Anthony Brierley Rebekah O'Meagher			

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